MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2011 IN THE NORTH MOLTON VICTORY HALL

Present  Councillor Gammon, Councillor Procter, Councillor Stanley, Councillor White, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Stucley, Councillor Janes, District Councillor Edgell Mr and Mrs D Kerby and the Clerk

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN THE VICE CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR STUCLEY TOOK THE CHAIR

276/11/11 1. Apologies  Councillor Mather (holiday) motion proposed to sanction this absence proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor White, all agreed.

277/11/11 2. Declaration of Interests. None.

278/11/11 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  Report given by clerk:

Logs/calls

1 report of a possible domestic issue

1 road traffic accident on the A399 at Northland Cross – minor injury

2 alarms at the same property within a few hours of each other

1 crime – assault youth on way home from school – dealt with by school.

Crimes to note in other areas 2 motor cross bikes stolen in witheridge one located and recovered and a spate of burlaries to sheds/outbuildings Poltimore Road South Molton.

279/11/11 4. Representations from the public

Councillor White approached the council in his role as Treasurer of Twitchen church. They are approaching the National Park with respect to grant aid for the restoration of the church tower. District Councillor Edgell has already supported this application. Would North Molton Parish Council also give their support to this application. The cost in total is expected to be £60,000 in total so far they have raised £20,000. Motion proposed to offer our support in this project proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.

Clerk asked if the Council would bring forward Mr Don Kerby’s letter from correspondence so that this matter could be dealt with now. Councillors agreed.

Clerk read out letter from Mr Kerby advising that he is seeking to find out ownership of the cobbled area outside Swan Cottage. This was on the deeds to swan Cottage some years ago but is not on his title deeds now. The cobbles are in need of repair/restoration. Clerk advised she had not been able to find out anything so far. Councillors discussed and Mr Kerby was asked to provide a copy of the deeds he holds so that the matter can be looked into further.

Councillor Gammon said that he had received complaints about the recycling kerbside collection van. Recycling is being left in the road/on pavements if dropped by the collection van and also the boxes/bags are being left in unsuitable places. Clerk to contact recycling team re this.

MR AND MRS KERBY LEFT THE MEETING.

280/11/11 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th October 2011  Motion proposed to approve these minutes proposed Councillor
Bulled seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed bar one abstension Councillor White not at that meeting.

**281/11/16.Clerks Report** Clerk advised that she had received a telephone call from Brenda Savory stating that the Victory Hall committee were no longer considering an event for the jubilee next year as they had received no response from the people of the Parish regarding this. Councillors discussed and it was decided that the Parish council should take this matter up and put a questionnaire in Bulleds asking people if they want an event for the Jubilee and if so what sort of event and if they would be prepared to help. Clerk to action and agenda for December.

**RICHARD SABLES OF DEVON COUNTY HIGHWAYS TEAM ARRIVED.**

Matters brought to his attention were the drainage in Back Lane which is now blocked again. Parent and Child sign in Back Lane which has peeled off and needs repainting. Pothole by JJ Garages. Verges need cutting back on road surface (no budget for this). Clerk asked to write to owners of High Bullen Farm to remind them that the trees/hedging still needs cutting back.

**282/11/17.Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda** District Councillor Edgell reported back on the Victory Hall toilets issue. He has spoken to the relevant office who advise that the funding is not being removed next year. Funds are available but the Committee would need to monitor the use of the toilets to be able to claim ongoing funding. Clerk was asked to write to Brenda Savory re this and to say that we would be prepared to write on their behalf if they wish. (Diana Hill Technical Services at Civic Centre).

**283/11/11 8.Items for Discussion**

i) Laurels Playground. Clerk advised that she had been contacted by Penfolds that they would come back shortly with a date for tarmacing. Councillors discussed and decided that due to the time of the year now it may be best to put in some of the play equipment first and then tarmac in the spring. Councillor Stuckle to progress the equipment.

ii) Footpath wardens report – not available.

iii) Active Villages – clerk read out email from Louise Harris. Councillors decided to agenda a slot for this subject at either the December or January meeting depending on availability of Louise Harris. Clerk to write and arrange this and then invite the relevant clubs.

iv) Clerk went through the Budget with councillors. District Councillor Edgell advised that a letter had been sent out recently from Brian Greenslade advising that the parish grants were under review. Clerk said she had not received this but had received an email to the same effect. Clerk to contact Sarah Lurwill to get a copy of the letter so that we can respond. The budget for next year is very tight with the Council already looking at a shortfall of approximately £500.

v) Victory Hall toilets – already dealt with above.

vi) Christmas Tree – clerk to contact Gareth Clark to ask if he can cut a tree to be placed in the Square.

**284/11/11 9.Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman** None.


Applications approved:

NDDC52732 installation of solar pv panels North Molton Sports Club.
NDCC52735 approval of details in respect of discharge of conditions 5, 8, 18 and 19 Lower Poole Farm North Molton

NDCC52631 agricultural building works prior approval one agricultural building Land at Ash Park North Molton.

NDCC52639 formation of agricultural access Land at Lower Poole Farm North Molton

Applications refused – none

Applications withdrawn – none

Applications for consideration:

NDCC53000 erection of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel array together with erection of equipment cabinet at Burcombe Farm North Molton – motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Bulled seconded Councillor Procter all agreed.

NDCC43272 installation and operation of 9 wind turbine generators transformer enclosures and substation building Batworthy Cross Knowstone – appeal – motion proposed to respond that Fullabrook reinforces view that this is not needed proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor White all agreed.

286/11/11 11.Finance

Balance of Community account stands at £2545.94 as at 31.10.11

Balance of Bonus account stands at not known no statement available.

Receipts – none.

ii) Payments

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

   b) Audit commission £144.00

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

iii) precept forms – councillors discussed amount of precept and motion proposed to increase precept request by 5% in light of potential shortfall next year proposed councillor White seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

287/11/11 12.Correspondence

a) Queens Diamond Jubilee – already dealt with.

b) Devon and Cornwall Constabulary – green bag.

c) Ms Robinson and Mr J White – clerk read out letter stating that they would be happy to take over the maintenance of the flower border in front of their property with other property owners. Clerk to write to confirm this will now be the case and that Council will write to Highways to advise not to cut the border in the future.

d) NDCC re sheep shed at Combeshead. Clerk read out letter to councillors stating that the above application would be refused and the reasons why.
e) Mr D Kerby Swan Cottage – dealt with above.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

288/11/11 13. Reports Councillor Bulled advised that she had not been able to attend the recent Exmoor National Park meeting.

289/11/11 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor Matters already dealt with earlier. District Councillor Edgell said that he thought the fireworks display in North Molton had been excellent once again. Over 400 people had attended this.

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

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.