MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE 2012 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present Councillor Dunn, Councillor Procter, Councillor Stanley, Councillor Mather, Councillor Janes, Councillor Bulled, Mr J Rands and the Clerk

374/6/12 1. Apologies Councillor Henderson (work) Councillor White (holiday) District Councillor Edgell (late arrival). Motion proposed to sanction these absences proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Janes all agreed.

375/6/12 2. Declaration of Interests Councillor Procter planning JJ Garages.

376/6/12 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary 3 calls, two non crime domestic related and domestic assault.

1 Common assault – domestic related

1 theft from motor vehicle one male arrested.

Theft of two benches owned by Parish Council.

Councillor Janes also reported possible person in house of neighbour, not reported to police.

377/6/12 4. Representations from the public John Rands said that he would like to thank the Parish Council on behalf of everybody for the Jubilee Celebrations which were a great success. He also asked about Bampfylde Clump which he believed was part of the millennium project. There are apparently several trees down which need clearing. Clerk asked to write to Peter Stucley.

John Rands also asked what was happening with the grass at Jubilee Gardens, the contractors now only seem to cut the small patch of grass at the entrance and not the bank. Clerk advised she is chasing this.

Clerk was also asked to ask North Devon Homes about no 22 Oakford Villas which has a very overgrown garden and appears not to be fully occupied. Overgrown garden also at no 19 Oakford Villas.

Councillor Procter said that he had received a query as to what time the lights go on in North Molton in the morning. Advised time of lighting was 5.30am.

Councillor Gammon said that he had received a representation about the River Mole – weeds under the parapet are becoming very overgrown.

Clerk read out email from Councillor White relating to the Jubilee Celebrations that the event would not have been possible without the input of Councillor Stanley who had organised the majority of the evenings event single handedly.

378/6/12 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of North Molton Parish Council held on 9th May 2012 and approval of the minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 16th May 2012

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – motion proposed to approve these minutes proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Procter all agreed.

Minutes of the AGM meeting – motion proposed to approve these minutes proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Bulled, all agreed.

Minutes of the Meeting of 16th May 2012 – motion proposed to approve these minutes proposed Councillor Stanley seconded Councillor Bulled all agreed.

379/6/12 6. Clerks Report Jubilee celebrations – raffle from afternoon tea event had raised £173 raffle and evening jazz event £1315.50 minus £200 for payment of the band £1115.50 bbq £164 and sale of mugs to date £175.
Notice put up on the noticeboard relating to weed control.

Vat reclaim this year totals £1707.38 not including tarmac works.

**380/6/12 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda** Councillor Gammon noted that he had not been able to attend the recent meeting in South Molton.

Councillor Stanley reported that he had spoken to the dog warden regarding dog fouling issues.

**381/6/12 8. Items for Discussion**

**I) Laurels Playground** Clerk advised that Hucknet will return to finish the surfacing under the play equipment when the weather is appropriate. They are sending their invoice minus this work.

Councillor Gammon noted that thanks go to Councillor Mather for organising all the equipment and managing to get the same at such good prices.

Councillor Mather noted that he would now like to finish off the project with the installation of the goal and basketball net. He will look into this.

Councillor Dunn said that he felt that it would be nice to offer for the coffee morning to use the shelter in good weather.

Councillor Stanley noted that the Parish Council should put up a sign stating “no dogs, no smoking and no alcohol”. Councillor Stanley to organise this from the same company that had provided the playground sign at a cost of approximately £10.

Clerk advised that she had received a telephone call from Penfolds in return to her request for an invoice for tarmac works. The invoice they wished to submit would be higher than the quote given a year ago due to the increase in oil costs. This would now be £3720. Motion proposed to pay the higher costs proposed Councillor Mather seconded Councillor Janes all agreed.

Motion proposed to pay the bill when received and funds received from County rather than wait to next meeting proposed Councillor Proctor seconded Councillor Stanley all agreed.

It was mentioned that it would be nice to organise the painting of the wall in the playground Councillor Gammon said that Liz Wilde at North Molton Primary would be contact for this project.

It was also noted that the Feoffees boundary wall was still not secure. Clerk to write.

**382/6/12 9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman**

Councillor Dunn reported from the meeting in South Molton that it was desired to understand the feelings of surrounding parishes regarding the Tesco bid and what the surrounding parishes wanted. Councillor Dunn said that he had advised that as far as North Molton was concerned their priority was to be able to get to South Molton safely which would entail the improvements to the borners bridge junction.

David Worden had advised that there were no plans to move the cattle market.

It had been agreed that future meetings would be held quarterly run by South Molton town Council.

No planning permission has been put in by Tesco.

Councillor Dunn reported on the North Molton jubilee event. He said that on the afternoon of the celebrations he had been heartened to see so many people attending and that when the playground was opened the children all went straight to the equipment to play. He felt that the jazz event had been extremely successful and that the Parish Council had done a good job on the day’s events. The mugs were good quality and appeared to be a great success. The beacon had also been extremely good and clearly visible. Many thanks given to the Councillor Bulled and Young Farmers for organising this event.
Councillor Bulled asked if the Parish Council would contribute to the costs of the Young Farmers (i.e. diesel costs for transporting materials) if she was not able to recover this from RICS. Councillors agreed.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR EDGELL ARRIVED 8.45PM**

383/6/12 10. Planning

Applications approved NONE

Applications refused – none.

Applications withdrawn – none.

Notices : Forestry Commission consultation Higher North Radworthy Heasley Mill.

Notice of appeal 9 wind turbines Batworthy Cross.

Applications for consideration:

NDCC 53925 extension to dwelling and formation of decking at 14 Broad Close North Molton – motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Stanley seconded Councillor Janes all agreed.

NDCC54082 demolition of existing and erection of new workshop at JJ Garages Back Lane North Molton – motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Stanley seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

NDCC53473 erection of double polytunnel and associated works (amended plans) Land at Hacche Mill South Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Bulled all agreed.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR YABSLEY AND RICHARD SABLES HIGHWAYS OFFICER ARRIVED 8.50PM**

Councillor Gammon noted to Richard Sables that the highways team had now cut back hedge growth at Northland Cross and thanks noted for this.

He also reported several misplaced edging stones on the kerbside along East Street.

Councillor Procter reported surface breaking up in Back Lane.

Councillor Dunn reported pothole at entrance to oakford Villas and also outside school.

Clerk asked if trees and shrubbery could be cut back at Borners Bridge for traffic crossing from North Molton to South Molton looking towards Barnstaple as this has significantly decreased visibility distance.

Richard Sables reported that there is now a small budget available for weed spraying.

He also reported that the wall at the entrance to Broad Close is under inspection by structural engineers.

Applications received after preparation of agenda:

384/6/12 11. Finance

Balance of Community account stands at £ 9251.41 as at 31st May 2012

Balance of Bonus account stands at £ 4391.35 as at 31st May 2012

i) Receipts – none.

ii) Payments

a) Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 total £188.38
b) M & M Timber £2340.00

c) Cancelled as already paid

d) Community First insurance £108.12 additional premium for playground

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

385/6/12 Correspondence

a) Councillor Dunn to go and Councillor White if available.

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

386/6/12 Reports Councillor Bulled reported that she and her husband had had a wonderful day at Exeter Cathedral representing North Molton Parish Council.

387/6/12 Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor – District Councillor Edgell advised that he had not been able to get to the South Molton meeting. Councillor Dunn reported to Councillor Edgell on this meeting.

District Councillor Edgell reported that the fireworks in South Molton had been very good.

Date and Time of Next meeting 11th July North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm

Meeting closed 10.00pm