MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2012 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present Councillor Dunn, Councillor Gammon, Councillor Procter, Councillor White, Councillor Stanley, Councillor Bulled, Councillor Janes, Councillor Henderson, and the Clerk

416/9/12 1.Apollogies Councillor Mather (business) motion proposed to sanction the above absence proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Janes all agreed.

417/9/12 2.Declaration of Interests Councillor Bulled planning NDDC54515, Councillor Bulled and Councillor Henderson new clerk appointment.

418/9/12 3.Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Not present.

419/9/12 4. Representations from the public Councillor Procter reported that he had received a representation regarding inconsiderate parking at Bendles Cross making turning out from Bendle Lane onto main North Molton road difficult.

Councillor Procter reported that he had received a representation regarding street lighting with lights not being on at 6.30am. Clerk to contact Highways to check lighting times.

Councillor Gammon reported a representation regarding dogs at 1 Mole View running loose on path with aggressive behaviour. Clerk to write to North Devon Homes also to include hedge cuttings left on bank below 1 Mole View.

420/9/12 5.Approval of the minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th August 2012 Motion proposed to approve these minutes proposed Councillor White seconded Councillor Stanley, all agreed.

421/9/12 6.Clerks Report Clerk reported that the weeds in the Laurels Playground coming up through the tarmac had been removed and the tarmac tamped back down. Chairman reported that on inspecting the playground during the Clerks absence on leave, the weeds have come back. Clerk to write to Penfolds to request that the weeds need treating correctly with glyphosphate to avoid reoccurrence.

422/9/12 7.Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda Chairman reported that he had sent a report relating to the flytipping at Moles Chamber ref 291548 but nothing has been done as yet.

Councillor Mather had reported that he now had the paint for the wall in the playground.

Councillor Henderson reported that the solar pv planning application at Hacche Barton was heard at the South Molton meeting and a decision has been deferred until a site visit can be arranged.

Clerk said that she had received a request from Councillor Mather as to what was happening with the retirement gift for Councillor Geen as this has not been sorted. Councillor Janes to chase this.

Councillor Mather also had sent a message stating that he would contact Hucknet regarding the matting for the equipment already installed once a decision has been received regarding funding for the basketball goal/football goal from County Councillor Yabsley.

423/9/12 8.Items for Discussion

i) TAP fund No response has been received as yet to our email to South Molton Town Council.
II) **New Clerk** Chairman advised that three applications had been received, all three applicants had been invited to tonights meeting. Two applicants were present one was unable to attend tonight. Chairman said that he proposed if the applicants were willing to interview after the Parish Meeting.

III) **Insurance claim for village seats** Clerk advised that the Insurers had confirmed they would be happy to meet the costs of materials if the council were to make replacement benches themselves. Councillor White asked if the insurers would still deduct the excess. Clerk to check. Cost of materials approximately £80 to £90 per bench.

424/9/12 9. **Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman** None.

425/9/12 10. **Planning**

Planning approved : NDDC54221 erection of dwelling at Middle Poole North Molton

NDDC54235 extension to dwelling at Larksfield North Molton

NDDC54316 Erection of porch at 7 Oakford Close North Molton

Notice of re opening of appeal relating to Batsworthy Cross, clerk to put poster on board.

Notice agricultural building works prior notification for erection of machinery storage building at Underhill Farm North Molton

Applications received for consideration:

NDDC53473 erection of double poltunnel and associated works (amended plans) land at Hacche Mill South Molton. Clerk reported that she had not been able to download plans from the website. Chairman advised it was not clear from these plans what the amendment was. Clerk to write to Planning to state that no decision could be made unless clearer details were provided.

NDDC54515 Erection of oak framed timber shed at 1 Old House Barns Holdridge Lane North Molton. Councillor White reported that a hedge has already been removed for the purposes of erecting this shed, the removal of the hedge could cause flooding issues and nearby properties are concerned. Motion proposed to approve this application subject to a note regarding the removal of the hedge and potential flooding issues, proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor Procter all agreed bar one abstention Councillor Bulled (interest)

426/9/12 11. **Finance**

Balance of Community account stands at £1074.21 as at 31.8.12 clerk noted that difference in this balance to last months was that history society cheque and jubilee funds are now cleared into account.

Balance of Bonus account stands at £4466.94 as at 31.8.12

i) Receipts – none

ii) Payments – Clerks salary £178.38 plus contribution to telephone costs £10 total £188.38 motion proposed to pay this amount proposed councillor Stanley seconded Councillor Procter all agreed.

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

iii) Clerk advised councillors that she had prepared a mid year forecast of finances so that councillors could see what had been spent so far this year and what was still to be paid, showing approximate end of year balances in both accounts.

Councillor Gammon proposed a motion of thanks to the clerk for preparing this report proposed Councillor Gammon seconded Councillor White, all agreed.

427/9/12 12. **Correspondence**
a) Building communities from the inside out – no representation from Council.

b) North Devon Homes AGM invite – no representation from Council.

c) Barnstaple Town Council planning school – no representation from Council.

Additional correspondence received after preparation of agenda:

CPRE Best Kept Village report. Whilst there are many positive comments in this report there are also some negatives. Score is lower than last year. Clerk was asked to send copies to Sports Club, noticeboard, website, DCC with comments re weeds, North Devon Homes regarding estate properties, and also Councillor Henderson to photocopy report so that it can be delivered to all homes with a letter from Chairman.

All newsletters to be placed in green bag.

**428/9/12 13 Reports** Councillor Gammon reported that the trees and hedging at Northland Cross need attention again. Clerk to report this to highways.

It was also noted that there are many hedges in the parish which require attention many of which are privately owned. Notice to go on board relating to this.

**429/9/12 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor** not present.

**Date and Time of Next meeting** 10th October 2012 North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.40pm