

Hemyock Parish Monthly Council Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 1930 hrs on 1st February 2012

The Chairman opened the meeting with the news that the Clerk had been put on sick leave from mid January until end of May. The Council requested that the Chairman send him their best wishes.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Donna Evans who would be taking the minutes in the Clerk's absence.

Subject	Action
<p>1. Present: Mrs H Stallard (Chairman), Mr I McCulloch (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Brooke, Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist (attended from item 8), Mr J Edwards, Mr S Major, Mr L Povah, Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor, departed after item 6), Mr R Radford (County Councillor, attended from item 14) and 7 members of the public. Apologies: Mrs L Clist (business), Mr R Hart (away)</p>	All to Note
<p>2. Public Question Time. There were 3 items raised by the public:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Culmbridge Road.</u> Outside Doble's poultry yard the gully/drain needs lifting and re-setting. 2. <u>South View Road.</u> The contractors have patched the surface but left mounds of chippings which are dangerous. Someone has already fallen over. The weather has been too cold for the job to be completed. However, things currently look worse than before work started. The whole area needs reviewing as at present the rain water pools outside front doors. Mr Rosamond will look into this work. 3. <u>Cemetery.</u> Wheelie bin needs providing- ongoing. 	Clerk Cllr Rosamond Mr McCulloch
<p>3. Minutes from Previous Meetings and Matters Arising. The Council minutes of 8th December were accepted as a true record* and they were proposed, seconded and passed unanimously. *With the following amendment:- Item 8. Finance, under expenditure the first item should read CCD (Community Council of Devon) and not DDC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Road Sweeping.</u> Paths by the Primary School have been swept. 2. <u>Cemetery path/over-hanging shrubs.</u> These have been trimmed. 3. <u>Old Station Yard Bin.</u> This has been retrieved. 4. <u>Outstanding actions from last minutes.</u> Mr McCulloch will check how far David Barton, the Clerk, had got with the outstanding action points. 	All to Note Mr McCulloch
<p>4. District Council Report: Mr Rosamond reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Car parking charges are being debated. The Council wanted it fed back that increasing car parking charges will discourage people from rural communities from visiting the town. This is disadvantageous to both urban regeneration and for the residents of rural communities. 2. Consultative Document on Economic Regeneration – responses required by 20th February 2012. 3. Broadband – There are 3 national pilot schemes for super fast broadband. £50m has been made available but further investment is required. Businesses will need to respond to survey and lobby for this. The survey needs to be completed by 6th February 2012. Please see the website 	Cllr Rosamond All to Note

<p>www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk</p> <p>4. Flexible Tenancies – more information to follow on this.</p> <p>5. A member of the public asked Mr Rosamond about a recent press article concerning taking council tenants to the cinema. Mr Rosamond explained that it was part of a scheme to improve relations between the District Council and its tenants, intended to encourage tenants to become more involved with the council and to provide feedback on relevant issues.</p>	<p>All to Note</p>
<p>5. Planning. Approval received for:-</p> <p>1. 11/01814/FULL dated 22 Nov 11. Erection of open sided agricultural shed over existing silage storage area at Abbey View Farm, Hemyock.</p> <p>Applications received for:-</p> <p>1. 12/00030/FULL – Telephone Exchange. A few minor amendments to the existing plans already approved. Plans proposed, seconded and passed.</p> <p>2. 11/02013/OUT – 11 Tedders Close. Outline plans for a bungalow in garden. HPC hope to visit the site at 9am Saturday 4th February. Mr McCulloch to arrange.</p> <p>3. 11/01962/FULL – Studleys. Conversion of garden stores into one holiday let, to include installation of new drainage treatment plant. This was previously discussed on 11th January. The Chairman declared an interest. Plans proposed, seconded and passed subject to three conditions:- maximum time allowed for holiday lets, must be separate from and ancillary to the main house, and as per pre application advice.</p> <p>4. Mr S Major asked that the clerk gives the full planning reference numbers to the HPC as soon as possible. All to look on the Planning Portal for planning information prior to meeting.</p>	<p>Mr McCulloch</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>6. Finance: The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income. One item of income has been received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £111.12 Pring & Son • Expenditure: The following invoices have been received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £22.00 Hall hire 2. £11.59 Cemetery water 3. £107.35 MDDC election return 4. £10.83 Stationery, postage 5. £46.98 Mr Pike grass cutting in cemetery <p>All 5 payments were proposed, seconded and passed unanimously by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other financial matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. QDJ Mr S Major declared an interest. A request has been received from the QDJ Committee for a contribution towards costs. The committee need some funds now so that they can book marquees in case of inclement weather etc. HPC had hoped for £1,000 from the County Council but this has not yet been agreed. Mr Rosamond to follow this up. In the meantime HPC proposed, seconded and agreed to underwrite expenditure up to £1,000 to the QDJ committee. All invoices for the QDJ should be made to HPC so that VAT can be reclaimed. The committee have organised a Quiz Night on 10th February to raise further funds. 	<p>All to note</p> <p>Cllr Rosamond</p> <p>Mr S Major</p>

<p>The committee are planning the following events for the QDJ weekend:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1950s Dance and disco at Longmead, • 1950s style vehicle procession, • Outdoor interdenominational service, • family picnic on the Sunday (which is a national event), • 20/20 cricket match and tea, • ‘It’s a Knockout’ involving youth football teams, • tree planting event. <p>2. <u>Forecast Income & Expenditure</u> - In December HPC decided not to increase precept. A precept of £56,350 was proposed, seconded and agreed. Thanks to Mr McCulloch and the Finance Committee for all the hard work put in. Detailed budget to be finalised.</p>	<p>Finance Committee</p>
<p>7. Highways: There were 9 items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Flood bridge</u>. HPC need to write to Highways to request formal adoption of the flood bridge. Adoption will take a year from writing and bridge must be in good order at that time. Clerk to write to Highways Agency. 2. <u>Culm Davy Farm</u>. The outstanding road works have been completed. 3. <u>Virtual Path</u>. The Chairman and Mr Povah have met with Rhys Davies, DCC to look at other options for the virtual path. HPC will wait for DCC suggestions. Hedges could be trimmed to improve visibility. The Chairman will speak to Mr Redwood. Moving path through the industrial estate is not an option, it is private and the paths are not continuous. 4. <u>Spar footpath</u>. It is becoming apparent that DCC are not going to fund any work, but they may be prepared to provide plans. One house is now on the market which might complicate matters. 5. <u>Pen Cross Hill lay by</u>. DCC Highways has no budget for this but it is still hoped that they will provide the official plans. 6. <u>Prowses</u>. A member of the public has contacted HPC to say the pavement outside 37 – 41 Prowses is a trip hazard. Mr S Major will walk it and send email to Mrs Stallard. HPC believe it is due for resurfacing. 7. <u>Hotline</u>. Mr McCulloch will check contact book to determine if there is a direct free phone number for reporting problems with drains etc. 8. <u>Parish Lengthsman</u>. HPC need to know when he is scheduled to visit Hemyock. Mr McCulloch to get copy of schedule. 9. <u>Estate Caretaker</u>. A lorry with signage indicating MDDC Estate Caretaker has been seen loitering around Prowses and Castle Park. The men inside the lorry pull up for a few hours, do nothing and then leave. Mr Radford will try to find out who they are and what they are meant to be doing. Could members of the public report back more information such as registration numbers. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Mr S Major</p> <p>Mr McCulloch</p> <p>Mr McCulloch</p> <p>Cllr Radford</p>
<p>8. Cemetery: The tree has been dealt with.</p>	
<p>9. Footpaths. Footpath issues were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Footpath No.2, Culmstock part and bridleway No. 38 Culmstock and restricted byway No. 1 Hemyock</u>. Notice of modification order received. 2. <u>Toogoods to Blackdown Common</u>. This footpath can be accessed and 	

<p>maintained but DCC cannot make a claim on it due to a Forestry Commission Act which protects the land.</p> <p>3. <u>Burleyhayes route</u>. HPC has some user evidence but needs more. A notice needs to be posted again. David Pugsley was suggested as a useful contact. Clerk to include in PR.</p>	<p>Mr L Povah Clerk</p>
<p>10. <u>Culm Valley Trail Update</u>: There is an open meeting in the Culmstock Village Hall this Saturday (4th February) 10.30 – 1.00. The purpose of the meeting is to clear the air and give accurate information about this vision. It is important to note that this trail is just a vision at this stage and MDDC are keen to get everyone on side, land owners and users alike. MDDC own part of the railway track and want to develop this but there are access issues and they need land owners onside. The AONB have promised money for this project and a potential £30k may come from Viridor, but this has to be matched funded.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Millhayes Garage Update</u>. Talks with Charlotte Wheadon (Community Council of Devon) are being arranged over Viridor application and who will submit it.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>12. <u>Community Land Trust Update (CLT)</u>. Registration fee has been reduced from £500 to £40. Progress is slow but Hastoe are doing some plans. The CLT will form a major item on the Village Meeting to be held possibly in March.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>13. <u>Correspondence</u>. The Council were advised of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHS Foundation Application – this was emailed to everyone on 8th January. 2. Devon Association of Local Councils, received. 3. PULSE North Devon Healthcare update, received. 4. Glasdon magazine, received. 5. Parish Matters – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • old computers are available to local groups. • Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – HPC agreed in principle to register Longmead, subject to clarification with legal representatives reference any future limitations regarding planning issues e.g. extension to pavilion etc. 6. Senior Council Devon – passed to Mr Edwards. 7. Devon Playing Field Association – Form to be completed in order to continue getting copy of Village Green. 	<p>Mr McCulloch Clerk</p>
<p>14. <u>County Council Report</u>. Mr Radford reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Roadsweeping</u>. This has not been done as often as it should and will improve in the future. 2. <u>Budgets</u>. DCC need to save £40m. £20m has been saved so far through voluntary redundancies. 3. <u>Salting Roads</u>. This time last year DCC had spent £600k on salting the roads, this financial year so far only £130k spent. 4. <u>Civil Parking</u>. Only 70% of parking tickets are paid. DCC are looking at improving this percentage. 5. <u>Children in care</u>. Currently 690 children are in care and the number is rising. 6. <u>Academies</u>. Around 50% of schools in Devon are converting to academy status. 	

<p>15. <u>Chairman's Business.</u> The Chairman had the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lights have been reported shining into houses behind the cemetery. Members of public to keep us informed and Police to be alerted. 2. It has been noted that cyclists are riding through the village without lights or reflective wear in the early morning. Clerk to mention in PR. 3. Healthy Living Centre. There have been problems with youths congregating outside the HLC. The police have been called previously and Steve Arnold needs to continue to call police if problems persist. 4. Street light in Castle Park is off – member of public to furnish us with number in order to report it. 	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Steve Arnold</p>
<p>16. <u>PR:</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclists not being seen very clearly, especially early mornings (paper rounds) • Burleyhayes Route – new notice and existing users needed to come forward. • Broadband – promote website and ask people to complete survey 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> Wednesday 7th March 2012 at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

Meeting then adjourned at 21.45: move to Section 2 Meeting.

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