MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE 2011 IN THE NORTH MOLTON
VICTORY HALL

Present  Councillor Dunn, Councillor Procter, Councillor Janes, Councillor Gammon, Councillor White, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Stucley, County Councillor Yabsley, one member of the public Mr J Bawden and the Clerk.

206/6/11 Apologies  District Councillor Edgel.

207/6/11 Declaration of Interests  None.

208/6/11 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  Clerk read out report:
5 calls ;
1 alarm set off by gardener
One car on roof at Molland Cross
One child locked in car
Traffic on Back Lane (obstruction)
Address check from Avon and Somerset Constabulary
One crime theft of oil from Methodist Church North Molton

209/6/11 Representations from the Public  Clerk read out representation from Mr Bawden regarding the bridge at the bottom of the village, query re history of bridge. Councillor Dunn advised Mr Bawden that minutes from the 1940’s would be filed at the Records office in Barnstaple but it was believed that the bridge had always been a stone bridge.

210/6/11 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 4th May 2011.  Motion proposed to approve these minutes. Motion proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Stucley, all agreed bar three abstentions, councillors not at meeting.

211/6/11 Clerks Report  Clerk advised that Councillors had asked her to check out the situation of insurance on equipment at the playground. Equipment is insured per item, and there is no high or low risk items.

212/6/11 Matters arising from these minutes None

213/6/11 Items for Discussion
Laurels Playground : Councillor Dunn thanked Councillor Gammon for his help in clearing the playground of leaves etc and also Jason Gammon for loan of trailer to dispose of same. Councillor Dunn advised that he and Councillor Mather had met at the playground and had looked at the wall on the eastern boundary of the feoffees property which is not capped and is cracking. Clerk to write to Feoffees raising concern over this. Councillor Dunn and Councillor Mather had looked into equipment for the playground with the idea of a multi use games area at one end. Tarmac quote given by Councillor Stucley of £3684 plus VAT Ball court and basket ball hoop would be approx £3837 installed.
Councillor Stucley asked if this is done in phases how will it affect future grants.

County Councillor Yabsley advised that we need to put a plan of expenditure forward which comes to more than £8770 perhaps £30,000. Phase 1 would be tarmac and multi use games area which would use more than the £8770 which would facilitate match funding for future phases. The plan needs to list the entire project in phases. Councillor Stucley said that he would be happy to put this plan onto paper Clerk to provide necessary documents.

County Councillor Yabsley advised that we need to be very cautious regarding equipment etc being signed off by ROSPA and insurers particularly if councillors are thinking of putting up equipment themselves.

Councillor Gammon suggested speaking to Matt Drew as this is the sort of thing he does as a job.

Councillor Stucley said that he felt that we needed to progress with the tarmacing and basic ball sports now.

County Councillor Yabsley suggested looking at both Bishops Nympton and Witheridge playgrounds for ideas.

It was suggested to invite Matt Drew to a specific playground sub committee meeting.

**214/6/11 Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman** Chairman reported that there are slates missing from the bus shelter. Clerk advised that this was repaired last time by the Parish Council. Councillor Procter and Councillor Dunn to arrange to meet to try and sort this out.

**215/6/11 Planning** None.

**216/6/11  Finance**

Barclays bonus account stands at £5751.82 as at 10th May 2011

Barclays community account stands at £1605.42 as at 18th May 2011 updated from agenda.

i)Receipts – none.

ii)outgoings

a)Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 ink cartridges £29.97 total £218.35

Motion proposed to pay the above.

**217/6/11 Correspondence**

a)M Smith North Molton PCC Burial Ground report given by clerk

b)DALC consultation for traveller sites – Councillor Dunn to respond.

c)DALC new councillor courses – possibly Councillor Janes – to confirm

d) DALC consultation regulations under sustainable communities act 2007 – filed

e) North Molton Victory Hall – letter read out by clerk to be arranged at AGM

f) DALC consultation relaxation of planning rules for change of use from commercial to residential - councillors discussed and gave views, Councillor White to respond and report back to Council at next meeting.
g) Election of parish members to Exmoor National Park Authority – councillors discussed motion proposed to respond – John Bray, Tom Dallyn, Ian Rigby, Roger Webber.

Also have as additional item election of members to DALC committee – councillors discussed, respond – David Taylor, Andrew Hewitt, Brian Smith, Mr Thomas.

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

218/6/11 Reports Councillor Gammon gave a report from the meeting of the National Park Consultative Parish Forum.

Main item discussed was affordable housing. Starter units are up to 90sqm this enables builders to get grants. Exmoor National Park own and run properties and therefore they are always given to local people.

Other concerns were fall off in tourist trade and lack of funding for advertising.

219/6/11 Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor County Councillor Yabsley advised that Paul Stewart is now the senior officer for Highways with Richard Sables as our local contact. Potholes issues discussed including constant repairs to A399 which were not done when road was previously closed and the fact that some potholes are repaired with others ignored which then facilitates another call out.

Date and Time of Next meeting AGM and Annual Parish Meeting 22nd June 2011 and Parish Council Meeting on 13th July 2011.