

Hemyock Parish Council

4th August 2010

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

Present – Mrs.H.Stallard, Mr.R.Brooke, Mr.I.McCulloch, Mr.L.Povah, Mrs.S.Cartledge, Mr.P.Steed, Mr.J.Edwards, and Mr.R.Hart. Also present was Mr.F.Rosamond – District Council, and 13 members of the public, Mr.R.Radford – County Councillor arrived during the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mrs.L.Clist and Pastor S.Reed.

Minutes

Mr.R.Hart said he had given his apologies for the July meeting but they had not been included in the minutes; and Mr.Brooke said that under Millhays Update the minutes said “the floor will be level but not smooth” but he had said “the floor would be smooth but not level”.

Following the above two alterations to the minutes it was proposed by Mr.Brooke, seconded by Mr.Povah that the minutes of 7th July be signed as a correct record – all agreed.

Minutes of 8th July – Proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mr.Brooke and all present at the meeting agreed that they be signed as a correct record.

Minutes of 21st July – Proposed by Mr.Brooke, seconded by Mr.Edwards and all present at the meeting agreed that they be signed as a correct record.

Minutes of 9th June – proposed by Mrs.Cartledge, seconded by Mr.Edwards and all present at the meeting agreed that they be signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising on 7th July Meeting

- 1) Mr.Edwards said that “Wilcon” has been taken over by Wilson Connelly and they have an office in Bristol.
- 2) Matters Arising No.2: Blackdown Parishes Network - there had been 7 applicants for the advertised job, 3 of which are outstanding, the closing date for applications is next Monday.
- 3) There is still no date set for the “Empowering Community” meeting.

District Council Report

Mr.Rosamond included the following in his report:

- 1) Housing situation – Connaughts have been upgrading the council owned homes.
- 2) Town and Parish Council Charter – consultation period.
- 3) Mr.Povah said that the road in South View had been resurfaced but it had only been tar sprayed and covered in chippings, the potholes had not been filled in first, there was no sound base. Mr.Povah said it was just a comment as he knew nothing could be done about it but he felt it was not a good long term decision to do the work this way.

Planning

Refusal

10/00759/FULL- 21, Station Road, Hemyock.

Application

10/01147/FULL – erection of conservatory at “Endeavour”, Hemyock. Following inspection of the plans it was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mr.Hart that approval be recommended – all agreed.

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Floodplain Footbridge

Mr.Povah reported that the work would begin next Monday and should take about 8 weeks to complete; SWH were successful in getting the contract. The ash tree will have to be felled before work can begin; also the old raised footway will have to be dismantled by DCC.

Mr.Brooke asked what the arrangements were for storage of the contractors equipment while they were carrying out the work; he suggested they could use a bay of the old garages for tools and the car park by the gas tanks for bigger equipment.

Mr.Povah said he was meeting the contractors and the landowner on Friday morning.

BMX Track

Mrs.Stallard reported that the new BMX sign had been taken down the day after it had been put up. It is now going to be put higher up, hopefully it won't get pulled down again.

The clerk said that the police had been contacted regarding the problem of the BMX track being used by motorcyclists; they were already aware of the problem and had already seen the parents of one of the youths involved.

Garages Update

Mr.Brooke reported that work was underway; the documents are back from the planning department and all the conditions are being met.

It has been suggested that the running of the Garages and Millhayes Hall be done together: it would be easier for management and obtaining funding. The chairman of the Millhayes Hall Committee, Dr.Jonathan Meads, has suggested a meeting be held with Parish Councillors at Millhayes Hall; he would give a presentation with the proposed suggestions. It was decided to have the meeting on Wednesday 11th August.

Millhayes Hall Open Days

There are going to be two Open Days at Millhayes Hall on the 10th and 11th August – details of times are in the Parish Pump.

Mr.Brooke said that grant money would soon be through from DCC.

Finance

Income

£1,861.32 - reclaimed VAT

£288.40 – Le-Roy Funeral Service – cemetery fees

£70.12 – K.Jones – cemetery fees

£10,846.87 – MDDC – 106 money refunded

£150.00 – Gun Club – donation for the use of the Turbary Common.

Payments

It was proposed by Mrs.Cartledge,seconded by Mr.Steed, and all agreed, that the following payments be made:

£33.00 – Hemyock Parish Hall – rent of Forbes Lounge for Parish Council meetings, April, May and June.

£80.00 -Mr.R.Taylor – strimming and tidying BMX track.

£9.08 – SWW – cemetery water rates

£188.00 – Asculme tree Surgeons – felling and grinding out root of dead fir tree in the cemetery.

£348.97 – P.Steed – Laptop for Parish Council administration.

£7,206.27 – B.Kingston – drainage, Longmead Field.

£2,918.70 – Brookridge Timber – safety surfacing for Parish Hall play area.

£41.13 – Mrs.Stallard – sign for BMX track

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£144.00 – Mr.I.Pike – cemetery grass cutting.

A quote for felling the ash tree on the floodplain had been received from Ashculme Tree Surgeons for £280.00 + £150 to remove the stump. It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to accept the quote, clerk to contact the tree surgeon Thursday morning, the work has to be completed before next Monday.

The clerk said that Mr.Steed was going to set up the new laptop and broadband connection on Friday. It had been decided to go ahead with the BT broadband connection for £7.49 per month for the first three months and £14.49 per month after that; there is also a one off charge of £4.99 for postage and delivery.

Highways

- 1) 30mph sign on Castle Hill, the Culmstock directional sign in the Square and the hump back bridge signs in Culmbridge Road have all been replaced.
- 2) Water is coming through the road surface by Culm Davy Farm entrance; Mr.Edwards said a drain was blocked causing the problem.
- 3) Mr.Brooke reported that water is running down the road from the layby opposite the Spar shop – it was thought to be coming from the Shutlake; clerk to contact the Environment Agency.

County Council Report

Mr.Radford included the following in his report:

- 1) Mr.Radford read out a letter from Tony Matthews detailing work carried out recently in Hemyock. There was still much concern regarding the hedge to the south of the surgery entrance although it has been cut back it has not been cut back enough and is still well out over the carriageway.
- 2) There was also a letter from Meg Booth talking about potholes in Prowses – will be filled by 10th August and the grit bin which has been requested for Eastmead; Mrs.P.Lowman said that there is a grit bin by Mr.B.Redwoods which used to be used for coaches – could this one be moved? Grit bins are also needed on the corner by Culmbridge Mill and at the top of Black Pitt, at the junction with Culmstock Road. The moss growing out over the pavement, reported at last months meeting, is also being seen to.
- 3) The funding for the pavement to the north of the Spar shop also needs following up; the bid went in last year but was not accepted Mr.Radford said he would try to make sure it was in again this year.
- 4) There is to be a new re-cycling centre in Cullompton – the Kingsmill Recycling Centre.
- 5) Mobile libraries – a letter has been received giving proposed new stopping points and length of time staying – it will be reviewed annually.
- 6) There is currently an embargo on employee replacement at DCC.
- 7) Mrs.P.Lowman was concerned about the fact that the present Dog Warden is retiring – would she be replaced? Mr.Rosamond said that was a District Council matter and he would keep an eye on it.

Cemetery

Mrs.Stallard suggested that an area was needed for people who wanted to scatter ashes – a memorial garden possibly?

Footpaths

Mr.Povah said he was preparing a schedule of work, needed to be done to the footpaths, from the completed footpath surveys.

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Correspondence

- 1) Mrs.Moyle at Mill Leat – her dog had gone into the river at Millhayes and had been hurt by barbed wire. Mrs.Stallard and Mr.Calcraft had been to look at it; the barbed wire is for stock, to stop them wandering up or down the river.
- 2) A.O.N.B. Annual Conference at Stockland Village Hall on 11th September, 10.0am – 3.30pm, there will be a presentation on “Renewable Energy”.
- 3) Cullompton Town Council – concerned that conditions attached to planning consents are not always carried out – do other parishes share their concerns? Following a discussion it was decided not to follow this up at present.
- 4) Community Council of Devon – Agnieska Ronaszko has moved from Mid Devon District Council to the Community Council of Devon.
- 5) Somerset County Council – Downmead Residential Home – SCC do not currently have any children placed at Downmead.
- 6) Neil Parish MP – Downmead Residential Home – giving his support to us, if we have not received a reply from Keys Childcare by September to contact him again.
- 7) Several equipment catalogues.
- 8) MDDC – Planning Training on 16th September, 6.0pm – 9.0pm, Mr.Brooke said he would like to attend.
- 9) SCC – Building Stones Paper – Issues consultation.
- 10) Standards for England – Blogging Quick Guide – has been circulated to all councillors.
- 11) Geraldine Talbot – vouchers for young people in the Culm Valley to use some buses and taxis, worth £30 for £5, for use in the summer holidays.

P.R.

- Floodplain footbridge, work starting on 9th August.
- Drainage work starting at Millhayes
- National Cycle Race coming through Hemyock on 14th and 15th September.

Chairman's Business

Mrs.Stallard asked if, as a Parish Council, we wanted to do anything for when the National Cycle Race comes through the village in September – there were no suggestions at present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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