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

Present Councillor Dunn, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Gammon, Councillor Mather, Councillor Procter,
Councillor White, Councillor Stanley, District Councillor Edgell, County Councillor Yabsley, PCSO Paul White
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and the Clerk

388/7/12 1. Apologies Councillor Janes (illness) motion proposed to sanction this absence, proposed
Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

389/7/12 2. Declaration of Interests Councillor Procter planning NDDC54221 pecuniary, Councillor Dunn
planning NDDC54316

390/7/12 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary 1 crime this month theft of meal benches from within the
village. There have been a couple of burglaries in South Molton.

391/7/12 4. Representations from the public Councillor Bulled reported flooding at Yard Down and also at
UPcott. Councillor Gammon reported potholes at Mineswood Heasley Mill, also potholes on old Road
Burcombe Hill. Clerk to report.

392/7/12 5. Approval of the minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th
June 2012 Amendments to minute reference 377/6/12 addition of words “and a formal vote of thanks was
given to Councillor Stanley by the Council” 381/6/12 additional of word “each” after £10 and 385/6/12addition
of words “parish Grant meeting” at a) . Motion proposed to approve these minutes subject to these
amendments proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed bar two abstentions
Councillor White and Councillor Henderson.

393/7/12 6. Clerks Report Emails and letters written as requested but no replies as yet. Cheque received from
Devon County for tarmac works and cheque issued to Penfolds.

394/7/12 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda Grass at No 22 Oakford Villas has now been
strimmed and property vacated more often. Back Lane road surface has been patched. Councillor Bulled asked
if the Parish Council would be prepared to pay a contribution to the Young Farmers for the fuel used in the
building of the beacon. She has applied to RICS for fuel reimbursement but is not sure as yet what will be
received. Councillor Gammon declared an interest. Motion proposed to pay £60 contribution proposed
Councillor Bulled, seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed bar one abstention.

Councillor Gammon said he had received a representation regarding the grass cutting at Jubilee. The bank has
been cut but the grass has been left and has now fallen over the pavement which looks very untidy. Believes it
was cut by an individual not contractors. Councillor Dunn to deal with this.

395/7/12. 8. Items for Discussion

I) Laurels Playground Councillor Stanley advised that the sign for the playground stating no smoking, no dogs,
no alcohol was now to be done as one vertical sign and therefore the cost should be less than previously
quoted. Councillors were asked to approve this payment on the basis that it would not be more than the £30
previously quoted proposed Councillor Bulled seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed. Clerk to pay when
invoice received.

Councillor Dunn said that he believed that we now had to make a daily check of the playground for safety
purposes. Clerk to organise a daily log stating who inspected on what date at what time and sign. Clerk to deal
initially Councillor Dunn to inspect in her absence.

Clerk to speak to Liz Wilde to organise painting of the wall.

II) Code of Conduct Councillors discussed the two options for the Code of Conduct, one from NALC and one
from North Devon District Council. Councillor Dunn felt that the NDDC version had been drawn up in a hurry
and was not specific to Parish Councils whereas the NALC one was.
Councillor Bulled said she felt that the NALC one was too vague.

Councillor Gammon noted that he did not feel we could adopt something that was not finished.

Motion proposed to adopt NALC version of Code of Conduct, proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon 6 for 1 against.

**396/7/12 9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman** Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting at NDDC relating to the parish grant. All parishes had replied to the questionnaire that they spent all the money on halls burial grounds and open spaces. The meeting decided to raise a sub committee of large small and medium parish councils. General feeling was that NDDC are still trying to get rid of the parish grant. The Council tax benefits scheme is being abolished by Government and will be replaced by a rebate system.

**397/7/12 10. Planning** COUNCILLOR PROCTER LEFT THE ROOM 8.50PM PECUNIARY INTEREST.

NDDCS4221 Erection of one dwelling at garden of Middle Poole Fore Street North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

COUNCILLOR PROCTER RETURNED TO THE ROOM.

NDDCS4235 Extension to dwelling at Larksfield North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

NDDCS4178 Listed building application for insertion of sun tube/tunnel at Swan House North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.

NDDC 54038 erection of oak framed timber shed at 1 Old House Barns Holdridge Cross – withdrawn.

Applications received after preparation of agenda:

COUNCILLOR DUNN LEFT THE ROOM DUE TO INTEREST IN FOLLOWING APPLICATION COUNCILLOR BULLED TOOK THE CHAIR

NDDCS4316 erection of porch 7 Oakford Close North Molton motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.

**396/7/12 11. Finance**

Balance of Community account stands at £7372.20 as at 29.6.2012

Balance of Bonus account stands at £4416.94 as at 29.6.2012

i) Receipts – none.

ii) Payments Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 and reimbursement of ink costs £35.23 total £223.61

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

**399/7/12 12. Correspondence**

a) DCC winter service review – clerk to respond on behalf of Council.

b) Sleev Blackwell wall at Broad Close. Clerk to respond that DCC have repaired the wall in the past and as we have no further history of the ownership of the wall Sleev Blackwell should refer back to County and District Council.

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

**400/7/12 13. Reports** Councillor Procter said he had reported the blocked drain in Back Lane.
401/7/12 14.Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor District Councillor Edgell reported that District and County Council are putting £1.10 per head of electorate into a one off payment for a trial period of one year the funds should go to a local level to facilitate policies of Localism Act. Two or more parishes need to join together to apply grant for North Molton would be approximately £900 Clerk to agenda for next meeting for Councillors to discuss.

The Community College are now a trust status. All our schools have priority status regarding funds.

Council asked County Councillor Yabsley about further funding for the playground. County Councillor Yabsley asked what was still to be done. Councillor Mather said he would like to finish the project off with a goal/basketball system costing up to approximately £2000. Clerk to email County Councillor Yabsley requesting funding for completion of project.

Date and Time of Next meeting 8th August North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.40pm