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

Present Councillor Dunn Councillor Procter, Councillor Janes, Councillor Gammon, Councillor Stanley, Councillor White, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Mather, District Councillor Edgell, PCSO Rick Napier and the Clerk

304/1/12 1. Apologies Councillor Stucley. Chairman advised councillors that he had received a letter of resignation from Councillor Stucley forthwith.

305/1/12 2. Declaration of Interests None.

306/1/12 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary PCSO Rick Napier introduced himself to councillors. He is new to South Molton Station. He reported in the last 30 days 2 calls one welfare and 2 quad bikes stolen. There have been 3 crimes, two thefts of quad bikes one recovered as this had a tracker and one family issue. There have been a number of outbuilding breakins metal theft and also livestock thefts.

With regard to the public being able to access a police station Barnstaple Station is open Tuesday to Friday 10am-2pm and 3pm – 7pm, and Saturday 9am to 2pm. There is a phone on the wall outside South Molton Station.

307/1/12 4. Representations from the public Councillor Procter reported water running from Rocks Lane across footpath, Councillor Gammon reported that this is now dealt with.

308/1/12 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th December 2011 Motion proposed to adopt these minutes proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.

309/1/12 6. Clerks Report Clerk advised only issues regarding the Queens Jubilee which will be dealt with a number 8 below.

310/1/12 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda None

311/1/12 8. Items for Discussion

1. Queens Diamond Jubilee Event Clerk reported that sub committee had met and the following had been put forward for the event:

Family tea party in The Square and presentation of commemorative mugs on the afternoon of the 4th June leading on to a BBQ and Jazz Band in the grounds of Court Hall in the evening with a beer tent.

Councillor Stanley reported that he had received a response from a Jazz Band called Alas who would charge approximately £250 for the event.

Councillor Dunn said that he would speak to other local artists to see if they could also perform to play alongside Jazz Band.

Councillor White said that he was concerned that there was a large gap between the tea party and the BBQ. It was suggested that as the intention was to formally open the playground on that day perhaps some sort of penalty shoot out could be held.
Councillor Stanley said that he was endeavouring to sort out the plaque and had received quotes of £45 for a plastic one £230 for brass and £200 for stainless steel from Trophy Man in Newport Road. Also Sign shop had quoted £100 aluminium which would be preferable as not such much scrap value in this. Wording to formalised so that Councillor Stanley can organise this.

Councillor Gammon said that he had ordered the mugs.

Advertising to be done through Bulleds, Journal, Suzie Atkinson, School, Church magazine.

2. Laurels Playground. Clerk asked if anybody had spoken to Matt Drew. Councillor Dunn to deal with this.

312/1/12 9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman
Councillor Dunn read out a letter of resignation from Councillor Stucley as of todays date. Councillors asked to consider if they would be prepared to stand as Vice Chairman – agenda for February.

Councillor Dunn said that he would like to express thanks to Councillor Procter and Counbiller White for putting up the Christmas Tree and lights. Councillor Procter said he would also like to thank Curly and Mac for helping to take this down after Christmas. Motion proposed to pay the sum of £15 for the electricity usage – clerk to check on name for cheque. Motion proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

313/1/12 10. Planning
Applications approved – none.
Applications refused – none.
Applications withdrawn – none.
Applications for consideration:

NDDCS3260 retrospective listed building consent for replacement external render and re render of chimney stack installation of flue and internal alterations and repair at Huxtables The Square North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Stanley all approved note to be added that application was for 2 flues not 1 as noted.

314/1/12 11. Finance

Balance of Community account stands at £785.62 as at 11th January 2012

Balance of Bonus account stands at £5953.99 as at 11th January 2012

Receipts – none.

ii) Payments

a) Clerks salary £178.38 contribution to telephone costs £10 total £188.38. Motion proposed to pay the above proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Procter all agreed.
iii) Precept forms P1 and P2 accepting grant and precept – motion proposed to accept these proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Procter all agreed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR EDGELL ARRIVED. 8.30PM

315/1/12 12. Correspondence

a) Northern Devon Healthcare Trust – response yes.

b) DALC new address – clerk to file on record

c) ENP Governance Arrangements for National Park Authorities – to Councillor Bulled to respond.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:

1. Vintage sports car club – notice on board.

2. NALC Diamond Jubilee briefing – clerk to file.

3. Strutt and Parker re beacon – being dealt with through DALC

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

316/1/12 13. Reports Councillor gammon asked District Councillor Edgell what the position was with regards to the Tesco in South Molton as the car park had been given to South Molton.

District Councillor Edgell reported that the District Council has title to the land. Councillor Gammon said that he believed the land had been given to the people of South Molton in the reorganisation in 1974.

District Councillor Edgell said that most properties had come over to the District Council as the Town Council were concerned regarding the upkeep.

District Councillor gave an update regarding this issue as far as known at present.

Councillor Bulled said that she had been approached by the Toddler Group regarding funding. Advised to contact Louise Harris.

317/1/12 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor District Councillor Edgell reported on the proposal to withdraw parish grants. The intention had been to withdraw the grant starting on 1.4.12 over 3 years. There was a meeting in the New Year with parishes and discussion were held as to the way forward.

A decision will be made by June to be implemented in 2013.

County Councillor grants being reduced money saved going to parishes at £1 per head on electoral roll relating to the Localism Act.
**Date and Time of Next meeting** Wednesday 8th February 2012 North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.30pm