

## ***Hemyock Parish Council*** ***5<sup>th</sup> May 2010***

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Forbes Lounge under the chairmanship of Mrs.H.Stallard.

**Present** – Mrs.H.Stallard, Mr.I.McCulloch, Mr.J.Edwards, Mrs.S.Cartledge, Mr.L.Povah and Pastor S.Reed. Also present was 6 members of the public; Mr.F.Rosamond arrived during the meeting.

**Apologies** were received from Mr.R.Hart, Mr.R.Brooke, Mrs.L.Clist, Mr.P.Steed and Mr.R.Radford - County Councillor.

### **Elections**

Mr.McCulloch took the chair and asked for nominations for **Chairman**. Mr.McCulloch proposed Mrs.Stallard, seconded by Pastor Reed, all in favour; Mrs.Stallard said she was willing to be chairman for a further year and took the chair.

Mrs.Stallard asked for nominations for **Vice Chairman**. Pastor Reed proposed Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mr.Edwards, all in favour; Mr.McCulloch said he was willing to be vice chairman for a further year.

**Planning Committee** – It was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mrs.Stallard that it remains the same as before - the whole council are members of the planning committee – all agreed.

**Finance Committee** – It was proposed by Mr.Edwards, seconded by Mr.Povah that the present committee continue – Mrs.Stallard, Mr.Brooke, Mrs.Cartledge and Mr.McCulloch – all agreed.

### **Cemetery Representative**

Mr.McCulloch proposed that Mrs.Clist continue as cemetery representative, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge – all agreed.

**Footpaths Representative** – Mr.McCulloch proposed that Mr.Povah continue as footpath representative, seconded by Mr.Edwards, all agreed.

**Parish Hall Representative** – Mr.Edwards proposed that Mrs.Stallard continue as Parish Hall representative, seconded by Mr.McCulloch, all agreed.

**Millhayes Committee** – Mr.Povah proposed it remain as Mrs.Stallard, Mrs.Clist and Mr.Steed, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge, all agreed.

**Longmead Representatives** – Mr.Povah proposed it remain as Mrs.Stallard and Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge, all agreed.

It was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge that **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April be signed as a correct record, all agreed.

It was proposed by Pastor Reed, seconded by Mr.Edwards that **The Minutes** of the planning meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April be signed as a correct record, all those who had been present at the meeting agreed.

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### **Matters Arising**

- 1) There will be a Blackdown Parishes Network meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2) Allotments – a very small part of the Longmead site, to the north of the sewage works and west of the stream, can be used for allotments.

At the moment we cannot find out exactly how many allotments we are legally bound to provide.

A letter had been received from Mr.R.Pike and Mrs.R.Yarde refusing permission for an access down the east of the cemetery to reach the land at the north of cemetery – the only land that the Parish Council owns that could be used for allotments until it is required to extend the cemetery.

The landowner to the west of the cemetery will not allow an access either.

Mrs.Stallard said we are looking for a piece of land, about an acre, that could be leased for 10 years, ideally with a years notice on either side if the land is needed. She went on to say that the only other alternative is to go down the road of compulsory purchase.

3) Mrs. Stallard thanked everyone who had attended the Annual Parish Meeting last Friday. It was felt that the “Ring & Ride” service offered by the Tiverton & District Community Transport Association could be better advertised as many people did not seem to know about it.

4) Regarding our query about the possibility of interest being paid on the half of the precept that the District Council will not be paying until the second half of the year; they will not be paying interest and it was discovered that it was unusual for District Council to pay the whole amount at once anyway. The District Council does not receive all its income at the start of the financial year

### **District Council Report**

Mr.Rosamond had not arrived at this point of the meeting.

### **County Council Report**

Mr.Radford was not able to be present this evening.

### **Planning**

#### **Approvals**

- 10/00224/FULL – Simonsburrow Farm.
- 10/00145/FULL – Golden Orchard.
- 09/01604/FULL – Sycamore Farm.
- 10/00153/FULL – Lower Whitehams

#### **Application**

10/00610/FULL – 5, Parklands – conversion and extension of existing garage to form additional living accommodation and extension of porch to link with garage.

After careful inspection of the plans it was proposed by Pastor Reed, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge that approval be recommended, all agreed.

A letter had been received from MDDC to say that the Tribe of Doris had made an application under the 2003 Licensing Act for the use of The Gallop, at Clayhidon, again this year.

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### **Floodplain Footbridge**

Mr.Povah reported the following:

- Mr.Povah has discovered that the mains water pipe that he had feared was under the proposed walkway is well away from it and the walkway will only have to cross it at one point.
- Three tenders have been sought; it was thought that that will be enough.
- Western Power is moving the electricity pole in June.
- The 20mph road sign will have to be moved, Mr.Povah to contact Mr.Wigley at Devon County Highways.
- The plans will go to Mr.Wigley at the same time as they go out to tender.
- Mr.Edwards thanked Mr.Povah for all the work he has put in on this project – all agreed.

### **Millhaves Update**

Pastor Reed said the new Healthy Living Centre will be opening for business tomorrow; he said it is a light and bright building and he feels its use will grow and grow.

The Memory Café will be opening on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Pastor Reed congratulated Mr.Brooke for all the time and effort he has put in on this project. His next project is the old garages; quotes have been received for the under-floor heating and Brendan Pring is looking at prices of flooring. Other sources of funding are also being sought.

### **S106 Funds**

Mrs.Stallard reported that we have the go-ahead on all the projects proposed at last months meeting a) further drainage of the football pitches, b) the trim trail c) refurbishment of the Parish Hall play area.

### **Finance**

#### **Income**

£81.90 - Fine Memorials – cemetery fees  
£81.90 – Manning & Knight – cemetery fees  
£225.54 – Pring & Son – cemetery fees  
£80.70 – Mrs.Lentell – cemetery fees  
£415.80 – Co-op Funeral Services – cemetery fees  
£55,000.00 – Precept

#### **Payments**

It was proposed by Mr.McCulloch, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge that the following payments be made:

£3,350.87 – Came & Co. Insurance  
£30.00 – Stuart Webb – APM information posters  
£7.75 – SWW – cemetery water rates  
£401.32 – Devon Association Local Councils – subscription  
£13.50 – National Association Local Councils – magazine subscription  
£800.00 – Blackdown Support Group donation (approved at March meeting)  
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£135.00 – Burlescombe School – photocopying for APM  
£33.00 – Hemyock PHMC – rent of Forbes Lounge  
£92.12 – H.Stallard – APM refreshments expenses  
£169.50 – Mr.I.Pike – cemetery & village grass cutting  
£250.27 – Stephens & Scown – final invoice for land transfer for parking provision for 17, 19 and 21 Station Road.

It was proposed by Mrs.Stallard, seconded by Mrs.Cartledge that the clerk enquire about prices for broadband connection.

Mr.McCulloch spoke of the anticipated purchased of a 20’ container for the storage of basketball equipment on the Longmead site; the price will be around £1,700.00 – would the Parish Council be able to purchase it?

It was proposed by Mr.Povah, seconded by Mr.Edwards that the Parish Council purchase the container – all agreed.

### **Highways**

- Once a picture of the potholes at Whitehall had appeared in the local paper they were filled within 3 days!
- Keepers Cottage to Wrangway Cross – (Wrangcombe Road) - blocked drain under the road causing water to run out over the road making a huge pothole.

### **Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

### **Footpaths**

- Mr.Povah reported that all the footpath surveys have now been done and a schedule of work is being drawn up – putting up finger posts, styles and repair work etc.
- Simonsburrow bridleway is still not open, but is passable as a footpath. It was suggested that hurdles could be used to make the bridleway useable. Mr.Povah said that it is a SSSI site and English Nature are very strict about what can be done.
- Footpath Review – Emily Spurway said she will be coming to Hemyock soon.
- Footpath by Higher Culm Pyne Farm – notices have gone up and if there are no objections it should go through.
- The possibility of a path along the old railway line is again being discussed by the AONB but a lot of the land is now in private ownership.

### **District Council Report**

Mr.Rosamond was congratulated on being elected as the Chairman of the District Council for a further year.

Mr.Rosamond said the wind turbine application at Great Garlandhayes is being discussed.

MDDC continues to make improvements – there will be an inspection by the Audit 5/510

Commission in the autumn.

Mrs.Stallard thanked Mr.Rosamond for coming along to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Correspondence**

- 1) SLCC – conference in Plymouth on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May and Bristol on 2nd July.
- 2) “Making in Local” free workshop on completing grant application forms.
- 3) “Junk Mail” – passed to Mrs.Cartledge.
- 4) Playground equipment catalogue.
- 5) “The Playing Field” newsletter from DPFA.
- 6) South West Ambulance Service – news.
- 7) MDDC application for premises license for Millhayes Hall – covers for any entertainment. It was proposed by Mrs.Stallard, seconded by Mr.McCulloch that we support this application – all agreed; Pastor Reed declared an interest and did not vote.
- 8) East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – newsletter.

**P.R.**

- Ring & Ride service
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Raised floodplain walkway.

**Chairman’s Business**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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