MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th AUGUST 2011 IN THE NORTH MOLTON
VICTORY HALL

Present  Councillor Dun, Councillor Mather, Councillor White, Councillor Gammon, Councillor Janes, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Stucley, Councillor Procter, District Councillor Edgell Mr Jack Stanley and the Clerk

234/8/11 1. Apologies  County Councillor Yabsley

235/8/11 2. Declaration of Interests  Councillor Gammon planning North Molton Primary School.

236/8/11 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  Not present clerk gave report as follows:

Logs, call – one missing person found and returned home, one concern for welfare.

Crime – burglary trailer stolen from a farm, assault to a police officer whilst dealing with the above missing person – offender charged to court, drink driver currently on police bail whilst blood results come back.

237/8/11 4. Representations from the public  Councillor White drew councillors attention to the benches in the parish owned by the Parish Council. As property theft is becoming a greater issue he suggested that the benches be marked with smart water so that they are traceable. Councillor White to look into this.

Councillor Dunn said that straw lorries travelling up North Molton Hill are hitting low hanging branches and knocking them into the road. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Fairweather in this respect.

238/8/11 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th July 2011. Two amendments 226/7/11 “missing” changed to “rotten” 229/7/11 “108 Agreement” changed to “106 Agreement” motion proposed to approve these minutes subject to these changes proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

239/8/11 6. Clerks Report  Only matters to report to be dealt with at 8 below.

240/8/11 7. Matters arising from these minutes  Councillor White asked if an advert had been placed regarding co-option. Clerk to organise this, interested parties names given to Clerk. Councillor Mather said that following the Parish Council’s decision to do work within the parish on a voluntary basis he had carried out weed spraying. Whilst doing this he had been approached by a member of the public to ask if he had the relevant qualification to spray. He said that he did not and Clerk was asked to seek clarification from DAPC on this matter.

241/8/11 8. Items for Discussion

i) Laurels Playground – Clerk advised that she had received a copy of the Agreement signed by the County Council and an email advising that monies would now be available upon request from Parish Council. Clerk to write.

Councillor Bulled said that whilst attending the recent Parish Forum meeting she was advised that the Exmoor Trust and Exmoor National Partnership Fund were possible places for funding for the playground.
Councillor Stucley said that he felt that it would be a good idea to ask members of the public to attend the opening of the first phase and perhaps to ask the School if they would be interested in doing some artwork. Clerk to write to Mr Ayre to request reply to letter regarding the wall.

ii) Proposed Solar panels Burcome Farm. Clerk read out letter from Mr Smaldon regarding proposed solar panels at Burcombe Farm. Councillors discussed the matter and motion proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Stucley that Parish council are broadly supportive and in favour of this proposed application.

iii) Snow Warden Scheme. Clerk advised that latest correspondence in this matter suggests that unless we sign up to the scheme by the end of August we will not receive the extra 5 tons of grit. Councillors discussed matter and came to the conclusion that this scheme was not suitable for North Molton. Clerk to respond.

242/8/11 9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman

Nothing to report.

243/9/11 10. Planning

Approved – none  Refused – none  Withdrawn – none

Applications for approval:

i) Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 Regulation 3 construction of covered area and relocation of oil tank at North Molton Primary School Fore Street North Molton.

Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Mather seconded Councillor Procter all agreed bar one abstention Councillor Gammon (not prejudicial)

ii) NDDC52487 Variation of condition 7 (barn conversion use restriction) attached to planning permission 50319 to allow occupation as a dependant relatives annexe and thereafter as ancillary accommodation to main dwelling at Higher Ley North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

iii) ENP 62/49/11/01 NDDC52520 & NDDC52519 Proposed demolition of existing single storey extension together with a replacement two storey extension Heasley House Hotel Heasley Mill – Councillors discussed – main points to note:

a) Number of bedrooms for holiday letting not increasing, two disabled bedrooms and two disabled parking spaces being created. Two disabled parking spaces effectively takes up three spaces. Parking is an issue in Heasley Mill.

b) Hotel do have ground that they could make available for extra parking.

c) Hotel do employ 6 local people.

Motion proposed to approve this application subject to provision of at least one extra car parking space proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Stucley, all agreed.

Additional planning received after preparation of agenda:

Planning approved:

NDDC44748 demolition of garage and erection of 4 affordable dwellings 2 houses and 2 flats.

NDDC45510 erection of 2 affordable dwellings and re-arrangement of car parking spaces
NDDC45511 demolition of 16 garages formation of 22 car parking spaces and erection of 2 affordable dwellings.

NDDC45512 formation of 9 car parking spaces Oakford Villas, North Molton

Planning for approval:

NDDC52567 listed building application for rear extension new thatched roof and refurbishment works at Higher Poole Fore Street North Molton – motion proposed to approve this application approved Councillor Stucley seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

244/8/11 Finance

Barclays community account stands at £632.56 as at 29th July 2011
Barclays bonus account stands at £5827.54 as at 13th August 2011
i) Receipts – none.
ii) Outgoings

a) Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 total £188.38

Motion proposed to pay the above proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor White, all agreed.

245/8/11 Correspondence

Received after preparation of agenda –

1. DCC street lighting part night lighting policy – response that Parish council entirely agree.

2. ENP open meeting 29th September Porlock Village Hall – clerk has placed notice on board.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

246/8/11 Reports

Councillor Procter reported that the white lines had been refreshed and the additional white line painted. The red walkway has not been refreshed. Clerk to write.

Councillor Bullen reported that she had attended the recent Exmoor Park forum meeting. The main discussion related to moorland being returned back to scrubland. Lynmouth and Barnstaple Railway is continuing their work. The next phase due to be completed is Blackmoor Gate to Lynmouth.

Councillor Janes said that he attended the last Victory Hall meeting. The Victory Hall are going to be running a flower festival for the Diamond Jubilee. Councillor Janes to report to Victory Hall that the Parish Council would like to donate mugs for the school children.

247/8/11 Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor

District Councillor Edgell reported that he was waiting to hear if the small grants allocated to District Councillors would be available again next year.

Date and Time of Next meeting: Wednesday 14th September 2011 North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9pm