

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE TOWN HALL, SOUTH MOLTON ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH 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 Mrs C. E. Lock Cllr E. J. Moore
Cllr M. F. Way Cllr S. K. White

In Attendance: Mr M. G. Gingell Town Clerk
Mr A. C. Coates Deputy Town Clerk/RFO
DCC Cllr J Yabsley (part of the meeting).

274/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Worden.

275/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

276/14 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MATTERS OF URGENCY
BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor read out an invitation received from the Rotary Club of South Molton inviting members to their Junior Citizen of the Year Award and Pledges Auction to be held on the 23 April 2015 in the Assembly Rooms commencing at 7pm.

277/14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved subject to the Clerk clarifying Minute No 265/14 where line 7 is quoted as 'basis' and Cllr Bushell considers this is incorrect. The tape recording of this meeting will be examined and clarified.

278/14 **SOUTH MOLTON COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Due to Mrs F. Sendell not in attendance it was agreed to defer this item until she arrives.

279/14 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr R. Herniman requested to read out a statement prepared by himself regarding the Clerk's resignation in which he thanked the Clerk for all his hard work over the last 20 years.

The Mayor invited Cllr J. Yabsley to report on any issues from DCC of interest to members. Cllr Yabsley reported on the rest areas both North and South at the Knowstone junction on the A361 and updated members.

Cllr Bushell questioned Cllr Yabsley regarding resurfacing works in South Molton and he responded. Cllr Bushell also questioned the recent announcement that DCC will be stopping all grass cutting maintenance except for visibility splays if deemed necessary. Cllr Yabsley confirmed that this was correct information.

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At this juncture Cllr Yabsley left the meeting.

280/14 **SOUTH MOLTON COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Mrs F. Sendell was now in attendance and the Mayor welcomed her to the meeting. Mrs Sendell reported on a request from the above organisation to site a large strong timber shed in the above area and its aims and objectives. Members noted the measurements of the proposed shed and it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve her request in principle. Mrs Sendell will consult with NDC regarding the necessary required planning consent.

281/14 **BT – ADOPT A KIOSK**

The Clerk reported that BT had forwarded a letter requesting that the TC consider adopting a telephone kiosk in South Molton for the sum of £1. Members debated this request and the Mayor invited Mr M. Cornelius a resident of the town in attendance to address members on the subject. It was RESOLVED not to accept this request and during the voting process Cllr Lewis voted against the proposal

282/14 **WAND**

Members had previously received a copy of the reply received following their request to forward a letter of support for the above organisation. Members noted its content.

283/14 **PATHFIELDS BUSINESS PARK PHASE 4 – PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATION**

The Clerk reported that he had recently forwarded an email to all members regarding the above for their consideration. This email contained an amended report from the land agent and had previously been discussed at the TC meeting on the 10 March 2015. Members debated the situation and it was RESOLVED to advise the land agent that in the first instance he should contact the other landowners to ascertain if they wished to join the TC in the preparation of applying for the necessary planning consent to extend the above. A fixed period of 28 days should be strictly adhered to and failure to obtain their agreements within this period of time then the TC will apply in their own right. The Clerk reported the relevant application fees and members noted that they enjoy a 50% reduction as a local parish council. Cllrs Bushell and Moore voted against this proposal and Cllr Way abstained.

284/14 **MONTHLY ACTION SHEET**

Members noted a copy of the March MAS and no further comments were made.

285/14 **REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- a) Cllr White – South Molton Twinning Association – recent visit to Livarot and planted tree marking 40 years of twinning. Return visit will be made and a tree planted in South Molton to rear of Pannier Market on Sunday 12th April 2015.
- Cllr Moore – South Molton Business Association – attended recent meeting where various issues were discussed including the planned removal of the sheep pens in Southley Road to the rear of The Amory Centre.

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Cllr S Lock – Crime Prevention Panel – recent meeting where ‘Smart Water’ paint was discussed for the marking of property such as seats. A display will be planned in the Pannier Market to promote this product. Crime statistics still very low.

- c) None.
- d) Cllr Yabsley had already addressed members earlier in the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Chairman

Date