

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM

Present: In the Chair Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock
Cllr M. Bushell Cllr D. Goodman
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Ms T. Lewis
Cllr E. J. Moore Cllr M. F. Way
Cllr S. K. White Cllr D. Worden
Cllr Mrs C. E. Lock Cllr M. R. J. Smale

In Attendance: Mr M. G. Gingell Town Clerk
Mr. A. C. Coates Deputy Town Clerk/RFO

235/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McCool and the Mayors Chaplain
Rev A Jarvis.

236/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:
Cllr Kingdon – DPI – Item 6 – Supplier of supposed buyer.
Cllr Lewis – DPI – Item 9 – Owner of the SM News
Cllr Way – DPI – Item 6 – Business on Pathfields

237/14 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY
BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor reported that he was requesting that item 9 be discussed at the end
of the meeting. This request was granted.

238/14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Town Council 27 January 2015
It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

239/14 **DEMENTIA**

The Mayor had invited Mrs J. Sharman from Eastleigh Care Home to brief
members on Dementia and any associated issues. Mrs Sharman was
accompanied by a colleague Mrs T. Slee. Mrs Sharman gave a brief overview of
Dementia and handed out a questionnaire/exercise to all members for their
completion. The Mayor thanked both Mrs Sharman and Mrs Slee for attending
this meeting and reminded members that he had arranged for a public meeting to
be held on the subject on Wednesday 4 March at The Amory Centre
commencing at 6 30pm.

Both Cllrs Kingdon and Way had previously declared DPI's in the next item and left the
meeting.

240/14 **PATHFIELDS BUSINESS PARK – PURCHASE OF LAND**

The Mayor invited Mr Coates to report on the above. The Clerk reported on the
agenda that the land agent Mr Holtom had attended a recent meeting with a

Continued ...

large employer on the above and was requesting consideration be given to purchase a further 5 acres to expand their business operation. Mr Coates reported that he was recommending that this land should be placed on the open market in order that any interested purchaser would have the opportunity to secure the land. It was RESOLVED to accept Mr Coates's recommendation and this item will be brought back to a TC meeting when any formal offers have been received.

Cllrs Kingdon and Way rejoined the meeting.

241/14 **SOUTH MOLTON SWIMMING POOL TRUST**

This item had been placed on the agenda at the request of members from the last TC meeting where a Working Party was formed to investigate the future of this community facility. As requested the Clerk had invited a trustee Mr A. Collyer to attend this meeting to explain in more detail the financial position but he was unable to attend. Following the last TC meeting Cllr Way had indicated that he may have to resign as a member of the Working Party due to a member of his family possibly becoming a trustee. It was RESOLVED to leave the Working Party with the current membership until Cllr Way was able to confirm his position and in the meanwhile arrange a meeting of the Working Party as soon as possible with Mr Collyer in attendance.

242/14 **DEVON & CORNWALL CONSTABULARY**

This item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Cllr Worden following a recent meeting of the Crime Prevention Panel where concern was expressed regarding staffing levels being cut due to cuts in funding from central government. Cllr Worden explained further on this subject and it was RESOLVED to forward a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall Mr T. Hogg and a copy forwarded to the Chief Constable Mr S. Sawyer on the proposed funding cuts and reference will also be made to the Crime Prevention Panel and their concern. Cllr Worden is concerned that PCSO's may be affected by any proposals to cut staffing levels.

243/14 **DCC – PUBLIC TRANSPORT REVIEW**

The Clerk reported that he had received details of the above from DCC and the consultation process closes on the 20 April 2015. DCC are requesting comments and the Clerk is aware that some bus services to and from South Molton may be affected. It was RESOLVED that this item be placed on a further TC agenda in order that members can forward any comments by the closing date. The Clerk stressed the need for members to view documents online on this subject.

Cllr Lewis had previously declared a DPI in the following item, left the meeting and did not return.

244/14 **POLICY ON THE RECORDING/FILMING AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Following recent legislation being introduced regarding the above the Clerk has

Continued ...

compiled a new policy to be included within the new Standing Orders document which the Clerk is currently reviewing. Members debated this policy document and members queried certain points which the Clerk will clarify and report back to members before members approve this new policy document.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37pm.

Chairman

Date