MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th February, 2019 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present: Councillor Bulled (Chairman); Councillor Dunn (Vice Chairman); Councillor Darley; Councillor Geen; Councillor Kelland (left 9.05 pm); Councillor O’Brien; Councillor Peek; Councillor Procter; District Councillor Edgell; County Councillor Yabsley and the Parish Clerk, Noel Brooks

357/02/19.1 Apologies: - Cllrs Butt, Milne & Smaldon - all agreed.

358/02/19.2 Declaration of Interests: Chairman Bulled in respect of the Lower Poole Phase II Development - Item 9d - Vice Chairman Dunn took the Chair on this issue with Chairman Bulled leaving the room for the debate and any vote

359/02/19.3 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary: Chairman Bulled understood that DCC was proposing increasing the policing element of the Precept for 2019-20 by 41p/week for B and C properties to enable them to provide a sustainable policing service. At present, the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary only receives 26p/day/head from government funding as opposed to an average for the other constabularies of 33p.

360/02/19.4 Representations From The Public: Cllr Procter reported that the water leak in Back Lane was still an issue following the freezing of such water which had recently led to a member of the public breaking his leg. Cllr Procter had reported the problem, again - orange markers in the road indicated that the issue was being investigated and addressed. Chairman Bulled had contacted Environmental Health regarding sewage issues affecting the River Mole by the bridge where children often played in the warmer months - nearby cesspits had been emptied as a result but a drain between Tramlines and No 1 Costly Meadow was considered to be an ongoing problem. Action: The Clerk is to contact Steve Short at DCC requesting immediate remedial action in view of the risk to children’s health. Chairman Bulled had had concerns expressed to her by a number of parishioners regarding DCC’s decision to resurface the road outside the village shop without investigating the possible cause which was thought to be a collapsing drain. Chairman Bulled had raised this issue with the Highways Manager for DCC who did not consider the drain to be the cause. Chairman Bulled would continue to investigate the matter and put pressure on DCC to reconsider its strategy on this issue.

361/02/19.5 Planning

Planning Applications For Consideration Received Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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<td>Longstone Wells, Heasley Mill, North Molton, Devon EX36 3LQ Retrospective External Alterations To farmhouse And Ancillary Barns</td>
<td>Against - please see comments in italics, below.</td>
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<td>66101 (Mr O. Mathers)</td>
<td>17 Broad Close, North Molton, Devon EX36 3JD Extension To Dwelling And Erection of Detached Carport</td>
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Application For A Lawful Development Certificate
For Proposed Agricultural Vehicular Access Together With
Erection Of 2 Storey Rear Extension
Clrs would like clarification as to whether or not a Lawful Development Certificate
was appropriate given that the Access and Extension were described as being proposed.

66134
Locks Upcott, North Molton, Devon EX36 3JR
Erection Of One Agricultural Building
Clrs supported this application subject to the Planning Officer
being satisfied that the dimensions and access arrangements for
the agricultural building meet the requirements of the current planning regulations.

66158
9 Broad Close, North Molton, Devon EX36 3JD
Extension & Alterations
Clrs supported this application subject to the Planning Officer
ensuring that the height of the chimney meets the current regulations in relation
to the surrounding properties.

Planning Applications Advised Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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| 50080 (Erection of 23 Dwellings Together With Associated
  Off-site Highway Works (Originally Approved Under 41090))
  To Allow For The Approval Of Details In Relation To Energy Consumption,
  Northern Boundary Treatment, Stone Walling, Dwelling Enclosures,
  Soft Landscaping, Noise, Contamination, Infrastructure and The Access
  Road Design (Amended Description) |
| 65624    | Flitton Farm, Brayford, South Molton, Devon EX36 3EP | Approved |
| 65973    | South Leigh Farm, South Molton, Devon EX36 3EH | Approved |
| 65973    | Erection Of One General Purpose Agricultural Building |

362/02/19.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January, 2019 - approved, unanimously by those clrs who had attended the meeting.

363/02/19.7 Clerk’s Report on the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January, 2019 and any other important matters arising from previous Minutes -

Responsibility for Road Drainage - The Clerk had forwarded to clrs Tom Vaughan’s e-mail dated 8th February, 2019 which provided further clarification.

Lower Poole Development - On 18th January, 2019, the Clerk had sent letters to those members of the public who had attended the Parish Council’s December meeting, updating them with NDC’s latest response.
Update Flyer - Cllr Milhe had finalised the wording for the flyer and the Clerk had produced laminated versions, one of which had been placed on the main notice board. Other copies had been placed in the shop for members of the public to read/take home. The Flyer had also been published on the website.

Assessment of The Junction Where Back Lane Meets Heasley Mill Road - The Clerk had twice e-mailed R. Sables of DCC requesting that he provide an assessment of the junction - no response had been received to date.

Repainting of The White Road Markings In The Village and on the Approach to the Village - The Clerk had twice e-mailed R. Sables of DCC in this regard but had received no response to date. County Cllr Yabsley commented that the road markings would be repainted upon completion of the proposed road resurfacing works.

Letters of Thanks to Mr H. Phillips & Mr S. Palfreyman Regarding the Christmas Tree In The Square - The Clerk had sent such letters on 18th January.

364/02/19.8 Matters Arising From The 9th January, 2019 Minutes Not On This Agenda - None

365/02/19.9 Items For Discussion

Defibrillator - Decision Required In Response To South Western Ambulance Service’s E-mail of 17th January, 2019 - For clarification, the Clerk reported that the e-mail, which had been forwarded to clirs, had reminded the Parish Council that the contract to provide the equipment had expired early in 2018 and that the Service would be considering future removal of the defibrillator unless a new contract was executed. Alan Boddington, the Landlord of the Pultimore Inn where the unit is housed, reported that SWAS had recently replaced the battery and that he had sufficient replacement pads in reserve. He reminded clirs that SWAS was dependent upon the unit to meet its response times which were set by HM Government. After a considered debate, clirs voted, unanimously, to continue with the Parish Council’s policy as set out in the minutes of 11th July, 2018 (267.07.18.9) where the situation would continue to be monitored. Action: The Clerk is to endeavour to ascertain the terms of King’s Nympton Parish Council’s recent defibrillator contract renewal with SWAS and report back to clirs - all agreed.

Housing Need Survey - Agree Wording for Covering Letter and Survey Form - After a considered debate, clirs agreed, unanimously,

a) for Q9 of the Template Parish Housing Survey to be replaced with 9a: Of the houses already in the planning pipeline for North Molton, what type of dwelling would you like to see become available?, and 9b: Do you have any other comments regarding housing in the village/parish?

b) for 500 copies of the survey form and covering letter to be printed;

c) for the survey to take place in June 2019.

Action: The Clerk is to respond to the organiser of the survey with clirs’ wishes under ‘a-c’ above.

Decision Required on What To Do With The Space Once Occupied by The Rowan Tree in The Square - Chairman Bulled reported that she had met with R. Sables of DCC Highways who had confirmed that he would be requesting an assessment/survey in respect of the Rowan Tree Junction in the Square.

Action: After an in-depth debate, clirs agreed (vote 6 for and 2 against) for the Clerk to e-mail DCC Highways with their majority view that the mud should be cleared away from the cobble-stones with the space subject to any recommendations following any reassessment of the junction by DCC.

Lower Poole Development - Phase II - S.106 Public Open Space ‘Committed Sum’ - Decision Required on a Project for Laurels Playground - The Clerk explained the latest rules governing the application process for the five interested parties in the parish, all of whom had been contacted separately by NDC. Unanimously, clirs agreed to defer any decision on a project until their next meeting in March in order to allow more time for receipt of feedback from parents from children at the local school and for clirs to consider potential ideas.

Demo of Epson EB-990-OU Projector - Decision Required for Clerk To Go Ahead and Arrange the Purchase of Such Projector via The Purple Cat Co. at £580.00 Excluding VAT and For Him To Also Arrange The Purchase of An Apple TV Box From Amazon at £129.99 and a Suitable Projection Screen (Price Between £650 - £700). Cllr noted he had tried

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aspects involved and agreed for the Clerk to a) obtain a cost summary for the purchase of the projector an screen with 16:9 aspect ratio and, say, 3m width, a portable screen with 16:9 aspect ratio and, say, 2m width, suitable protective case for the projector, an Apple TV Box and a folding stand for the projector and, b) obtain permission from Victory Hall to install the permanent projector screen. Cllr Peek kindly agreed to donate an HDMI cable once the projector had been purchased. The Clerk is to investigate whether or not the projector demonstrated has built-in wi-fi connectivity to a wi-fi router and ascertain the cost of a similar model with such built-in facility, if not. Cllrs agreed that the projector should be stored in the Parish Council’s filing cabinet when not in use.

Highways Project Team Update & Actions/Approvals Required - Cllr Geen reported that the contractor, Forks2U, had been addressing the next stage of the agreed edge-ploughing works. Cllr Peek informed cllrs that contractor, Woollacott (SW) Ltd, was intending to carry out jetting works at Upcott.

Community Speed Watch - Update - Cllr Peek reported that he had applied to join the scheme and was awaiting a response.

Adopted BT Phone Box Update - Chairman Bulled reported that she had received positive responses for the phone box to be used as an Information Centre - a diary and map were considered to be useful inclusions along with input from the History Society. Cllr Procter informed cllrs that Beryl Poling, who lives opposite the phone box, had agreed, kindly, to keep a close eye on the facility, once it was up and running.

366/02/19.10 Chairman’s Report/Urgent Matters Brought Forward By The Chairman - None

367/02/19.11 Finance

Barclays Community Account Balance as at: 31st January, 2019: £10,158.60
Barclays Business Premium Account Balance as at: 31st January, 2019: £6,041.46

Receipts: None

Payments:

a) Clerk’s Net Monthly Pay & Expenses - £397.44 - Net Pay: £366.24 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: None

Unanimously, cllrs agreed to pay the above sum.

368/02/19.12 Correspondence - The Clerk had received an e-mail from Rosemary Courtney of the Friends of North Molton Churches expressing her concern to the Parish Council that some of the details regarding amenities and contacts were out of date although specific details were not provided. Action: The Clerk is to amend the contact person for such updates on the website to The Clerk. Chairman Bulled is to inform the Clerk of any changes in details revealed as part of her BT Phone Box work and to guide any others with update queries to the Clerk via the website.

369/02/19.13 Reports

Laurels Playground - Cllr Darley reported that everything was in order bar some strapping work for the protective padding on the goalposts. The Clerk informed cllrs that he had arranged the Annual Safety Inspection for some time in March (Play safety couldn’t specify an exact date due to workloads) - the cost would be £82.20.
19.14 Matters Brought Forward by The District Councillor - District Cllr Edgel reported that the Parish was not being halved due to NDC's current clrrs having voted against the proposal. Improvements to the Barns Bridge junction in the form of a new roundabout had been agreed but no specific date for commencement of the works was yet available.

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

Wednesday 13th March, 2019 at 7.30 p.m. The Meeting closed at 10.02 p.m.

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12/03/19