MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 2012 IN THE NORTH MOLTON VICTORY HALL

**Present** Councillor Dunn, Councillor Procter, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Janes, Councillor Gammon, Councillor Stanley, Councillor White, District Councillor Edgell, Paul Henderson and the Clerk

**346/4/12 1. Apologies** County Councillor Yabsley (alternative meeting)

**347/4/12 2. Declaration of Interests** None.

**348/4/12 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary** None.

**349/4/12 4. Representations from the public** Councillor Procter said that he had been approached by the Lunch Club who had requested if anything could be done about the surface at the disabled entrance to the hall. Clerk to write to Highways.

**350/4/12 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th March 2012** Motion proposed to approve these minutes subject to amendment 345/3/12 proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.


Clerk spoke to Rosemarie Courtney regarding the children making hats for the Diamond Jubilee event.

The Dog warden has been spoken to regarding a dog fouling issue.

**352/4/12 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda** None.

**353/4/12 8. Items for Discussion**

a) **Queens Diamond Jubilee** Jack Stanley and Ken Gammon have visited Mr and Mrs Worthing to check that all arrangements are ok with them for the Jazz in the Park event.

Paul Henderson is helping Councillor Jack Stanley with the advertising of this event.

Councillor Stanley said that he had investigated the cost of porta loos for the event as we are providing a bar and felt that we should therefore provide toilets. Exmoor Loos will charge £40 per unit with no charge if the event is cancelled at late notice. Suggested three units at a cost of £120 plus VAT proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor

All agreed.

Budget so far for this event is Band £200 Marquee £25 £144 toilets £100/£150 food, £1500 mugs.

Clerk was asked to contact WI to see if they felt that a budget of £100 would be adequate to supply a centre spread at the tea party. The remainder of the food will be on a bring and share basis.

COUNCILLOR GAMMON ARRIVED 8.05PM
b) Laurels Playground

The wording for the plaque at Laurels Playground needs to be formally agreed. Councillors discussed. Jack Stanley to organise.

Clerk advised that equipment has been ordered and £7,500 has been released by Devon County Council with the remainder being held for the tarmacing. We can claim VAT back monthly.

Clerk asked to contact Ian Mather to liaise with Joe Penfold regarding the tarmacing date.

354/4/12  9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman  Ken Hildrews daughter Sherry has suggested planting the square planters with plants of red white and blue. Motion proposed to agree support by funding plants, proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor White. All agreed.

355/4/12  10. Planning

Applications approved

NDDC53457 extension and alterations to dwelling Swan House North Molton

Applications refused – none.

Applications withdrawn – none.

Applications for consideration:

ENP 62/49/12/001 proposed conversion of existing outbuilding to form games room and dependant relatives accommodation South Heasley Heasley Mill. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

Applications received after preparation of agenda:

356/4/12  11. Finance

Balance of Community account stands at £1588.51 as at 30th March 2012

Balance of Bonus account stands at £ Not available.

i) Receipts – none.

iii) Payments

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

b) Community First insurance £188.72

c) Playsafety rospar report £75.60

Accounts received after preparation of agenda
d) DALC membership £225.09

Motion proposed to pay a – c above d) to be held until Clerk checks last year’s fee proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Janes all agreed.

**357/4/12 Correspondence**

a) Playsafety report – clerk to read out report.

b) Chief of Defence Staff Armed Forces Day – clerk to forward to Michael Smith with suggestion that union jack be flown.

c) St Johns Ambulance – no response.

d) West Somerset Council – no response.

e) DCC County Hall visit – no representation from NM PC

f) Exmoor Spring Conference – Councillor Bulled.

g) DALC playground inspection – clerk not able to attend.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

**358/4/12 Reports**  Councillor Gammon reported that it would appear that the Sports Club were receiving a rather disproportionate share of the funds from the Active Village Campaign when other smaller groups were receiving very little. Clerk to respond that smaller clubs should receive a more proportionate share.

Councillor Bulled said that she had attended the Exmoor National Park Forum meeting. Items discussed included a community initiated scheme in Wales where solar panels had been put on the roof of the village hall which was charging electric bikes for the use of villagers, this was now increasing to electric cars.

Villages also getting together to run heating oil schemes.

The Exmoor National Park fund has paid for a coast bus from Porlock. Also affordable houses built now total 60 and the Park are now doing a self build scheme.

With regard to the National Park Governance Councillor Bulled handed out questionnaires to all councillors with the request that they complete these and return at the next meeting.

Councillor Dunn showed councillors a photo with regard to the retirement gift.

**359/4/12 Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor**

District Councillor Edgell reported that the Recycle Centre has been issued with a notice to quite. Paul Henderson advised that they have now found alternative premises.

District Councillor Edgell asked who would be attending the parish grants meeting Thursday 12th April advised Councillor Dunn and Councillor White will be attending.
**Date and Time of Next meeting** Wednesday 9th May AGM/Annual Parish Meeting and 16th May Parish council meeting.

Meeting closed 9.45pm