

Hemyock Parish Council **2nd June 2010**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Forbes Lounge under the chairmanship of Mrs.H.Stallard.

Present – Mrs.H.Stallard, Mr.P.Steed, Mr.R.Brooke, Mr.J.Edwards, Mr.R.Hart, Mrs.L.Clist, Mr.L.Povah and Mrs.S.Cartledge. Also present was Mr.R.Radford – County Councillor and 8 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr.I.McCulloch, Pastor S.Reed and Mr.F.Rosamond.

It was proposed by Mr.J.Edwards, seconded by Mrs.S.Cartledge that **The Minutes** of the May meeting be signed as a correct record, all agreed.

It was proposed by Mr.R.Brooke, seconded by Mr.P.Steed that **The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting** be signed as a correct record, all agreed.

Matters Arising

1) Mrs.Stallard said that the Parish Council had been looking into the possibility of having allotments at Shuttleton Common. Mr.Steed said that he had had a reply from the A.O.N.B. giving lots of reasons why we would not be able to have allotments on the common, one being that it was a County Wildlife site; they also said they would not support the project.

Mrs.Stallard said that as no other land has been offered for use as allotments we are back to the two sites that we already own; the land to the north of the sewage works in Longmead and the land to the north of the cemetery.

Mr.Brooke suggested we have meetings at both of these sites to see what could be achieved at Longmead and how we could make a compromise route to access the land to the north of the cemetery; then we could test public opinion on the matter.

We have still been unable to find out exactly how many allotments we are legally bound to provide for the parish.

2) It is understood that the planning application for a wind turbine at Great Garlandhayes, Clayhidon, has been refused.

District Council Report

Mr.Rosamond was not able to be present to give a report.

County Council Report

1) Mrs.P.Lowman had made an enquiry to M.P. Mr.Neil Parish about the provision of allotments; following this request Mr.Radford said he had been asked to find out about the laws on providing allotments for parishioners; he felt he probably would not be able to find out anything different from what we already know; also it was not a County Council issue.

Mr.Steed said that we have made lots of enquiries and the law is not clear; Mrs.Stallard

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said that we need to know the minimum requirement.

Mrs.P.Lowman said she would contact M.P. Neil Parish again.

2) Councillors have received a copy of the road defects report from the County Council Highways department.

3) The road markings at Symonsburrow will not be done until the road has been resurfaced later in the year.

4) Amanda Pitchford had sent an e.mail about works to be carried out, which Mrs.Stallard read out; she said she did not agree with Amanda Pitchford's remarks about the central line around the corner by the Post Office.

5) Mr.Radford asked if the hedge by the surgery had been cut back yet; Mrs.Stallard replied that it had not.

6) Mrs.Stallard said that there was going to be a HATOC meeting on 21st June and asked Mr.Radford to ensure that the money to do the rest of the pavement, to the north of the Spar shop to the entrance to the industrial estate, was reinstated.

7) Mrs.Stallard said that we had received a schedule of when the Parish Lengthsman would be in Hemyock; however he had already made his Spring visit before we received the letter, so there had been no time to tell him what needed to be done. One job that did need doing was cutting back the hedge by the Old School Court.

8) Boundary Commission – the bid for Exeter to become a Unitary Authority is now all off.

Blackdown Parishes Network

Mrs.Stallard said that this was originally being led by Mr.Graham Langford; but he has resigned from everything.

At the beginning of the year it was decided to ask for help from a PhD student from Exeter University; she was interviewed then no more was heard from her.

Recently a meeting was held with 17 chairmen from Parish Councils all over the Blackdowns, apologies were received from 8 more parishes.

It was decided that if all the parishes work together on things common to all of us perhaps something could be achieved. It was decided to e.mail the parishes and ask for their top 5 priority problems, then by working together we would have a bigger voice. One of the things suggested was to stop heavy through traffic.

The Devon and Somerset County Councils and the local District Councils are all very keen that this Network does get up and running with a Community Plan.

Planning

Approvals

10/00234/FULL – Mr.D.Barton, Prings Farm.

10/00447/FULL – Mr.P.Clist, Rodleigh Farm.

Applications

The plans of all applications were inspected and discussed before decisions were reached. 09/01844/FULL – Erection of two semi-detached dwellings with associated garaging and vehicular access at Churchills Farm, Hemyock. This application only provided additional information about bats and birds which use the site and the provision which has to be

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made for them; the building application had been approved by the Parish Council at a previous meeting. It was decided that there were no comments to make on the bat and bird survey.

10/00759/FULL – Installation of dormer window at 21, Station Road, Hemyock; it was proposed by Mr.Brooke, seconded by Mr.Steed that approval be recommended, all agreed. It was also noted that according to the plans there was another extra window being put in that was not mentioned on the application.

Floodplain Footbridge Update

Mr.Povah reported that the plans have now gone out to tender; three tenders were being sought and have to be returned by 21st June 2010. The three companies asked were “SWH” at Rockbeare, D.W, Hart and “Woodlands” at Hatch Beauchamp.

No work can be started until Western Power has moved the electricity pole; this will be done in July. Mr.Wigley will also have to be contacted to move the 20mph sign.

Mr.Povah said he had also reminded Mr.Wigley about the £15,000 that Bloors had provided towards this project as part of their 106 agreement.

Millhayes Update

The Healthy Living Centre is now up and running; unfortunately the person who was going to run the keep fit gym has dropped out so this has yet to be finished.

Mr.Brooke said the Millhayes Committee needs to hold a meeting as there are a few things that need to be decided.

The garages lease has now come through and has been dealt with.

Finance

106 Money

Three of the things approved to be done with this money have so far been completed and billed so we will be able to go-ahead and claim back the money for the trim trail, drainage of the football pitch and provision of the television for Longmead Pavilion.

Adoption of Accounts for 2009/10

After councillors had carefully considered the balance sheet and Annual Return prepared by the clerk and internal auditor it was proposed by Mr.Brooke, seconded by Mr.Povah that the accounts be adopted, all agreed.

Income

£52.92 – Tredwin & Son, cemetery fees.

Payments

It was proposed by Mrs.Clist, seconded by Mr.Povah that the following payments be made, all agreed:

£60.00 – Mr.R.Taylor – Strimming and tidying the BMX track

£8,084.00 – Mr. B. Kingston – Trim Trail

£3,962.10 – Mr. B. Kingston – drainage of seniors football pitch

£139.50 – Mr.I.Pike – cemetery grass cutting

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£2,920.46 – Mark Richmond Architects – architects charges for design of floodplain walkway

£279.59 – Mark Richmond Architects – making copies of design for going out to tender

£698.97 – Mr.D.Major – television for Longmead Pavilion.

Emergency Planning

Mrs.Stallard reported that she had attended the Emergency Planning meeting held recently at Bolham Hotel, Tiverton which had been arranged by the Environment Agency; much of the meeting had been about flooding and alarmingly half of Hemyock was liable to flood in a big flood.

Mrs.Stallard said that we must check our emergency plan each year and keep it updated. Some of the things that need to be checked are whether the pub is still willing to provide food, whether the surgery is still willing to provide office space and where sand bags can be obtained from.

Mr.Steed, who was on the emergency committee that had set up our village plan, said they had tried to arrange to have St.Margaret's stream cleaned out, to alleviate the threat of flooding, but nothing had happened.

Mrs.Stallard said she had asked about farmers clearing snow from roads and home owners clearing snow from pavements outside their gates; it had been suggested they were leaving themselves open to being sued if someone slipped up and hurt themselves. However, she had been told that if the snow was cleared "properly" it was perfectly alright to do it.

Highways

Deep potholes were reported in Ashculm Lane and on Wrangcombe Road between Keepers Cottage and Wrangway Cross.

Cemetery

One of the large fir trees on the left hand side of the cemetery path is dying; the clerk was asked to contact Ashculm Tree Surgeons to deal with it.

Footpaths

1) A new kissing gate and footpath sign has been erected above Higher Culm Pyne Farm where the footpath has been redirected.

2) Mr.Povah said he is about to prepare a schedule of work for the coming year. It was suggested that either Steven McCulloch or Tim Parsons might be willing to do this work as Colin Risdon, who has previously carried it out, is very busy and may not have the time to do it.

Correspondence

1) The insurance policy for the coming year has been received; Mrs.Stallard to check to make sure it is all in order.

2) A letter had been received from Mr.M.Cooper asking if he could publicize the activities of the Culm Valley and Blackdown Hills Archiving Project by making a short presentation at a Parish Council meeting.

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Councillors did not feel it would be appropriate and asked the clerk to respond saying he would reach a wider audience at an event like the church fete.

3) Mid Devon Local Strategic Partnership – passed to Mr.Steed.

4) MDDC – Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Allocation and Infrastructure Development Plan Document – Consultation on Matters Arising at the Examination. AVM Attlee said he had looked at the document and there was nothing in it that concerned Hemyock.

5) MDDC – Parish On-Line, passed to Mr.Steed.

6) Mr.D.Bawler had sent an e.mail asking for the hedge along the footpath from the kissing gate to Hemyock Motors to be cut back – it was reported that it had already been done. Mr.Bawler also wanted to know when the road along South View was going to be resurfaced – no date has been given for this work yet.

P.R

None.

Chairman’s Business

None.

Mrs.Stallard asked Councillors when they would like the site meeting to discuss the two possible allotment sites. It was decided to hold the meeting next Wednesday, 9th June, at 7.30pm starting at the cemetery.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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