

**Hemyock Parish Monthly Council Meeting**  
**held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. Present:</b> Mrs H Stallard (Chairman), Mr I McCulloch (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Brooke, Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr S Major, Mr L Povah, Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mr R Radford (County Councillor, departed after item 4), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public. <b>Apologies:</b> Mrs L Clist (away), Mr R Hart (away)</p>	All to note
<p><b>2. Public Question Time.</b> There was 1 item raised by the public:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Cemetery.</u> Within twelve months of a burial, a grave site should be levelled. There are many graves which have not been levelled despite signs being displayed. Clerk to speak to Anne Kingston for names of the main undertakers and write to them in the first instance reminding them of this requirement.</li> </ol>	Clerk
<p><b>3. Minutes from Previous Meetings and Matters Arising.</b> The Council minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> February were accepted as a true record and they were proposed by Mr Povah, seconded by Mr McCulloch and passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Section 2 Minutes.</u> Minutes of Section 2 Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February were accepted as a true record and they were proposed by Mr Major, seconded by Mr McCulloch and passed unanimously.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Culmbridge Road.</u> Gulley/drain needs lifting and re-setting. This has been reported.</li> <li>2. <u>Cemetery.</u> Wheelie bin has been hired and a contract signed with Wasteology, at a cost of £5.50 plus VAT for each removal of a full bin.</li> <li>3. <u>South View Road.</u> Rainwater pooling outside front doors, Mr Rosamond to pursue this.</li> <li>4. <u>Car Parking.</u> Mr Rosamond fed back HPC's views on increasing car parking charges.</li> <li>5. <u>Planning Reference -11/02013/OUT.</u> 11 Tedders Close. Planning site meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> February. HPC objected to the application on the grounds of over development of the site, resulting in insufficient amenity space surrounding the bungalow. HPC fed back comments to MDDC. See separate minutes of meeting.</li> <li>6. <u>Planning References.</u> Full Planning Reference numbers and direct link to website are now included in Clerk's email to HPC.</li> <li>7. <u>QDJ.</u> Mr Radford confirmed that there is a pot of money held at County level (£1 per head of the electorate) which could be used to help fund QDJ celebrations. This money will be held by MDDC. HPC could bid for some of these funds but will need to write to MDDC to request a contribution, once a decision has been made regarding the specific use of the funds. Clerk to confirm with Mr Radford what the fund is called &amp; who to contact at MDDC.</li> <li>8. <u>Flood bridge.</u> Clerk has contacted Devon County Highways reference adoption and is waiting to hear from David Fergie.</li> <li>9. <u>Virtual Path.</u> HPC are waiting for DCC suggestions, Mr Radford will chase up a response. Hedges could be trimmed to improve visibility. The Chairman will speak to Mr Redwood about trimming hedges.</li> <li>10. <u>Spar footpath.</u> DCC may be prepared to provide plans. Mr Radford will chase up a response.</li> <li>11. <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. Mr Radford will chase up a response.</li> </ol>	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>Cllr Rosamond</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Radford Chairman</p> <p>Cllr Radford</p> <p>Cllr Radford</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>12. <u>Prowses</u>. Problem area has been resurfaced.</p> <p>13. <u>Hotline</u>. Clerk to contact Willie Pike to confirm if hotline number exists for reporting pot holes, problems with drains etc.</p> <p>14. <u>Parish Lengthsman</u>. John Bounden, Devon Highways will confirm schedule of visits.</p> <p>15. <u>Estate Caretaker</u>. Mr Rosamond confirmed the workmen are there to inspect the council estates. If there are any problems or general feedback, please call Mr Rosamond.</p> <p>16. <u>Burleyhayes route</u>. HPC has some user evidence but needs more. Mr Povah has requested some maps and will liaise with the Clerk about PR.</p> <p>17. <u>Parish Matters</u>. 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. Mr McCulloch will seek clarification</p> <p>18. <u>Devon Playing Field Association</u> – Form completed.</p> <p>19. <u>PR</u>. Clerk will amalgamate last month's PR with this month's.</p>	<p>Mr Povah/Clerk</p> <p>Ongoing Mr McCulloch</p>
<p><b>4. District Council Report:</b> Mr Rosamond reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Council Tax</u> has been frozen for this year. This may mean a larger increase the following year.</li> <li>2. <u>Rural Buses</u>. Mr Rosamond wanted feedback from HPC regarding the existing service. HPC requested that Mr Rosamond report that Hemyock would like an earlier bus into Taunton (7.20am – 7.30am) and a later return bus (5.45pm).</li> <li>3. <u>Aging in Mid Devon</u>. All policies and strategies will take account of the aging population of the area.</li> <li>4. <u>Superfast Broadband</u>. An initiative is being run by Devon &amp; Somerset County Councils in conjunction with Tooway. In return for a subscription of a minimum of £25 per month customers receive free hardware and installation of superfast broadband, subject to eligibility and available funding. See <a href="http://www.connect2way.com">www.connect2way.com</a>. This is not to be confused with another broadband initiative <a href="http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk">www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk</a>. Potential users for this scheme need to register online. The greater the number of registrations, the better the chance of funding from the private sector. Posters on Parish noticeboards.</li> <li>5. Mr Major raised the subject of Mid Devon Planning Workshops and their availability only during working hours. Mr Rosamond to feed back that an evening option for some of the courses/workshops would be well received.</li> </ol>	<p>Cllr Rosamond</p>
<p><b>5. County Council Report.</b> Mr Radford reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Budgets</u> have been balanced and £5m has been allocated for spending on 'c' class (or lesser) roads. This should see an increase in the number of visits from the Parish Lengthsman, possibly 3-4 times a year.</li> <li>2. <u>Community Budget</u>. Mr Radford has some 'airport money' (£20,000 between 9 parishes) which must be spent by the end of the calendar year. HPC to give some thought as to how the money could best be used in our Parish.</li> </ol>	<p>All to note</p>
<p><b>6. Planning.</b> Approval received for:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 11/01962/FULL – Studleys. Conversion of garden stores into one holiday let, to include installation of new drainage treatment plant.</li> </ol> <p>Planning Applications received for:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12/00209/FULL Windover Farm, Hemyock, Devon - Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Plans proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Clist and passed.</li> <li>2. 12/00227/FULL Hemyock County Primary School, Parklands, Hemyock</li> </ol>	

<p>Cullompton, Devon EX15 3RY - Installation of 22 solar photovoltaic panels to roof. Plans proposed by Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr Calcraft and passed.</p> <p>3. 12/00305/FULL Lickham Cottage, Hemyock, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3RU - Alterations to roofs of existing garage and shed to provide first floor hobby room and store. Plans proposed by Mr Clist, seconded by Mr Major and passed subject to the following conditions:- The proposed hobby room and garage remain as a hobby room/garage and be ancillary to and separate from main property and cannot be sold separately or occupied separately.</p> <p>4. 12/00210/FULL Former St Ivel Site, Station Road, Hemyock, Devon EX15 3SE - Change of use of development site for business units (Use Class B1, B2 and B8) to coach park (Use Class Sui Generis). Concerns were raised regarding the visual appearance of the proposed site. Clerk will ask for detailed proposals of the landscaping and screening within and around the perimeter for further consultation and observations by the Parish Council.</p> <p>5. 12/00231/CLU Annexe, Lane End Farm, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3TH - Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of an agricultural building as a dwelling for a period in excess of 4 years. Plans proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Edwards and passed.</p> <p>6. 12/00284/FULL Dobles Garage, Station Road, Hemyock, Cullompton Devon EX15 3SE - Erection of 6 dwellings and alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access. Mr Major and Mr Povah will draft HPC's response to include: full width footpaths around the boundary of the proposed development; Site A - issues around side-on view facing Station Road; should any of these houses be affordable housing? Site B – It was felt arched entrances fronting Station Road were not in keeping with village style. Subject to the addition of suitable comments as mentioned above the plans were proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Clist and passed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Mr Major/ Mr Povah</p>
<p><b>7. Finance:</b> The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Income</u>. The following income has been received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £244.19 Redwoods (Interment)</li> <li>2. £37.50 Real &amp; Sons (Inscription)</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <u>Expenditure</u>: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £9 Mr I Pike underpayment</li> <li>2. £25.00 New clerks course - 24th April</li> <li>3. £25.00 'Preparing for audit' - clerks course -29th March</li> <li>4. £160.94 – clerk's wages and expenses</li> <li>5. £12.38 Community Land Trust Meeting</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>All 5 payments were proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Clist and passed unanimously by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Other financial matters</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Blackdown Hills Community Plan</u>. The Chairman raised the issue of financially supporting this plan. It was agreed in October that HPC endorsed this plan. At that time no contribution towards funding was agreed. A figure of £250 has been suggested for a parish the size of Hemyock and this was proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Major and agreed by all. This should be allocated out of the 'donation pot'.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>The Chairman also requested HPC open a separate bank account on behalf of the Blackdown Hills Community Plan. The BHCP cannot establish its own account as it is a non-statutory body. This was agreed in</p>	<p>All to note</p>

principle subject to an agreement being drawn up between the parties and Mr McCulloch taking advice from Lesley Smith, at DALC. Proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Brooke and agreed by all.	Mr McCulloch
<p><b>8. Highways.</b> There were 2 items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The road markings from the middle of Symonsburrow to County border are missing. Mr Radford to report.</li> <li>2. <u>Westown Farm</u>. Numerous pot holes need reporting. Clerk to report</li> </ol>	Cllr Radford Clerk
<b>9. Cemetery.</b> See 2.1 Public Question Time	
<p><b>10. Footpaths.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A £410 grant has been received from County Highways P3 scheme. This alone will not be enough to cover the necessary work needed during the year. Additional money has already been allocated for footpaths from the budget.</li> <li>2. <u>Neroche</u> are publicising a series of new routes/pathways, utilising existing footpaths.</li> <li>3. <u>Burleyhayes</u>. See item 3.17 already covered.</li> </ol>	
<b>11. Culm Valley Trail Update:</b> A meeting was held on 4 <sup>th</sup> February at Culmstock. The offer of an experienced project manager has been made to facilitate the project. The project manager would deal with all issues from potential users of the trail and landowners. The project manager would also be responsible for communications to ensure there is no misunderstanding about the project within the community. A length of the trail has been cleared (900m from Culmstock bridge) but no more clearing will take place until the end of July, after the nesting season. Many extra walkers and cyclists have been using the newly cleared trail.	
<b>12. Millhayes Garage Project Update.</b> Nothing to report	
<b>13. Community Land Trust Update (CLT).</b> This will be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting, more details to follow. Chairman asked that the Parish Council fund the room hire for CLT meetings until suitable finance is in place. This was proposed by Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr Clist and passed unanimously by the Council.	
<p><b>14. Annual Parish Meeting.</b> The Chairman suggested the date of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7pm. Refreshments of cheese and wine as per last year. HPC need to give some thought to the specific projects to be included at the APM. Some suggestions were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing survey, Chairman to speak to John Scott</li> <li>• Community Land Trust</li> <li>• QDJ</li> </ul> <p>The BHBA display boards need to be located. Mr Calcraft will check at HLC and report back. Chairman to check with Val Baker, BHBA.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Mr Calcraft Chairman</p>
<p><b>15. Correspondence.</b> The Council were advised of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Council of Devon – Opportunity for rural businesswomen. Clerk to forward to Val Baker, BHBA.</li> <li>2. Visit by MDDC Chief executive. Chairman to call Kevin Finan to see when/if he would like to visit.</li> <li>3. Best kept village competition. Due to other commitments HPC decided not to take part this year. Clerk to forward info to Hemyock Primary School about schools competition.</li> <li>4. Culm &amp; North Parishes - New Representative is Bruce Payne.</li> <li>5. Mr Haste - Jubilee Drive. Mr McCulloch and Clerk to liaise about the ongoing case and respond accordingly.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk Chairman</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Mr McCulloch/ Clerk</p>

<p>6. East &amp; Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership - annual conference. Clerk to display on noticeboard.</p> <p>7. Mr I Pike, letter received notifying an increase in hourly rate for Cemetery maintenance from £9 to £10. Proposed by Mr Edwards that this was accepted by HPC, seconded by Mr Povah and passed.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>16. Chairman's Business.</b> Nothing to report</p>	
<p><b>17. PR:</b> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclists not being seen very clearly, especially early mornings (paper rounds)</li> <li>• Burleyhayes Route – new notice and existing users needed to come forward.</li> <li>• Broadband – promote website and ask people to complete survey</li> <li>• Date of annual meeting in Parish Pump.</li> </ul>	Clerk
<p><b>18. Date of the Next Meeting.</b> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm.</p>	All to note

Meeting then adjourned at 9.15pm: move to Section 2 Meeting

**Signed**.....**Date**.....  
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