MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2015 IN
THE VICTORY HALL

Present Councillor Bulled (Chairman), Councillor Dunn (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Wallis, Councillor Geen Councillor O’Brien and the Clerk

535/6/14 1. Apologies Cllr Procter, prior engagement, Cllr Peek, family illness, Cllr Gammon, work. County Councillor Yabsley and District Councillor Edgell, attending other meetings. Accepted unanimously.

536/6/14 2. Declaration of interests None.

537/6/14 3. Devon and Cornwall Constabulary No report had been received from the police and no representative attended the meeting.

538/6/14 4. Representations from the public The wall/kerb in Jubilee Gardens was still in need of repair and might benefit from a stanchion or pillar to protect it from future damage. Agreed: Clerk to contact Highways Department again about this. It was noted that although the main New Rd from North to South Molton remained in dire need of repair, the road between Bendle Cross and Upcott had recently been repaired. Agreed: Clerk to contact Highways Department again, about the New Road and the apparent need to match the work done with the work required. The road to Roberts Field also remained in need of a top surface. Agreed: clerk to contact North Devon District Council to try and establish legal liability in the event of damage or injury caused by the inadequate road surface, which had been reported many times to NDDC Planning.

539/6/14 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of North Molton Parish Council held on 13th May 2015 and approval of the minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th May 2015

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – Approved unanimously.

Minutes of the AGM meeting – Approved unanimously.

Minutes of the Meeting of 20th May 2015 – Approved, as amended, unanimously.

540/6/14 6. Clerks Report

As instructed, the clerk had written to NDDC asking who was responsible for grass cutting at the verge on the Roberts Field development and suggesting the erection of pedestrian barrier on the kerbside. A reply was awaited.

The annual footpath report had been completed and would be presented at the next meeting.

The internal audit had been completed, and the paperwork would be submitted to the external auditors.

The need for a councillor to monitor the five trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders was discussed. Agreed, Cllr Bulled to liaise with the District Council to identify the exact location of the trees, and the terms of the preservation orders. The subject was to be further discussed at a later meeting.

The clerk announced that he was resigning. He was thanked for his work over the previous three years. Agreed; The issue of what rate of pay and hours of work would be required of his successor would be discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime the job should be advertised.

541/6/14 7. Matters arising from these minutes not on Agenda

Cllr Bulled noted that at the previous meeting the question of her husband’s tenancy agreement with the Hartland Abbey Trust had arisen. She wished to state that although her husband was not willing to have details of that document entered into the minutes of the meeting he had said that he was happy to show the
document to anyone who wished to see it, should they make an appointment to do so. The clerk noted that in his opinion this was an unrealistic and unsatisfactory arrangement. The document was either in the public domain or not.

542/6/14. 8. Items for Discussion

i) Mr Steve Palfreyman of 11 Broad Close was co-opted onto the council.

ii) Members voted for five Parish Members to serve on the Exmoor National Park Authority. Those elected were: Richard Peek, Michael Ellicott, Penelope Webber, Vivian White and Alan Wright.

iii) Proposed changes to the electoral boundaries were discussed. It was proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England that North Molton be removed from the County Council division containing South Molton and be placed in the one containing Combe Martin. During discussion, the points were made that the geographical locations meant that County Councillors would be better able to represent people from North Molton under the present arrangement. Also that North Molton as a rural community had more in common with Combe Martin than it did with the town of South Molton. The proposal was approved by a majority vote.

543/6/14  9. Chairmans Report/Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman

Nothing to report.

544/6/14  10. Planning

Applications granted -- NDDC 58943 Proposed log store and greenhouse and retrospective pump shed for water treatment plant at Filton Mill, North Molton.

Applications refused – none.

Applications withdrawn – none.

Applications for consideration: NDDC 59179. Temporary siting of one mobile home, erection of one agricultural building and vehicular access at Filton Barton, Brayford. No objections were raised.

NDDC 59242. Listed building consent for refurbishment of property including demolition and erection of new porch at View Cottage, East Street, North Molton. No objections were raised.

Applications received after preparation of agenda: None.

545/6/14  11. Finance

Community account stands at £ 506.45 as at 29th May 2015

Business saver account stands at £5,298.53 as at 29th May 2015

i) Receipts – none.

ii) Payments

a) Clerks salary £176.71 plus contribution to telephone costs £10, total £186.71.

b) Internal auditor, £25.

Agreed, unanimously.
**546/6/14 12. Correspondence**

Department of Culture, Media and Sport had requested feedback on the benefits of the mobile phone mast erected in the grounds of the Sports and Community Centre. Agreed: a survey form to be distributed around the village and surrounding areas. A reply was required by the end of June.

**547/6/14 13. Reports, Including monthly inspection of Laurels Playground**

Cllr Wallis noted that Mr Gareth Clark would be spraying the Laurels Playground with weedkiller in the near future. He would ensure that this was done at a time and in such a way as not to cause any risk to users of the playground. He was asked to pass on the council’s thanks to Mr Clark.

Cllr Wallis reported that thirty-five people had helped at the maintenance day held recently at the Sports and Community Centre.

The question of whether or not the Parish Council should seek to be represented on the Governor’s board of the school was briefly discussed. Agreed; the matter should be considered at the next meeting.

Cllr Bulled noted that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for land at Old House Barns would be held in the near future. The format of the appeal had not been decided. The Parish Council would be informed of this in due course.

**548/6/14 14. Matters brought forward by District or County Councillor**

None

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

Meeting closed 9.40 pm