MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTH MOLTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th October, 2019 IN THE VICTORY HALL

Present: Councillor R. Peek (Chairman); Councillor J. Dunn (Vice Chairman); Councillor E. Bulled; Councillor A. Darley; Councillor B. Geen; Councillor R. Procter; District Councillor E. Bulled and the Parish Clerk, Noel Brooks

471/10/19.1 Apologies: Cllrs I. Milne & R. Smaldon - Absent: Cllr R. Butt & County Cllr Yabsley - all agreed.

472/10/19.2 Declaration of Interests: None

473/10/19.3 Devon and Cornwall Constabulary: None

474/10/19.4 Representations From The Public: None

475/10/19.5 Planning:

Planning Applications For Consideration Received Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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<td>70527</td>
<td>Hall House, Lambscombe Farm, North Molton South Molton, Devon EX36 3JU Removal of condition 2 (holiday occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 23617 to allow for full residential use. The Parish Council was of the opinion that the title of the application was misleading in that it only refers to the removal of condition 2 for the main residence when the Planning Statement refers to removal of condition 2 for three holiday cottages, in addition. The Parish Council is of the opinion that the main residence and holiday cottages should be handled as separate planning applications.</td>
<td>Against (Vote: 1 For &amp; 5 Against Please see the comments below in italics)</td>
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| 62/49/19/002 (Exmoor Nat.Pk) | Longstone Wells, Heasley Mill, North Molton, Devon Proposed Formation Of A New Access Track And Associated Landscaping. Retrospective. As Per Amended And Additional Plans. | Against on the grounds that it represented yet further retrospective work. |

Planning Applications Advised Since Last Parish Council Meeting

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<td>Hunniwins, South Molton, Devon EX36 3EX Prior Notification For Erection Of One Agricultural Building</td>
<td>Not Required</td>
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<td>70171</td>
<td>The Old Chapel Road, From Yardewells Cross To Molland Cross, South Molton, Devon EX36 3EU - GRID REF: 271129; 133259 Demolition of garden store, plus extension and conversion of garage to form two bedroom holiday let.</td>
<td>Withdrawn</td>
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<td>70196</td>
<td>Chancery House, South Molton, Devon EX36 3EU Extension &amp; Alterations to Dwelling &amp; erection of Garden</td>
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Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of North Molton Parish Council held on 11th September, 2019 - approved, unanimously by those clrs who had attended the meeting.

Clerk’s Report on the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September, 2019 -

Exploration of Possibility For Additional Car Park For North Molton On DCC-owned Land Adjacent to Roberts Field and Opposite The Lower Poole Phase II Development - The Parish Council was still awaiting the outcome of DCC’s investigation into the feasibility of this suggestion.

New Defibrillator At The Poltimore Inn - The Clerk had purchased the spare pads as instructed and placed them in the defibrillator’s heated housing unit with appropriate identification and instructions at the Poltimore Inn. The Clerk had de-registered the defibrillator from the SWAS Registration Scheme as requested.

Issues Arising From The Footpath Warden’s Report 2019 - The Clerk had requested the Rights of Way Officer to contact the relevant landowner with a view to their removing the bank of soil at the bottom of the lane on Footpath 4 as such bank of soil was considered to be a potential hazard. The Clerk had also asked such Officer to confirm the route of the footpath at Pitt Farm from the Definitive Map due to the footpath sign indicating a route through the farm and the owners understanding that the route had been re-diverted around the farm. The Clerk had had no response to date.

Provision by County Cllr Yabsley to the Clerk of Contact Details for Both Local Rural and other crime reporting for inclusion on Cllr Listing and Website - County Cllr Yabsley had made a note to provide the Clerk with this information. The Clerk would continue to chase County Cllr Yabsley for the details.

Listing Of Raised Pavement In East Street & Cobblestones Outside The Village Shop - Vice Chairman Dunn would be contacting Historic England with a view to arranging the listing/s.

Inclusion of Chairman Peek as an NMPC Barclays Bank plc signatory - Action: The Clerk had obtained the paperwork which required Chairman Peek’s completion and signature.

Matters Arising From The 11th September, 2019 Minutes Not On This Agenda - None

Items For Discussion:

Housing Need Survey - Rural Housing Enabler, Colin Savage, summarised the recently-undertaken Housing Need Survey which had identified a need for six affordable homes in the parish of North Molton - the need for a further two affordable homes had been identified from the Housing Register. From the Survey, three two-bedroom houses were required along with three three-bedroom houses. The allocated sites under planning applications in the pipeline could deliver the required affordable housing subject to an indeterminate timescale whereas a Community Land Trust would take a minimum of three years to deliver such housing. Cllrs agreed that they needed time to accommodate and assimilate the various options and, in particular, the complexity of Community Land Trusts - they would let the Clerk know when they wanted the issue placed on a future Agenda.

Planning Consultations For Future North Devon And Torridge Developments - District Cllr Bulled confirmed that this concerned proposed amendments to the existing Local Plan - in respect of rural housing, the proposals tightened up the rules on development - unanimously, clrs agreed for District Councillor Bulled to comment, on the Parish Council’s behalf, on the Consultation in respect of rural housing;
Councillor Vacancies Update - There were still two vacancies with no one coming forward to date - the vacancies would continue to be advertised on the notice board, website and through the minutes;

Highways Project Team Update - Chairman Peek commented that no update was available due to the team not being due to meet until the following week;

Laurels Playground Project Team Update - After a considered debate, cllrs respected the basic tenet on which the playground had been bequeathed and voted unanimously in favour of the playground continuing to cater for all age groups from toddler to teenager with the provision of some form of partition/fencing between a ball games area and play equipment zone subject to the availability of £106 funding. The owner of the eastern wall had agreed for the Parish Council to remove the overhanging ivy on the eastern elevation - the owner had also agreed to pay for and arrange the cutting back of the overhanging tree branches subject to any planning conditions which might apply. The owner was averse to arranging and paying for any renovation. Action: Cllrs agreed to form a working group to clear away the overhanging ivy on Sunday 3rd November, 2019 at 2 pm. One tree with overhanging branches was owned by the Church - Cllr Bulled had made Mr Fox aware of the situation and understood that the Church would be willing to pay for and carry out any appropriate pruning work subject to any planning conditions which might apply. Cllrs agreed that it was imperative to understand the condition of the western wall owned by the Feoffees in order to ascertain whether or not it required renovation for reasons of safety - Action: Cllr Geen agreed to investigate whether or not there had been a recent survey of the said wall and to report back to the Parish Council with any engineer’s findings - Chairman Peek reported that a member of the Friday Club had turned up pre-meeting and would be carrying out a survey to identify preferred play equipment options - Cllr Bulled agreed to approach the school, too in this latter regard;

Adopted BT Phone Box Project & Updating Of Website Contact Data For Amenities, Groups & Artisans - By phone, Cllr Bulled had obtained the new contact details for the updating of the website and was in the process of forwarding the database to the Clerk for onward transmission to the website administrator. The Clerk informed cllrs that e-mail confirmation of individuals’ GDPR consents for inclusion of their personal details on the website was required.
Action: Cllr Bulled is to obtain the necessary e-mail GDPR consents and forward them to the Clerk along with the attendant database.

Planters In The Square Update - Chairman Peek confirmed that the wood was being provided, kindly, free-of-charge by Mr J. Fanthorpe and that Mr S. Davis had kindly pledged to commence the work - the new planters would have increased height.

480/10/19.10 Chairman’s Report/Urgent Matters Brought Forward By The Chairman - Chairman Peek had attended the recent Highways Conference in Filleigh with Cllr Bulled. Whilst the proposed new roundabout for Borner Bridge had been discussed, no plans had been made available. Steve Short of DCC was supportive of the highways-related work North Molton Parish Council had been undertaking on its behalf. Cllrs agreed, unanimously, for the Clerk to hold the making of a new application for HMCEF funding in abeyance until after November’s Parish Council Meeting when the budget would be discussed and agreed for 2020-21. Chairman Peek intimated that the contractor Forks2U had been informed that it would not be paid until all of the requested works had been completed. Cllr Bulled expressed disappointment that such contractor had not identified the drains where he had completed works which had prevented the Highways Team from logging such information on the online control map.

481/10/19.11 Finance

Barclays Community Account Balance as at 30th September, 2019: £12,963.12
Barclays Business Premium Account Balance as at 30th September, 2019: £ 6,050.50

Receipts:
2) **Barclays Business Premium Account** - £3.02 - Interest Received For The Period: 3/6/19 to 1/9/19;

Payments:

a) **Clerk’s Net Monthly Pay & Expenses** - £361.50 - Net Pay: £338.40 plus contribution to telephone & office costs of £15.00 and travel expenses of £8.10;

b) **HMRC** - £253.20 - PAYE in respect of the period: July - September 2019

ii) Any Other Accounts Received After Preparation of Agenda: None

Unanimously, cllrs agreed to pay the above sums.

*482/10/19.12 Correspondence* - The Clerk had received an e-mail from Sheila Coe who had expressed concern about speeding vehicles in East Street between the shop and Broad Close. **Action:** The Clerk is to reply to the correspondent by acknowledging such concerns and by informing her that the Parish Council’s Chairman had applied to join the **Community SpeedWatch Scheme**, the administrators of which he would be chasing in order to effect his enrolment which would hopefully bring benefits towards reducing speeding in the parish. **Action:** Chairman Peek is to chase the administrators of the **Community SpeedWatch Scheme** with a view to effecting his enrolment and training.

*483/10/19.13 Reports*

**Heasley Mill Village Hall** - Cllr Procter reported that NDC had approved £5k of S.106 POS monies towards the Hall’s Car Park Project.

**Rocks Lane - Blocked Drainage** - Cllr Procter reported that the drainage at a certain point was blocked solid and causing a potentially damaging and dangerous overflow across the road’s surface. **Action:** The **Highways Team** is to investigate and report the matter to **DCC Highways** in the round.

*484/10/19.14 Matters Brought Forward by The District Councillor* - District Cllr Bulled had attended the recent **Exmoor National Park Parish Forum Meeting** - there had been interesting presentations/discussions on **Health & Wellbeing** and **Rural Enterprises** in the Park - it was interesting to note that Exmoor had no identifiable brand through which its produce could be sold. District Cllr Bulled had also attended the recent **NDC Town & Parish Forum** which had been well-supported. Cara Stobart had provided an interesting presentation on the basics of how parish councils operated. There had been a presentation on the general aspects of NDC’s **Corporate Plan**. A presentation by the **Devon & Cornwall Police** had also proved interesting. District Cllr Bulled had joined the **Climate Change Workgroup**.

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

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

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m..