MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2011 IN THE NORTH MOLTON
VICTORY HALL

Present  Councillor Dunn, Councillor Procter, Councillor Stanley, Councillor Stucley, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Gammon, District Councillor Edgell, Mr Clark (North Molton Sports Club) Louise Harris Active Villages, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and the Clerk

CHAIRMAN ASKED COUNCILLORS IF THEY WOULD AGREE TO BRING AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION FORWARD AFTER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PUBLIC. THIS ITEM IS NOT IN FACT ON THE AGENDA AS IT WAS ONLY ARRANGED THAT LOUISE HARRIS ATTEND ON BEHALF OF ACTIVE VILLAGES AFTER PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA. COUNCILLORS AGREED.

262/10/11 1. Apologies  Councillor White, Councillor Janes. Motion proposed to sanction these absences, proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

263/10/11 2. Declaration of Interests  None.

264/10/11 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  Concern raised over double glazing calls. Main 08452 number still in existence but non urgent calls should now be directed via the new 101 number. Shed breakins in Chulmleigh and Chittlehampton. Thefts from South Molton Metals believed to be from Leeds area.

265/10/11 4. Representations from the public  Councillor Gammon reported that Brinsworthy Bridge is flooded again. Clerk to contact Richard Sables regarding this.

Active Villages  – Louise Harris advised councillors that a new programme is running in Devon called Active Villages. This is where 11 villages are being offered funding by Sport England and Devon County Council to raise sport and activity in rural areas. The programme has been running for approximately 18 months with 18 months still to run. Each of the 11 villages is being offered £3000 to raise participation levels in sport and activity. This can be by way of training, equipment, coaching and can be used by existing clubs or new ones. Sessions need to be 8-12 sessions long. Age 5 and over and the village needs to show that it is sustainable when the project ends. Ideas that were put forward by Ms Harris were sports leaders qualifications, first aid, primary youth leader certificate, help with equipment or opening ceremony for the playground, existing clubs to include girls or a one off tournament. In particular family orientated activities and those towards the disadvantaged and young.

Councillors discussed and proposed that a sub committee be organised and invite representatives from all areas to a separate meeting to discuss.

266/10/11 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th September 2011  Insertion of the name Mr Drysdale in relation to Lower Poole application. Motion proposed to approve these minutes subject to this amendment proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed bar one abstention Councillor Stanley not present at that meeting.

267/10/11 6. Clerks Report  Clerk reported that she had received a response from the Planning Department regarding the application for Forecourt Lower East Street and read this out to councillors. She had passed this response on to Councillors Dunn, Gammon and White as there was a
timescale for approval of this application. All three councillors were of the opinion that no further action be taken on this matter and the application be approved.

Clerk reported that the external audit had been returned all clear.

Clerk asked the chairman to carry out a risk assessment.

Clerk read out a letter from the Planning Department regarding the application for the sheep shed at Coombeshead. Councillor Stucle declared an interest. Councillors discussed and motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Bulled, seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed bar one abstention Councillor Stucle.

268/10/11 7 Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda Councillor Procter reported that the drains in Back Lane are now sorted clerk to email thanks.

269/10/11 8 Items for Discussion

i) Laurels Playground Clerk read out an email from County regarding the quote from Penfolds which is acceptable to them. Motion proposed to request works to be commenced proposed Councillor Stucle seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed. Clerk to arrange.

Councillor Dunn advised councillors of the meeting that had been arranged and held between Parish Council and Feoffees on Monday night at the playground regarding the boundary wall.

ii) Co-option of councillors – no applications.

iii) Footpath Wardens report – not available.

COUNCILLOR GAMMON ASKED IF HE COULD BRING FORWARD A REPORT BY COUNCILLOR JANES REGARDING THE VICTORY HALL AS HE WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE MEETING EARLY – COUNCILLORS AGREED.

Councillor Gammon advised that Councillor Janes had attended a meeting of the Victory Hall committee at which he was advised that the toilets would have to close at the end of December as no further funds would be received from District Council for the upkeep of these. Clerk advised that she had received a letter from Brenda Savory in this respect and read this out. The Committee are asking if the Parish Council will add this cost onto the precept.

District Councillor Edgell advised the situation as he understood it and said that he would look into the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Gammon advised that he is still looking into the cost of mugs for the Jubilee and will report back at next meeting.

COUNCILLORS GAMMON AND PROCTER LEFT THE MEETING AT 8.55PM

270/10/11 9 Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman Councillor Dunn reported that he had attended the Exmoor National Park meeting with Councillor Bulled and District Councillor Edgell.

271/10/11 10 Planning

Applications approved – NDDC52566 rear extension new thatched roof and refurbishment works Higher Poole North Molton
NDDC52567 Listed building application for rear extension and thatched roof and refurbishment works Higher Poole North Molton

Applications refused, none. Applications withdrawn, none.

Applications for consideration – none.

272/10/11 11. Finance
Balance of Community account stands at 278.82 as at 30th September 2011
Balance of Bonus account stands at 5878.26 as at 12th October 2011
Receipts – half years parish grant £880 half years precept £1600.50 total £2480.50
ii) Payments
a) Clerks salary £178.38 contribution to telephone costs £10 total £188.38
b) £20 mole valley voucher for internal auditor
c) £100 second half years grant North Molton Victory Hall
d) £400 grant towards upkeep of North Molton Victory Hall toilets
e) £100 second half years grant Heasley Mill Village Hall
f) £500 second half years grant North Molton PCC Burial Ground

Motion proposed to pay the all the above proposed Councillor Stucley seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.

273/10/11 12. Correspondence
a) Tarka trial 30.10.11 notice on board
c) DALC proposed budget 2012/13 – green bag.
d) DALC community engagement and partnership opportunity – green bag.
e) Exmoor #Society Pinnacle Award – notice on board.
f) DALC South West Allotment Officers Forum – filed.
g) CAB re grants/donations – no donation possible at present time.
h) Met office re public weather service – clerk to respond
i) DALC review of employment and training – filed.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:
North Molton Victory Hall re toilets – already dealt with above.
All newsletters to be placed in green bag.
274/10/11 13. Reports

None.

COUNCILLOR STUCLEY LEFT 9.20PM

275/10/11 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor

County Councillor Yabsley advised further on the Snow Warden Scheme but was advised that the Parish council were not going to enter this scheme. Budget reductions consultations beginning for next year.

Date and Time of Next meeting

Wednesday 9th November 2011 North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.30pm