

Hemyock Parish Monthly Council Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 1930 hrs on 8 December 2011

Subject	Action
<p>1. Present: Mrs.H.Stallard (Chairman), Mr I McCulloch (Vice-Chairman), Mr.R.Brooke, Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Mr.J.Edwards, Mr R Hart, Mr.Major, Mr Povah, Mrs Brenda Hull (Chairman MDDC), Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor) and 4 members of the public. Apologies: Mr S Major (sick), Mrs L Clist (business) and Mr R Radford (Cumbria).</p>	All to Note
<p>2. Public Question Time. There were 3 public questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Road Sweeping.</u> For H&S reasons the paths needed to be swept by the Primary School. 2. <u>Cemetery path/over hanging shrubs.</u> Mr Pike agreed to spray the path to clear the moss and trim back the over hanging shrubs. 3. <u>Children's Play area, Logan Way.</u> Because of moss, the surfaces were slippery and needed to be cleared. 	Clerk Mr Pike Clerk
<p>3. Minutes from Previous Meetings and Matters Arising. The Council minutes of 2 November 2011 were accepted as a true record and they were proposed, seconded and passed unanimously. Matters arising included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>St Margaret's Brook Clearance.</u> The YFC had cleared the brook near the church. Clerk to see if the Longmead section was also to be cleared. 2. <u>Corral on the flood plain.</u> Now completed, the DW Hart bill was to be paid. 3. <u>Flood Plain Footbridge Gate.</u> Now completed, the SWH retention sum bill was to be paid. 4. <u>Old Station Yard Bin.</u> Now located, the bin was to be recovered from the river. 5. <u>Street Lighting.</u> A request had been received for the street lights at Churchill's to stay on all night for security reasons. After discussion, the Council agreed that the lights were to remain off for environmental and economic reasons. Clerk to respond and copy to Cllr Radford. 6. <u>Planning.</u> The Council discussed the refused planning application for 10/00948/FULL at Culmbridge Farm, Hemyock. It was felt the conditions were too stringent and consequently the properties were slow to sell. Clerk, with advice from Cllr Povah, would write to MDDC. 	All to Note Clerk Clerk Clerk Cllr Edwards Clerk Clerk/Cllr Povah
<p>4. Chairman of MDDC Report. Cllr Hull updated the meeting on the variety of engagements from Royal visits to Remembrance Sunday. Her area covered 350 sq miles with 62 Parishes and 48 Parish Councils. She recommended the MDDC communication medium of Parish Matters and updated the meeting on the important Business Forum which met 6 times a year. Particular challenges included: car parking, the Localism Bill, the purchase of 3200 Council Houses at a cost of £52m, planning changes and the Community Infrastructure levy. Attracting business to the area was key and HPC recommended the successful Bridgwater / Highbridge planning policy which had rejuvenated the area</p>	All to Note Cllr Hull
<p>5. District Council Report: Mr Rosamond reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The budget remained under scrutiny and possible savings included cemetery grants, car parking charges and planning application costs. 2. The solar planning contract was proceeding. 3. The economic activity programme was updated. 4. EDF energy had signed a contract for the Hinckley Point C plan. 	All to note All to note All to note All to note

<p>6. County Council Report. Mr Radford enclosed a report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Pen Cross Hill lay by.</u> County have agreed to fund the design and plans of the lay by. The second step will be to find the funding from Local Businesses, Parish Council and County Locality budget. 2. <u>Foot path at Spa Shop.</u> County were contacted last week and Mr Fergie will be getting back to Cllr Radford. 3. <u>Open Mtg at HLC on 1 Dec 11.</u> Cllr Hart gave an interesting scenario of how we should cut £40m from our budget next year. Because of central Government cuts, DDC cut £54m from the 2011 budget and look to cut a further £40m in 2012. There are 2 ways in which DDC gets the funds to run the services: grants from Government and the Council Tax. The annual revenue cost are over £800m. DDC has 3 choices: to increase the Council tax, cut services or cut overheads and they have done the latter. So far 2000 staff have been cut, borrowings have been reduced. 4. <u>Pot holes.</u> 150,000 pot holes were filled in over 2011. 5. <u>Freedom of Information requests.</u> DDC get over 100 such requests a month. 6. <u>Recycling.</u> DDC are the top recycling Authority in the Country in 2011. 7. <u>Heating and Lighting costs.</u> DDC spend £9m on heating and lighting costs throughout the Authority, and although 52% of schools are academies and responsible for all their running costs, DDC still have to pay their Carbon Emission Tax, totalling £800k per annum. 8. <u>Christmas greetings.</u> I wish all the Councillors and the members of the public a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. 	<p>All to note</p> <p>Cllr Radford</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>
<p>7. Planning. Planning applications, approvals and refusals were received for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 11/01703/FULL dated 7 Nov 11. Installation of 16 ground mounted 250w solar panels on land and buildings at NGR 314473 115109 (Studleys), Hemyock. 2. 11/01814/FULL dated 22 Nov 11. Erection of open sided agricultural shed over existing silage storage area at Abbey View farm, Hemyock. <p>The plans for the 2 applications were proposed, seconded and passed.</p> <p>Approvals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installation of 16 solar PV panels North of Chapel Cottage, Culm Davy, Hemyock. 2. 11/01375/FULL erection of 2 agricultural livestock buildings, Cross ways farm, Culm Davy. 3. 08/00254/FULL application to replace extant planning permission and erection of business units for B1, B2 and B8 classes with associated parking at LPG compound at NGR 313856 113953 (former St Ivel Factory site), station Road, Hemyock. 4. Erection of conservatory at Fourways Cottage, Wheelbarrow Lane, Hemyock. <p>Refusal: 11/01566/FULL dated 6 October removal of conditions 4 and 5 of PP 10/00948/FULL at Culmbridge Farm, Hemyock (NGR 314092:113320). See</p>	<p>All to Note/Clerk</p> <p>All to Note</p>

matters arising and Clerk/Cllr Povah to write to MDDC/lobby Cabinet.	All to Note
<p>8. Finance: The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Income</u>. One item of income had been received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £10043.07. Duty/VAT rebate. • <u>Expenditure</u>: The following invoices had been received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £400 DDC Grant for Hemyock History and Archiving Association. 2. £660. Audit Commission. 3. £114. DALC x 3. Fees precept (HS/DB £60), Handling planning apps (SM £30) and Affordable housing (SM/SC £24). 4. £60. Mr Rod Taylor strim/tidy BMX area. 5. £66. Mr Roy Calcraft grass cutting Millhayes 6. £33. Hire of Forbes Lounge 5 and 31 Oct and 2 Nov. 7. £1580.06. SWH Ltd – Floodplain final payment. 8. £33.67. Clerks expenses. 9. £277.59. Clerks monthly pay. 10. £112.50. Mr Pike grass cutting in cemetery/village. <p>All 10 payments were proposed, seconded and passed unanimously by the Council.</p> <p>▲ <u>Other financial matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grant Requests</u>: The following 5 requests had been received: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Torridge, North Devon, Mid Devon and Bude Citizens advice Bureau had asked for a donation as it had helped 23 parishioners in the Upper Culm area last year. This was referred to the Finance Committee (FC). 2. Victim support (First application). Referred to FC. 3. Financial support for ring and Ride Service 2012–2013. Referred to FC. 4. Grant for the Community Land Trust initial work. Referred to FC. 5. Longmead contribution to be increased from £5 to £6k. Referred to FC. ▲ <u>Update on the Precept</u>. The Vice-Chairman (as Chairman Finance Group) was planning to maintain Precept receipt at its present level for 2012/13. It should be noted that the number of Band D properties in the village had reduced slightly so it was possible that the individual precept might increase marginally. The proposal not to increase the overall Precept receipt for 2012/13 was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously. . 	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>
<p>9. Highways: There were 2 items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The white lines by Simmonsburrow need to be repainted. 2. The Give Way sign at the Baptist Church needs to be replaced. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10. Cemetery: There were no other issues.	
<p>11. Footpaths. Footpath issues were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The bridle path hedges leading down to Lane End need trimming. 2. The Burleyhayes route will be walked with the County officer and landowner in the week beginning 19 December. 	<p>Mr Povah</p> <p>All to Note</p>
<p>12. Millhayes Garages Project and Loan Update: The Chairman updated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A total of 7 tenders have now been received and opened. 2. The loan suggestion has been suspended for the moment. 3. They are awaiting the grant application from Viridor. 4. The DCC Leader, Mr Hart would view the project. Clerk to speak to Mr Major. 	<p>All to Note</p> <p>All to Note</p> <p>All to Note</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13. Community Land Trust Update CLT). The Upper Culm CLT, previously the	

<p>Hemyock and Clayhidon CLT was ready to be registered. A provisional Board of Directors had been formed from the initial Steering Group, an Open Meeting will be held and membership will be open to Hemyock and Clayhidon parishioners and will cost @£5 a head. A meeting with MDDC housing authorities for affordable housing was held in the week beginning 5 December. There was also a meeting with Hastoe on 8 December – Falcon Housing are not able to fund the project and have withdrawn. Finally, the time lines to apply for the £25m fund for rural CLTs for affordable housing are still achievable.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>14. <u>Correspondence.</u> The Council were advised on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste Core Strategy published for consultation. 2. Parish Matters Nov 2011 had been copied to all Cllrs. 3. Snow warden and grit bins were discussed and it was agreed that the volunteer Mr Tony Durbin be nominated for a snow warden course asap. 4. Blackdown Hills AONB Design guide for houses had been circulated. 5. Winter Recycling Newsletter had been circulated. 6. How to keep your business safe over Christmas had been circulated. 7. Application to vary a premises licence to include the sale of alcohol for Blackdown Healthy Living Centre was noted. 8. Electoral Register 2012 to be issued electronically and held by the Clerk. 9. Village green winter issue 2011 had been circulated. 10. Mobile Library Service, Hemyock to change hours in Jan 2012. 11. MDDC area of special control of advertisements issued. 12. QDJ update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ^ Draft programme for celebration weekend of 2-5 June 2012 in place. ^ Joss stone and Neil Parish have been invited. ^ There is a link to the Lieutenancy website and Hemyock.org. There are also twitter and facebook accounts to engage the youth. ^ Royal Garden Party invitations are being considered. ^ Minutes of meetings and PR are being published. 	<p>All to note All to note Clerk All to note All to note All to note All to note All to note Clerk All to note All to note All to note Clerk All to note All to note</p>
<p>15. <u>Chairman's Business.</u> The Chairman had the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clerk to see if the primary School wanted their sign reinstating. 2. Consider signs for the Longmead Sports Complex - check with Highways. 3. The Chairman thanked all Councillors and Parishioners for their work over the year and wished them and their families a very happy Christmas. 	<p>Clerk Clerk All to note</p>
<p>16. <u>PR:</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ^ The Upper Culm Land Trust. ^ The visit by the Leader DDC, Mr Hart. ^ With the inclement weather it was time to take care when walking on the footpaths, roads and bridges. 	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u> Wednesday 1 February 2012 at 7.30pm. There will also be a Village Open Meeting at 2.30pm on Saturday 28 January.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

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