

Hemyock Parish Council

3rd November 2010

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

Present Mr.I.McCulloch, Mrs.L.Clist, Mr.R.Hart, Mr.R.Brooke, Mrs.H.Stallard, Mr.J.Edwards, Mrs.S.Cartledge, Pastor S.Reed and Mr.L.Povah. Also present was Mr.R.Radford – County Councillor and 14 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr.P.Steed.

It was proposed by Mr.Hart, seconded by Mr.Povah that **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th October be signed as a correct record, all agreed.

It was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mr.Edwards that **The Minutes** of the planning meeting held on 8th October be signed as a correct record, all those who had been present agreed.

Matters Arising

1County Council report – Libraries; Mrs.Stallard said she had had a telephone call regarding this to say that 3 library vans will be off the road for 3 months to be revamped. When the work on the mobile library vans is completed there will be a coffee morning in the Forbes Lounge for people to come in for a chat about the service. They have also suggested coming along to the monthly market; Mr.McCulloch said this would be a good time to raise the awareness of the service.

2Mrs.Stallard asked what could be done if the service was cut altogether (under the spending review) it was thought that books could be ordered on-line then dropped off at Millhayes.

3The idea of having a library at Millhayes was discussed but Mr.Brooke said that when this has been tried in other places too many books get donated and that becomes a problem.

4Planning – Burleyhayes Public Enquiry – Mr.Edwards said he had heard nothing about it.

5Highways – the moss and weeds at Eastmead and Churchills have still not been dealt with.

6Gritting and salting map, 3 more bins are needed at the following locations a) Prowses/Eastmead, b) Black Pitt and c) Culmbridge Mill. It is unlikely that the County Council will provide these bins but if the Parish Council can purchase them the County Council will fill them. It was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Pastor S.Reed that a bin be purchased from Mr.Radford's Community Fund pot of money. One grit bin at Ashculme has been demolished by a vehicle, it was thought that the County Council should replace this one; Mr.McCulloch said he would look into it.

7A Bi-diversity Audit has been carried out on Shuttleton Common – Mrs.Stallard said she would discuss it later under Chairman's Business.

District Council Report

Mr.Rosamond was not able to be present.

County Council Report

Mr.Radford included the following in his report:

1This month's Highways report has not been received yet but a lot of the jobs on the list have now been done; the only big job that has still to be done is the continuation of the pavement past the Spar shop down to the vets. Mr.Radford said he would keep agitating for

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1it and asked that the Parish Council send a letter to Meg Booth and Tony Matthews about it.

2Mrs.Stallard said she had spoken to Highways about removing the dilapidated floodplain footway and had also asked for a depth marker.

3Mr.Radford said he had the revised Library Van times which would be starting in January 2011.

4Mr.Radford said there was no indication yet where cuts were to be made in the budget.

5The “Children in Care” is running a million pounds over budget, due to more children being in care; it has risen from 525 to 641 children in care in a short time.

6Mrs.Stallard said that 13 letters had been handed to the meeting from businesses in the village all wanting a passing place on Pencross Hill; Mr.Radford was asked if he would back the Parish Council, which he agreed to do and suggested the Parish Council write to Dr.Ian Harrison and Leicester Wilmington, he would also contact them.

Planning

Approvals

10/01208/FULL – Rosedale, Culmstock Road

10/01309/FULL – Culmbridge Farm, Culmbridge Road.

10/01385/PNAG – Highwood Farm, Culm Davy.

Applications

10/01644/FULL – Erection of first floor extension at Flints Cottage; after careful inspection of the plans it was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mrs.Clist, and all agreed that approval be recommended.

10/01624/FULL – Erection of 4 dwellings with associated works after demolition of showroom at Dobles Garage (site B), Station Road.

10/01597/FULL – Erection of 2 dwellings at Dobles Garage (site A), Station Road.

Councillors requested to see previous applications of this site; it was decided to meet on Monday 8th at 7.30 in the Forbes Lounge.

Floodplain Update

Mr.Povah reported that the bridge was now completed and the final payment less the retention must be paid; the retention will be held for 6 months.

There was concern that the metal gate might drop; Mr.Povah said he would keep an eye on this.

There was also concern about the exit on to the highway at the southern end of the bridge;

Mrs.Stallard said we want to make it safe without making it difficult for HGVs. Mrs.Stallard had some photographs of a virtual pavement painted on the road; councillors thought this was a good idea, and must be done urgently.

Mr.Povah said he had received 2 quotes for building the corral and it had been decided to go with the Woolacotts.

Councillors felt there should be an “opening” ceremony and wondered if Mr.Ackland would be willing to “cut the ribbon”; contractors, architect and press to be invited; Sunday 21st November at 10am was decided on if this was convenient for those concerned.

Garages Update

Mr.Brooke reported that it was progressing; several grants had been applied for to get more funding. Mr.Brooke also said that they had been working with the Sports Centre people and things were looking very positive.

There was also to be a meeting with people from the Learning & Skills and Council to discuss running some courses; this had been requested in the Parish Questionnaire.

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Mrs.Stallard had attended this conference in her capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Rural Community Council Board of Trustees.

This year the conference was on “Rural Housing” and had been launched by Princess Anne who had spoken very well on the subject.

The “Community's Right to Build their Own” was also discussed.

Local Health Care for the Elderly

Pastor Reed was keen to start some discussion about care for the elderly in the parish; he said we used to have 2 care homes and it's not clear what's happening at the Old School Court; something similar to an Abbeyfield home seems to be the key answer. Pastor Reed said we need people to come forward to say what they want - not us telling them what they need.

Mr.Brooke said he thought what Pastor Reed was suggesting was an excellent idea.

Mrs.Stallard said that the nearest care homes are in Wellington and Cullompton and they are too far away for village people to come back to take part in village activities.

Pastor Reed to initiate further discussions on the matter.

Finance

Income

£80.70 – A.G.Real & Son – cemetery fees

£2,156.00 – BHLC – Insurance for Millhayes Hall

Payments

It was proposed by Mr.Povah, seconded by Pastor Reed that the following payments be made:

£11.00 – Hemyock Parish Hall – Rent for meeting on 15/9/10

£58.75 – DALC - “Budgets & Precepts” course fees

£10.58 – SWW – cemetery water rates

£3,500.00 – Longmead Management Group

£133.50 – Mr.I.Pike – Cemetery & Village grass cutting

£108.00 – Mr.R.Calcraft – grass cutting – Millhayes

£149.00 – Came & Co. - Insurance for floodplain walkway

£25.00 – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – poppy wreath

£38,142.33 – SWH Ltd – Floodplain walkway

£1,021.45 – Mark Richmond Architect – site & office based assistance – floodplain walkway.

It was agreed to hold the Christmas Decorations competition again this year – prize money to remain the same £15 – Business Property, £20 - 1st Prize, £10 2nd Prize – Residential Property.

It was agreed to ask Rev. Sherwood if he would be the judge this year.

Budgets & Precepts

Mr.McCulloch and Mrs.Cartledge had attended the Budgets & Precepts training yesterday; the information they brought back will be invaluable when the finance committee meet to set the budget for next year.

Highways

Following the recent maize harvesting a lot of mud was left on the roads near Tedburrow, following complaints it was quickly cleaned up.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

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Footpaths

Mr.Povah reported the following:

- 1The Symonsburrow bridleway is now open again.
- 2The bridleway from Wrangway to Blackdown Common is going to be improved.
- 3Nothing has been heard about the footpaths definitive map review.

Correspondence

- 1“Tough Choices” public meeting, 7.30pm tomorrow night at Tiverton Town Hall.
- 2“Playing Fields” newsletter.
- 3“Senior Council for Devon” news – passed to Mr.Edwards.
- 4Leaflet on bus shelters; to be looked into – a bus shelter has been requested at the junction of Castle Park with Station Road.
- 5A letter had been received from Gabriel Newman Turner – pleased with the new floodplain walkway and asked if something could be done about unsightly fencing around the gas tank in the old station yard – the fence does not go all around the tank so serves no useful purpose; Mr,Calcraft said he would ring Flo Gas.
- 6“Drop In” Parish Plans meeting on 19th November, 9.30am – 1pm – passed to Mr.McCulloch.
- 7Voluntary Support Scheme; looking for funding – passed to Pastor Reed.
- 8Baker Associates – want to help us sort out our “Town Plan”.
- 9Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires that MDDC chooses a new form of Executive arrangements by 31st December 2010.
- 10The two options are “a Leader with stronger powers (the “strong Leader” model) or a directly Elected Mayor – following a discussion councillors decided to back the “Strong Leader” option.
- 11Blackdown Hills AONB – Nomination required for a member to the partnership group for 2010/2012. Mr.M.Hudson is the present member and he is willing to carry on; all agreed to support him.
- 12Parish On-Line, due to lack of support the financial support has been withdrawn.

Chairman's Business

- 1) Mrs.Stallard said that the Bio-Diversity audits have been completed for Hemyock Common and Shuttleton Common; a bio-diversity audit was last carried out in 1991.
Mrs.Stallard read out the report she said we will have to decide what to do with the sites.
Reports to be copied for each councillor.

- 2Mr.Brooke said that insurance needs to be looked at for the garages.
- 3Finance Committee to meet on 10th November 2010.
- 4It was reported that Downmead is currently empty but is still rented by Keys Childcare.

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- Dates for floodplain footbridge opening.
- Passing place for Pencross Hill

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