MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th August, 2018 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present: Councillor Bulled (Chairman)-(arrived at 7.46 pm); Councillor Darley; Councillor Geen; Councillor Kelland; Councillor Milne; Councillor O’Brien; Councillor Peek; Councillor Procter; Councillor Smaldon; District Councillor Edgell (left at 9.00 pm); County Councillor Yabsley (arrived at 7.50 pm and left at 9.00 pm) and the Parish Clerk, Noel Brooks

273/08/18.1 Apologies: Vice Chairman Dunn (Absent)

In the initial absence of Chairman Bulled, cllrs voted, unanimously, for Cllr O’Brien to act as Chairman.

274/08/18.2 Declaration of Interests: Chairman Bulled in respect of Lower Poole Phase II - Cllr O’Brien took the Chairman’s role on the related debate - all agreed.

275/08/18.3 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary: No August Newsletter had been received - there were no issues for referral.

276/08/18.4 Representations From The Public: Cllr Milne had received a representation from Mrs Priest regarding a smell of sewerage emanating from the River Mole by the bridge. Chairman Bulled reported later in the meeting that she had investigated the complaint with the Environment Agency and that this was an issue involving septic tanks - it was on its list of priorities but due to resources and workload would probably not be addressed for a further two months. Chairman Bulled would continue to chase the issue. Cllr Procter had received a representation regarding barking dogs in a compound in Oakford Close. Cllr Darley reported that Environmental Health was involved on the issue and that the outcome of its intervention should be awaited - all agreed. Cllr Procter had received representations concerning the entrance to Laurels Playground with bushes obliterating such walkway. Cllr Geen confirmed to cllrs that the Feoffees owned the fence and buddleia but that the Old School Management Committee had been against cutting the buddleia back at the present time due to the negative effect on butterflies - as the entrance was still passable, Cllr Darley agreed to cut back the buddleia at an appropriate later time - all agreed. Cllr Procter asked for cllrs to acknowledge the residents of Roberts Field through these minutes for their sterling effort in the upkeep of their estate and its approaches - all agreed. Cllr Smaldon had attended the July Meeting of the Old School Management Committee where the issue of provision of a green bin facility to service Laurels Playground had been raised, again. The Clerk reminded cllrs that they had already voted on this issue in the past and, most recently in July 2018 when it had been agreed that Cllr Darley would remove the waste from the playground without the need for such green bin.

277/08/18.5 Planning

Chairman Bulled arrived and took over the Chairman’s Role.

Planning Applications For Consideration Received Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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**Proposed demolition of existing barn and erection of new building for ancillary residential use and storage to the main farmhouse**

Cllrs would like clarification as to why the previous application had included an existing flat which had provided local needs accommodation but why this current application had not included such accommodation. Were there grounds for enforcement action if such accommodation were no longer being provided?

Planning Applications Advised Since Last Parish Council Meeting

None
Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July, 2018 - approved, unanimously by those clrs who had attended the meeting.

Clerk’s Report on the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July, 2018

Request For North Devon Homes (NDH) To Consider The Possibility of its Empty Garages Being Utilised to Alleviate The Current Parking Problem In The Oakford Villas Area - The Clerk had forwarded to clrs a list of the garages currently rented to enable them to make an informed decision on the best way to proceed. Chairman Bulled had spoken with NDH which didn’t want unrented garages highlighted with signs by either themselves or the Parish Council - this made it difficult to manage any prospective parking. If sufficient parishioners were to show interest in renting the vacant garages then NDH would consider renovating them. Unanimously, clrs agreed to refer any parishioners complaining about parking in the Oakford Villas/Close area to NDH with a view to their exploring the possibility of their renting such vacant garages as a solution.

Section 106 Agreement Open Space Monies - Lower Poole Phase II - Work Continuing On Site Despite Non-adherence to Original S.106 Terms and With No Revised S.106 Agreement In Place - covered under items for discussion, below.

Collapsed Road Outside Village Shop Due To Pothole Fillings - County Cllr Yabsley confirmed that he would be chasing up the issue on 9th August.

Faulty And Obscured 20 MPH Warning Sign By The School - As the school had reported this issue to DCC and the effectiveness of any actions would not be known for a while, clrs agreed for the Clerk to take this item off the Clerk’s Report for the time being.

The Future of Heasley Mill Village Hall - The Clerk had e-mailed to clrs a scanned copy of the Conveyance and Trust Deed dated 3rd April, 1974, as requested.

The Road-naming For The Lower Poole Phase II Development - Whilst clrs had agreed at their July Meeting for the Clerk to inform NDC of Winzer Meadow as its choice of name, the Clerk had changed the name to Winsor Meadow and informed NDC of this name after having received unequivocal historical advice on the matter.

Matters Arising From The 11th July, 2018 Minutes Not On This Agenda - None

Items For Discussion

Lower Poole Development - Phase II - Update and Actions Required - Chairman Bulled stood down from the Chairman’s role and left the room with Cllr O’Brien deputising - all agreed. The Clerk reported that he had e-mailed Planning Case Officer Jean Watkins of NDC concerning the issues raised in July’s minutes and had chased her three times by e-mail and also by phone but had not received a response to date. **Action:** District Councillor Edgell agreed to make personal contact with the Case Officer concerned with a view to obtaining answers to the questions raised.

Parish Councillor Vacancy - Update On Progress - Chairman Bulled resumed her role - An ex-parish councillor had expressed an interest in re-joining the team and this matter would be followed up by the Chairman.

Highways Project Team Update - Cllr Milne thanked the rest of the Parish Council’s Highways Team for instructing contractor Woollacott to execute essential hedge and verge trimming works. Cllr Geen reported that the budget for this work had been fully expended. Other such work could be carried out on relatively less critical stretches of road such as at Brayley Bridge but clrs voted not to use £500 contingency money in this regard due to the lateness in the season and bearing in mind the likely usefulness of those funds towards envisaged forthcoming drainage maintenance works. The lack of communication from DCC Highways’ Dept with the Parish Council was raised again - improvement in this area by DCC was essential to ensure non-duplication of effort. **According to District Councillor**
Edgell, this issue remained on the radar of DCC’s senior management and would be discussed in a forthcoming workshop - there were staff resourcing issues.

Communities Together Fund 2018-19 - Action: After a considered debate cllrs agreed unanimously for the Clerk to contact NDC to investigate the feasibility of applying for a grant towards a projector and screen for community use in North Molton Victory Hall and if this were to meet the criteria for approval, in principle, to contact the Hall’s Management Committee with the suggestion that it might like to apply for a grant for such purposes.

Adopted BT Phone Box Update - Chairman Bulled reported that ex-parish councillor Palfreyman was working on the refurbishment.

282/08/18.10 Chairman’s Report/Urgent Matters Brought Forward By The Chairman - None

283/08/18.11 Finance

Barclays Community Account Balance as at: 31st July, 2018: £9,895.56
Barclays Business Premium Account Balance as at: 31st July, 2018: £6,035.44

Receipts: None

i) Payments:

a) Clerk’s Net Monthly Pay & Expenses - £378.40 - Net Pay: £347.20 plus contribution to telephone & office costs of £15.00 and travel expenses of £16.20 (mileage: 36);
(Please note that the detailed calculations in respect of the Clerk’s salary and expenses are made available to parish councillors at each meeting and are, in any event, subject to annual independent audit. Members of the public are welcome to inspect the figures at such meetings and during the agreed statutory period.)

iii) Any Other Accounts Received After Preparation of Agenda:

North Molton PCC - £111.00 - 50% Towards Maintenance of All Saints Church’s Clock

Unanimously, cllrs agreed to pay the above sums.

284/08/18.12 Correspondence - None

285/08/18.13 Reports - Laurels Playground - covered above under ‘Representations From The Public’.

286/08/18.14 Matters Brought Forward by The District & County Councillor - None

Date, Time and Venue of The Next Meeting To Be Held In The Victory Hall, Fore Street, North Molton:

Wednesday 12th September, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m..