MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th January, 2019 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present: Councillor Bulled (Chairman); Councillor Dunn (Vice Chairman); Councillor Butt; Councillor Darley; Councillor Geen; Councillor Kelland; Councillor Milne; Councillor O’Brien; Councillor Peek; Councillor Procter; Councillor Smaldon; District Councillor Edgell; County Councillor Yabsley (arrived at 8.01 pm) and the Parish Clerk, Noel Brooks

343/01/19.1 Apologies: None

344/01/19.2 Declaration of Interests: Chairman Bulled in respect of the Lower Poole Phase II Development - Vice Chairman Dunn took the Chair on this issue with Chairman Bulled leaving the room for the debate and any vote. Cllr Geen regarding Planning Application: 65870 and Cllr Smaldon regarding Planning Application: 66053 - both cllrs left the room during the respective debates and votes.

345/01/19.3 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary: No issues were raised and there was no report.

346/01/19.4 Representations From The Public: None

347/01/19.5 Planning

Planning Applications For Consideration Received Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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<td>Underhill Farm, (Land At NGR 273172 128379) North Molton, Devon</td>
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(See Reasons Below In Italics)

Prior Approval For Change Of Use Of Agricultural Building To One Dwellinghouse (Class Q(A)(B))

Unanimously, cllrs voted against this application on the grounds that the previous Prior Notification Approval in 2012 for the erection of a building for the housing of agricultural machinery and storage had indicated an on-going need for such a facility. The concern is that the current building’s replacement with a dwelling house might well lead to a further application for another agricultural storage unit in the future due to the on-going need.

Planning Applications Advised Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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(Mr. R. Bagley)

Erection of Extension To Agricultural Building For Storage/Livestock

(Miss T. Blackmore)

Approval Of Details In Respect Of Discharge Of Condition 3 (Written Scheme Of Investigation) Attached To Planning Permission 64073 (Conversion Of A Group Of Traditional Redundant...
Agricultural Buildings To Form A Wedding & Events Venue (Use Class D2), Associated Accommodation, Car Parking & Associated Works, Including Small Single Storey Extension & The Demolition & Rebuild Of Small Modern Block (Amended Documents)

66000 Land At NGR 270779 129764, North Molton, Devon Approved
(Mr K. Bines)
Prior Notification For Extension To Agricultural Storage Building
(Case Received by NDC on 13/12/2018 With Decision Made by NDC On 21/12/2018)

348/01/19.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December, 2018 - approved, unanimously by those cllrs who had attended the meeting.

349/01/19.7 Clerk’s Report on the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December, 2018 and any other important matters arising from previous Minutes -

Thanks For Provision and Maintenance of Dog Poo Bin On The Old Road - The Clerk had posted a letter of thanks to Mr & Mrs George of Roberts Field in this regard.

Rowan Tree In The Square - The Clerk had placed the issue on the January 2019 Agenda as requested.

Update Sought from Exmoor National Park Authority On Its Tied Occupancy Policy - The Clerk had forwarded the response dated 4th January from Tessa Saunders of Exmoor National Park to cllrs.

DCC Locality Grant - Purchase of Portable Projector & Screen - The Clerk was working on the project.

Responsibility for Drainage - The Clerk had forwarded to cllrs the ‘Living With Water’ document kindly provided by Tom Vaughan of DCC in respect of drainage responsibility. Action: The Clerk is to ask Tom to clarify the responsibilities for road drainage/water.

Leaking Water Main in Back Lane - Cllr Procter reported that the issue had disappeared but would be monitored.

350/01/19.8 Matters Arising From The 12th December, 2018 Minutes Not On This Agenda - None

351/01/19.9 Items For Discussion

Lower Poole Development - Phase II - Update and Actions Required - District Cllr Edgell reported, positively, on the progress made. The initial Public Open Space ‘commuted sum’ monies due under the S.106 Agreement would appear to have been forwarded through the BACS system to NDC although unequivocal confirmation of such transfer was still awaited. The site was being actively managed - NDC had made a few observations which were being addressed. Action: The Clerk is to write to the members of the public who had commented on the site at the Parish Council’s December meeting, informing them of NDC’s latest findings - all agreed.

Highways Project Team Update & Actions/Approvals Required - Cllr Milne reported that a further Team Meeting was envisaged for January. Action: An Update Flyer would be produced by Cllr Milne following any cllr requested amendments to the document. The Clerk is to print off a combination of laminated and un-laminated copies. The completed poster is to be pinned to the main notice-board by the Clerk and copies are to be placed in the shop for the public’s perusal - all agreed.

Rowan Tree In The Square - Actions: The Clerk is to place the issue of what to do with the road space once occupied by the Rowan tree on the February 2019 Agenda. The Clerk is to request DCC’s Highways Manager, Richard Sables, to make and provide an assessment of the junction involved. The Clerk is to ask Highways to repaint the white road markings in the village and on the approach to the village once the road re-surfacing has been carried out - all agreed.
Community Speed Watch - **Action:** Cllr Peek agreed to apply to be part of the scheme and to then assess what came out of it and revert.

Adopted BT Phone-box Update - Cllrs still viewed its usage as an ideal Information Centre for local clubs and societies. **Action:** Chairman Bulled would continue to contact such concerns for their views and revert.

**352/01/19.10 Chairman’s Report/Urgent Matters Brought Forward By The Chairman** - None

**353/01/19.11 Finance**

Barclays Community Account Balance as at: 31st December, 2018: £10,775.43
Barclays Business Premium Account Balance as at: 31st December, 2018: £ 6,041.46

**Receipts:** Business premium Account - Interest Earned Gross For The Period 3rd Sept. to 2nd Dec. - £3.01

- **Payments:**
  - **a) Clerk’s Net Monthly Pay & Expenses - £432.18** - Net Pay: £366.24 plus contribution to telephone & office costs of £15.00 and travel expenses of £16.20 (mileage: 36) Plus Annual Website Domain Fee (One.com) - Invoice No: 23165908 - Debited to Clerk’s Bank Account on 22/12/2018 - £34.74; (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.)
  - **b) HMRC - £127.80** - PAYE Due in January In Respect of the Period: Oct. - Dec. 2018;
  - **c) Tekline Publishing - £38.85** - Annual Website Maintenance Fee Invoice: 10208 - (The Clerk has invoiced the North Molton History Society for £36.79 In Respect of the Shared Website Domain and Maintenance Fee Costs Totalling £73.59, i.e. (£34.74 + £38.85)/2, rounded down).

Any Other Accounts Received After Preparation of Agenda:

Mr D. Loosemore - £18.00 - Provision of Electricity for Christmas Tree Lights.

**Action:** The Clerk is to write letters of thanks to Harold Phillips and Stephen Palfreyman for putting up the Christmas Tree and decorating it.

Unanimously, clrs agreed to pay the above sums.

**354/01/19.12 Correspondence** - None

**355/01/19.13 Reports**

Laurels Playground - Cllr Darley reported that everything was in order.

**356/01/19.14 Matters Brought Forward by The District Councillor** - District Cllr Edgell reported that he had allocated the remaining Local Councillor Grants Funding towards the fireworks for November 2019 and a contribution towards travel costs in respect of an outing for North Molton’s senior citizens.

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

**Wednesday 13th February, 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

The Meeting closed at 9.01 p.m.