MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2014 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present Councillor Stanley, (Chairman), Councillor Gammon, Councillor Procter, Councillor Dunn, Councillor O’Brien, Councillor Bulled, District Councillor Edgell and the Clerk

549/7/14 1. Apologies None

550/7/14 2. Declaration of Interests Cllr Bulled re application 57499

551/7/14 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary There had been one “domestic related” crime in the past month.

552/7/14 4. Representations from the public Cllr Bulled reported concerns about an accumulation of weeds and leaves in Laurels Playground. Agreed: that a working party be formed to tackle this.

Grass on top of the newly restored wall in Broad Close had become long and unsightly. The clerk reported that he was still awaiting a reply from his previous enquiry with North Devon Council as to who was responsible for cutting this.

553/7/14 5. Approval of the minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th June 2013 The minutes were approved unanimously.

554/7/14 6. Clerks Report

The clerk had prepared a draft notice which advised the public that Parish Council meetings were being recorded. This was read out. Agreed: that the short version of the notice be included in future agendas, that some copies be prepared to be handed out at meetings attended by members of the public, that the chairman read out the notice at the beginning of meetings, and that it be placed on the village website.

555/7/14 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda

The plant holders around the square had been replaced by Mr McCarthy, to whom the council gave a vote of thanks. Cllr Bulled had cleaned the phone-box in the Square. Agreed: that the clerk contact BT to try and arrange for them to mend the door and clean it in future.

556/7/14 8. Items for discussion

1) North Devon and Torridge Local Plan.

The final stage of public consultation had been reached. Comments on the Plan would be accepted by North Devon Council until 9.8.14. Agreed: that the plan was in line with what the Parish Council had submitted. Agreed, unanimously, that the response of the Parish Council should be that the Plan was “Meeting the requirements of the village as the Parish Council understands those requirements to be “.

557/7/14 9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman. The Chairman reported that the bus shelter in the Square was in need of painting. It was noted however that swallows were nesting there and it was agreed that any repainting should be postponed.

A “no climbing” sign, as required by the council’s insurance company, had been placed on the goal equipment in Laurels Playground. It was agreed that the process of painting the playground walls should be re-started.

558/7/14 10. Planning

NDCC 57449. Outline planning application for erection of 37 dwellings on land to the south of Old House Barns, North Molton. The chairman suspended the meeting to allow public discussion about this application. Objections from the Sports and Community Centre that the proposed houses were too close to the Centre, and may result in complaints from residents about noise from the Centre, were made. An objection that the proposed footpath from the development to the Centre would mean more dog mess on the pitches was also
made. An objection that the Old Road was too narrow to accommodate a likely increase in traffic was made. The point was made that a well attended public meeting had voted in favour of the site in question being developed, in preference to other sites, and that there was a case for discussion between the parties about managing the perceived problem of dogs having access to the Centre’s grounds. Following the public discussion, the meeting resumed at 8.55pm. Following discussion, including the suggestion that the South Molton community woodland might provide a useful example of how public, and dog, access to a community asset might be managed, the council voted. Result: in favour of the application in principle but with the removal of two properties from the South-East corner (nearest the Centre) and an increase in the woodland boundary to increase the effectiveness of the sound buffer.

NDDC 57693 Extension to existing dwelling at Ashpark Farm, South Molton. Agreed unanimously.

NDDC 57683. Erection of one agricultural building at South Heasley, Heasley Mill. Agreed unanimously.

559/7/14 11. Finance

Balance of Community account stands at £4,923.28 as at 28.6.2014

Balance of Business Saver account stands at £5,021.61 as at 28.6.2014

Receipts – none.

Payments

i) Clerks salary £142.70 plus contribution to telephone costs £10, total £152.70.

ii) Victory Hall £100.00, Heasley Mill Hall £100.00, Parochial Church Council £500.00

iii) NM History Society £50.00 towards printing costs of the North Molton pamphlet

iv) £55.00 to the clerk for the purchase of a voice recorder to be used at future meetings.

v) HM Revenue and Customs £106.80, PAYE on the clerk’s salary

All the above were agreed unanimously, except for one abstention, on item iii), by Cllr Dunn as council representative on the History Society.

560/7/14 12. Correspondence

a) Exmoor Motor Club notification of a road trial in November 2014.

b) Tavern Motor Club notification of an endurance rally in October 2014.

561/7/14 13. Reports

Cllr Dunn reported that on 4th August, to mark the outbreak of World War One, it was planned that the church bells would ring a muffled peal. The clerk was instructed to advertise this on the village website.

562/7/14 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor District Councillor Edgell reported that he had recently been able to arrange grants of £250.00 to the NM Youth Club and £300.00 to the Friday Club. The County Council were due to start consultations on road junctions associated with the link road and it was hoped that as a result many junctions would be improved.

Date and Time of Next meeting 13th August North Molton Victory Hall 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.50 pm.