MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2011 IN THE NORTH
MOLTON VICTORY HALL

Present  Councillor Dunn, Councillor Gammon, Councillor Procter, Councillor White, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Janes, Councillor Mather District Councillor Edgell, County Councillor Yabsley, Richard Sables DCC and 5 members of the public including Mr Drysdale of Bakers Construction.

248/9/11 1. Apologies  Councillor Stucley (holiday) motion proposed to sanction this absence, proposed Councillor Procter, seconded Councillor Gammon, all agreed.

249/9/11 2. Declaration of Interests.  Councillor Bulled, planning applications NDDCS2664, NDDC52735 and NDDC52639 (prejudicial)

250/9/11 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  Not present clerk gave report as follows :

Logs/call 2

Boy racers in Sports Club car park – not attended as police committed on another job in Chulmleigh. Sports Club advised to keep gates shut to avoid future problems.

Underage drinkers reported in the park at Oakford Villas. Area searched no trace.

One crime report of 9 friesian steers stolen from a farm in the Parish. All steers tagged happened overnight on 26/27th August.

251/9/114. Representations from the public

Councillor Procter gave a report as follows :

A member of the public approached him about drain clearance. One in particular outside Jenka opposite the garage. This was inspected by Highways and was found to be blocked by two pieces of sheet metal from previous road repair. This was unblocked. Highways then cleared Back Lane. However following recent downpour of rain water was seen pouring down Back Lane. Councillor Procter investigated and found the drain on the right hand side of the road just down from Harris House was choked with soil and leaves and the cover was lifted. A camera crew is therefore required to check if the drain has collapsed or if obstructed. Richard Sables noted accordingly.

Councillor Procter also received a call to advise that part of a tree had fallen down across the road just past the School. He investigated and cleared the obstruction this was reported to North Devon Council log no 11427076 on 26th August 2011 at 3.30pm.

Councillor Gammon also advised that following the recent drain clearance some drains had been missed. Advised Richard Sables re New Road, Council Straight, Burcombe Wood and Great Heasley. Richard sables advised that they only clear the sump and do not jet as this would be required under a separate job. He will arrange for a jetting team to come out and do the relevant areas.

Clerk advised she had been asked what people were now supposed to do with regard to disposal of light bulbs. Advised these are to be taken to the Council dump. Clerk asked what if people can’t drive. Clerk asked to contact Council in this respect.
252/9/11 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th August 2011. Motion proposed to approve these minutes, proposed Councillor Janes, seconded Councillor Gammon, all agreed.

253/9/11 6. Clerks Report Clerk advised that she had received an email from DAPC regarding weed spraying and the need for a licence. This passed to Councillor Mather who will check this out as it is rather unclear.

Also advised that Councillor Procter had spoken to the relevant team at Barclays regarding putting bonus account money into bonds but Barclays advised we do not hold enough to do this.

254/9/11 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda Councillor White advised that he had investigated the matter of purchasing smart water to mark the benches around the village. Cost would be £75 plus VAT. Councillor Dunn advised members of the public what this matter related to. Motion proposed for Councillor White to purchase smart water and provide clerk with an invoice made out to North Molton Parish Council, proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

255/9/11 8. Items for Discussion

i) Laurels Playground. Clerk read out email from Stuart Shire advising re payment of grant monies. Agreement only lists tarmac work by South Molton Tar Pavers, but we have now received the cheaper quote from Penfolds. Clerk asked to contact Stuart Shire to see if we can substitute this and use saved money on additional equipment.

Clerk read out letters from Nigel Ayre and Tim Luscombe regarding the boundary wall at the playground. Clerk asked to write to them to request meeting on a Monday night 8pm.

ii) Queens Diamond Jubilee Councillor Janes reported that the last meeting of the Victory Hall Committee was attended by only 4 people so nothing much organised at this. Committee thought that the idea of the Parish Council providing mugs for the school children was a good idea. Councillor Gammon to organise this. Also street party considered. Councillor Janes to speak to the Committee regarding this. Councillors agreed that it would be a good idea to perhaps try and coincide this with the opening of the playground.

iii) Order Poppy wreath. Clerk advised that we need to organise the order of the poppy wreath. Motion proposed to send a cheque for £30 as usual proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Janes. all agreed. Clerk asked to write re Cornet player.

iv) Co-option of Councillor. Clerk read out letter from Mr Jack Stanley. Motion proposed to co-opt Mr Stanley onto Parish Council proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.


257/9/11 10. Planning

Approved – NDDC52447 erection of boundary wall Pitt View North Molton.

NDDC52487 Variation of condition 7(barn conversion use restriction) attached to planning permission t50319 to allow occupation as a dependant relatives annexe and thereafter as domestic storage to main dwelling (amended description)Higher Ley North Molton
Town and Country planning general regulations 1992 regulation 3 construction of covered area and relocation of oil tank at North Molton Primary School

Refused – none Withdrawn – none

Applications for approval:

It was decided to consider all three applications relating to Lower Poole together as Councillor Bulled required to leave meeting due to prejudicial interest.

COUNCILLOR BULLED LEFT THE MEETING.

NDDC52664 Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 43722 erection of 11 dwellings together with associated siteworks at Lower Poole Barns North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Janes, all agreed.

NDDC52735 Approval of details in respect of discharge of conditions 5(archaeology) 8(northern boundary) 18(noise and dust) and 19 (contamination) attached to planning permission 50080 Lower Poole Barns North Molton. Mr Drysdale from the agents advised what this permission relates to regarding discharge of conditions. All highways works are being loaded onto phase 2 instead of split between phase 1 and 2. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Janes, seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

NDDC 52639 Formation of agricultural access at Land at Lower Poole Farm East Street North Molton. Mr Drysdale Agent advised that this relates to access onto land behind School if phase 2 is sold.

Mrs Hardy owner of neighbouring property asked why the accessway was so large.

Was advised that this was because of the rise of the land and was only possible if made this way.

Mrs Hardy asked how much traffic would be using the accessway as she thought it was excessively large and she already has problems with people turning in their drive.

Was advised that it has been made this way due to the visibility issues and needs wide splay. There will be a five bar gate at the entrance.

Measurements of accessway and gate discussed and clarified.

Motion proposed to approve this application with the proviso that the access should be solely for agricultural access with a 4m track and 12ft gates which should open into the field. Proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Janes, all agreed.

COUNCILLOR BULLED RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

ENP62/49/11/003 proposed straw/hay/machinery storage shed at Barham Farm Heasley Mill. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

NDDC52628 Removal of condition 3 (obscure non opening glass) attached to planning permission 50736 to allow windows to be altered to opening at Forecourt East Street North Molton.

Councillors discussed. Plans very unclear Councillors felt that they could not make a decision on the plans and details provided and may require a site visit. Motion proposed clerk to respond not able to make a decision on plans provided clearer plans required together with an extension of time for reply proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.
NDCC52738 Erection of sheep shed at Little Coombeshead North Molton. Councillors discussed. Councils not clear why shed needs to be located there as not near main holding. Clarification required. Motion proposed to respond that clarification of need for location required as remote from main owned farming enterprise together with extension of time proposed Councillor Mather seconded Councillor Gammon, all agreed.

NDCC52732 Installation of solar pv panels on roof at North Molton Sports Club. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

Councillor Janes left the meeting 9.15pm.

NDCC52631 agricultural building works prior approval application for erection of one agricultural building land at Ash Park Nadrid Cross North Molton.

Motion proposed to respond that Council have concerns over the size of the building, the materials being used and the visual impact on the surrounding area.

**258/9/11 11.Finance**

Barclays community account stands at £527.14 as at 31st August 2011

Barclays bonus account stands at £ TBA no statement at present.

i) Receipts – £157.96 refund of VAT

ii) outgoings

a) Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 ink cartridges £34.94 total £223.32

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

**259/9/11 12.Correspondence**

a) Exmoor National Park visitor 2012. HM Duck Race. Also copy to be send to Sports Club.

b) North Molton Feoffees re Old School already dealt with.

c) North Molton FEoffees re Old School already dealt with.

d) Barnstaple Town Council re planning school – no response.

e) Community News – response read out to be be filed.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

**260/0/11 13.Reports** None.

**261/9/11 14.Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor**

District Councillor Edgell reported that the small grants given to District Councillors are being given again £1000 between five parishes. He has already received a request from Youth Club.

County Councillor advised that the Government are looking at direct elections to the National Park by 2013 imposing 8 year membership on all members.

**Date and Time of Next meeting** Wednesday 12th October 2011 North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm.
Meeting closed 9.40pm