MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
14th MARCH 2012 IN THE NORTH MOLTON VICTORY HALL

Present  Councillor Dunn, Councillor Procter, Councillor Janes, Councillor Gammon,
Councillor Stanley, Councillor White, Councillor Mather, District Councillor Edgell, PC
Micallef PCSO  Paul Henderson and the Clerk

332/3/12 1. Apologies  Councillor Bulled. Motion proposed to sanction this absence,
proposed Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Procter, all agreed.

333/3/12 2. Declaration of Interests.  None.

334/3/12 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary  PCSO  reported 7 calls, 4 domestic
three child dialling999 one SportsClub false activation of alarm.

2 Crimes one unwanted text messages one minor injury assault.

PC Micallef asked if there had been any further reports of mini motos in Holdridge Lane as
he had witnessed this recently. Queries raised over legality of using this lane PC Micallef to
check.

335/3/12 4.. Representations from the public  Councillor Gammon reported that a static
caravan and container have appeared in the field at Nadrid Cross that was refused planning
permission. Clerk to write to Planning Department.

Clerk said that she wanted to raise with the council that it had come to her and Councillor
Bulds notice that Mrs Yvonne Smale had it appeared single handedly taken on the task of
ridding the village of litter. Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mrs Smale.

Councillor Gammon reported a large pothole at Burcombe Hill close to the Firs. Councillor
Mather said that there was also one on New Road near Wide Corner. Clerk to report.

336/3/12 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held
on Wednesday 8th February 2012  Motion proposed to approve these minutes proposed
Councillor Janes seconded Councillor Procter all agreed.

337/3/12 6. Clerks Report

a)  Jonathan Blake had returned my call and said that Young Farmers were happy to
organise the building of the beacon.

b)  North Devon Voluntary Service are looking for a volunteer – clerk to advertise.

c)  Telephone call received from the Dog Warden. They report that they are only a two
man team and cover a very large area and do not have the resources to patrol all the
time. They have however been given specific times of day. Clerk to write to Jeremy
Mann head of Environmental Health giving times of day and asking for an up date in
four weeks.

d)  Village hall advise that we would like the marquee at cost of £25

e)  DCC logo emailed to Jack Stanley for the plaque for the playground.
f) Acknowledgement received for Best Kept Village entry.

h) Still no response re bungalows.

338/3/12 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda  None.

339/3/12. 8. Items for Discussion

a) Queens Diamond Jubilee  Jack Stanley updated as follows:
Poster given to all councillors to give their comments.
Press release read out
Need to speak to the Worthingtons re electricity supply for band. Jack to do this.
Councillor White said he had a marquee for the bar.
Councillor Gammon confirmed all ok with BBQ,
Clerk confirmed marquee for band.
Car parking – need to speak to Mrs Rumsam and school
Jack to organise press release.
Clerk advised that Friday/Youth Club would like to help with something. Children to do hats for the tea party. Clerk to telephone Rosie Courtney to advise.
Paul Henderson advised that there will be fireworks in South Molton on the night. If we would like he will delay the lighting of these until 10.30 so that they happen after the beacon lighting.

b) Laurels Playground  Clerk advised that she had been asked if the playground was open for use as some children had been told they were not allowed to play there. Councillor Dunn said that he would organise a laminated temporary sign. Councillor Stanley and Councillor Dunn to attend the AGM of the Old S chool on the following evening.

340/3/12 9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman  None.

341/3/12 10. Planning
Applications approved: NDDC53260 retrospective listed building consent for replacement external render and re render of chimney stack installation of flue and internal alterations and repair at Huxtables North Molton.
Applications refused – none.
Applications withdrawn – none.
Applications for consideration:
NDDC53541 Listed building application for installation of solar slate to rear south facing roof elevation at Swan House North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor Stanley seconded Councillor Janes, all agreed.

NDDC53521 Listed building application for conversion of outbuildings to form 3 units of holiday accommodation a recreation room and garage/store together with alterations to access and alterations to farmhouse at Litchaton Farm East Buckland. Motion proposed to approve this application subject to not using the Nadrid Cross junction as the exit with an “occupier access only” sign at Brayley Bridge. Proposed Councillor Procter seconded Councillor Stanley, all agreed bar one abstention.

Applications received after preparation of agenda:

NDDC 53645 Listed building application for the installation of an air source heat pump together with the removal of concrete floor and installation of damp proof membrane and underfloor heating at Swan House North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

NDDC 53594 listed building consent for reinstatement of north west chimney and north west gable end at Higher Poole North Molton. Motion proposed to approve this application proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Gammon all agreed.

342/3/12 11. Finance

Balance of Community account stands at £358.86 as at 29th February 2012

Balance of Bonus account stands at £5978.99 as at 10th February 2012

i) Transfer of £1500 from bonus account to facilitate payment of iii) b) below. Proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Janes, all agreed.

ii) Receipts – none.

iii) Payments

a) Clerks salary £178.38 contribution to telephone costs £10 plus printer ink reimbursement not on agenda £31.97 total £220.35

b) Gifts to impress for jubilee mugs £1514.40

c) £10 Lieutenancy Fund for Councillor Bulled to attend garden party for Jubilee motion proposed to pay the above proposed Councillor Stanley seconded Councillor Janes all agreed.

343/3/12 12. Correspondence

a) NDDC Future of Parish Grant Scheme – Councillor Dunn to attend with the Clerk or Councillor White in the Clerks absence.

b) Tom White Public Sector Efficiency Expo – no response.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:
1. Safer North Devon – filed.

2. Protected Landscapes Scheme – Councillor Bulled to respond.


4. North Molton Relief in Need Charity – Councillor Gammon to stand as Parish Council representative.

5. NALC – green bag.

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

**344/3/12 13. Reports**  Councillor Procter said that he had attended the Village Hall AGM. A small surplus in funds is reported at the year end. Attendances at the Tea Dances have been good. There has been a drop in funding for the toilets. Committee members remain the same.

There has been a water leak outside the Old Vicarage Cottage this has now been repaired and appears to have sorted out the leak at the entrance to the Square opposite the Poltimore Arms.

Councillor Gammon reported that the Civil Service at the church in South Molton held for Jeremy Yabsley was well attended.

Councillor Gammon reported that a young rider had been thrown from their horse when startled by a low flying jet. Advised to contact Chivenor.

Councillor Dunn asked if members could go back to planning as a letter had tonight been received from the Planning Office regarding the Riverside Caravan Park. The letter asked if we were aware of any matters still of concern regarding the enforcement of the opening dates of the Caravan Park. Clerk to respond that the Parish Council have no further concerns regarding this matter.

**345/3/12 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor**  District Councillor Edgell reported that the County Council are accepting the 2.5% payment from Government for not putting up the council tax this year. Sums paid are for one off payments and will not be ongoing.

District Councillor Edgell said that he had lobbied for some of this money to be spent on minor c class roads.

£260,000 will be spent on the Parish Lengthsman

£100,000 on gulley maintenance

£250,000 on highways drains.

The Police and Fire constabularies have made a 2 and 3% increase.

**Date and Time of Next meeting**  Wednesday 11th April 2012.

Meeting closed 9.45pm