

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 1st April 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Major, Mr R Brooke, Mr I McCulloch, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Hart, Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 13 members of the public. Apologies: Mr R Radford (County Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 9.4 – Mr Brooke has a disclosable pecuniary interest as he may do business with the applicant. Agenda item 9.8 – Mr Brooke has a personal interest, the applicant is his brother. Agenda item 13 - Mr McCulloch has a personal interest as he is Chair of Longmead Management Group and Mrs Stallard has a personal interest as she is a member of Longmead Management Group Agenda item 17 – Mrs Stallard has a personal interest as she is Chair of The Garages Committee. Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee. Mr Brooke has a disclosable pecuniary interest as he owns the building. There is a dispensation in place to allow him to participate in but not vote on matters affecting this project.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Hemyock Lights Brigade</u> The Hemyock Lights Brigade informed the meeting of its aims and objectives. A group of individuals got together last year and were responsible for the installation of the pink lights on trees in the churchyard and projections onto the church. They are hoping to raise funds this year to light up more public spaces in the village, including projecting onto buildings and possibly planting some flowering bulbs with the aim of enhancing the community of Hemyock. The organisation is set up under a constitution, it has its own bank account and is looking for support from the parish council with regard to permissions that it might need (to project onto certain buildings around the village) and some funding. The group has regular meetings and the minutes are available on its website www.lightsbrigade.wordpress.com. Tim Martin will send a formal letter of request to the Clerk for the new Finance Committee to consider after the election.</p>	Finance Committee
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u> 4.1 A parishioner thanked Mr Brooke for his service to the community, during his time as a councillor. Mr Brooke will not be standing for re-election. 4.2 The council was reminded of the missing Give Way sign by the Baptist Church. 4.3 It was reported that the spoil heap at the cemetery needs removing. Clerk to request permission from landowner for access and arrange for heap to be removed. 4.4 A parishioner confirmed that his solicitor had not informed him when he purchased his property of the gun club's activities on adjoining land nor the problems with water supply. The parishioner also claimed that the gun club had set up shoot stands on areas outside those permitted under the agreement and that Councillor Clist had agreed this. Councillor Clist did not agree with this statement. 4.5 The same parishioner as above went on to agree with the comments made in 4.1 above and was disappointed to learn that Mr Brooke would not be standing for re-election and asked that he reconsider.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> 5.1 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 3rd February and 4th March meetings are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Hart SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour) Mr Major abstained from the vote.</p>	

<p>6. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u> None reported</p>	
<p>7. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond reported:- He was pleased to have been able to help with the meeting between Neil Parish MP, Highways and the Parish Council reference the 20 MPH speed limit in the village. Local Plan Review – public consultation until 27th April Public conveniences at Hemyock are being discussed at the forthcoming cabinet meeting. Councillor Rosamond will report back. Plan for the regeneration of Tiverton continues to be developed Councillor Rosamond thanked Hemyock for working with him for the last 16 years.</p>	
<p>8. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford sent the following report:- I thought the meeting was useful that the Parish Council had with Neil Parish, Police and County Officers last week. The Police were very helpful and will be having speed monitoring in various places within Hemyock. DCC Officer was quoting policy and how he could not recommend deviating from that policy.</p> <p>There absolutely is no extra money available for work that needs to be done, County just have not got the finances, and Parishes are now appreciating that, not because of bad management, County have already taken out £128m from their budget over the last four years and will have to take out another £80m in the next two years, representing 40% cut from Central Government. All the leading Political parties have signed up for these cuts for the next two years, no matter who wins the election.</p> <p>I would also like to remind you that the Public transport cuts of £1.7m across the County are out for consultation now and that consultation closes on 20th April, of course you know that.</p> <p>I do have my locality budget which will be topped up again this year as well as the TAP funding. I know you are aware of underspend of TAP funds from this last year which you have applied for towards a parish lengthsmen with Culmstock and Clayhidon. No applications can be considered until after the election because of purdah.</p> <p>If any member of the public want to contact me, over something they think I could help them with, I would be pleased to hear from them.</p> <p>Can I thank all those who will not be standing for election this next time for all the help you have given me and to your local community, it has been invaluable. Could I also wish those standing again best wishes and success.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Planning</u> Applications received for:-</p> <p>9.1 15/00354/FULL – erection of extension and dormer windows to front and rear. Orchard Lea, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed all agreed.</p> <p>9.2 15/00399/FULL – Alterations and repairs including replacement of roof lights with 3 dormer windows and lowering of rear eaves. Studleys, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and believes this brings the building in line and in keeping with its listed status and commends the application.</p>	

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed all agreed.

- 9.3 15/00400/LBC – listed building consent for internal and external alterations including replacement of thatched roof with water reed and block ridge, replacement of roof lights with 3 dormer windows, lowering of rear eaves and replacement of all doors and windows.
PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and believes this brings the building in line and in keeping with its listed status and commends the application.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed all agreed.

Mr Brooke left the room

- 9.4 15/00428/FULL – erection of a timber stable block. Land at Nelson Farm, Hackpen Hill, Hemyock

PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment.

PROPOSED: Mr Clist

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed all agreed.

Mr Brooke returned

Approval for the following applications were noted:-

- 9.5 15/00008/FULL - Erection of extension. Beech Grove Bungalow Hemyock
9.6 15/00080/FULL - Erection of a porch. 31 Station Road Hemyock
9.7 15/00092/FULL - Retention of a 1.3m high stone wall and plinth wall to porch. Catherine Wheel Hemyock
9.8 15/00148/FULL - Erection of a garden room. Jewells Farm, Hemyock

Other Planning

- 9.9 MDDC Local Plan Review & Community Infrastructure Levy extension of consultation until 27th April noted.

10. Finance

Income

	£	
1	0.04	Interest g/f
2	0.21	Interest P3
3	2.79	Interest 14 day a/c
4	200.00	P3 Grant
5	0.04	Interest g/f

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1	442.12	DALC	Membership
2	71.25	Longmead	Room hire
3	22.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
4	521.81	D Evans	Wages and expenses
5	105.12	Southern Electric	The Garages

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	87862.21
DEPOSIT A/C	52018.52
GF A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1530.58
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	142619.76

PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed

<p>PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Clerk Update</u> 11.1 The Clerk has submitted a bid to MDDC for TAP fund underspend on behalf of Hemyock, Culmstock & Clayhidon to be used to support a parish lengthsman scheme. 11.2 Year End – paperwork has been received from the external auditor and the Clerk will complete. 11.3 Longmead – dog orders – update – The Clerk has spoken with MDDC and will write to Longmead Management Committee outlining options and correct procedure to follow should it wish to change the existing arrangements for dogs.</p>	
<p>12. <u>Commons Management Group (CMG)</u> Mr Clist updated the meeting 12.1 Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) – DWT has approached the council about its lease of Ashculme and Lickham Turbaries which expires in November this year. Clerk has asked DWT for the new draft lease to be less wordy and more user friendly. 12.2 Andrew Tucker has confirmed he will top Shuttleton this year using his mulching topper and create firebreaks. 12.3 Mr Clist thanked the committee for its support and work throughout the year.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Longmead</u> The parish council met with the professional BMX rider, Kye Forte (recommended by MDDC), to consult on the design and build of a potential new BMX track at Longmead. The Clerk has received his proposals and a separate meeting will be required to discuss. Clerk to arrange.</p>	Clerk
<p>14. <u>Highways</u> Councillor Rosamond was thanked for arranging the meeting with Highways. Clerk to report damaged bollard by kissing gate.</p>	Clerk
<p>15. <u>Cemetery</u> The Clerk has been informed that the majority of graves have now been levelled.</p>	
<p>16. <u>Footpaths</u> Mr Povah has completed the grant application and £200 has been awarded.</p>	
<p>17. <u>The Garages</u> The external doors are south facing, are exposed to the weather and have shrunk. Mr Calcraft has adjusted them. The doors will be monitored. Mr Brooke suggested that the doors may need to be clad in steel. The Garages project is now self-financing and future services bills may be paid directly from The Garages. This to be referred to the new finance committee for consideration.</p>	Finance Committee
<p>18. <u>Election 7th May 2015</u> Last day for nomination papers to be received at MDDC is 9th April. Clerk will post information on website and noticeboards as soon as known.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Parish Plan</u> Ongoing.</p>	
<p>20. <u>Annual Parish Meeting</u> The Chair was thanked for her report at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was considered to have been an enjoyable evening with excellent speakers.</p>	
<p>21. <u>Correspondence</u> 21.1 Email from Blackdown Healthy Living and Activities Centre asking for permission to store some items in the council’s storage space at The Garages. PROPOSAL: Permission is given subject to the items being labelled clearly with the date and the owner details.</p>	

<p>PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed. All agreed. Mr Clist suggested a procedure should be drawn up.</p> <p>21.2 MDDC's Parish Matters March edition noted.</p> <p>21.3 Email from parishioner ref noise levels on Hemyock Common. This matter was raised and dealt with at the last Commons Management Group meeting. The parishioner was advised to report any issues around noise directly to MDDC, in the usual way.</p>	
<p>22. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></p> <p>22.1 The Chair informed the meeting that the Blackdown Hills Parish Network will be having its AGM in June. The Transport, Traffic & Highways Group wants new ideas from people on how to improve transport in rural areas without relying on existing public transport. The Chair mentioned other schemes such as community buses and 'wheels to work' schemes. The Clerk declared that the Chair had a personal interest in this item as she is also Chair of the Blackdown Hills Parish Network.</p> <p>22.2 Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Case who arranges the tables in preparation for the council meeting every month.</p>	Clerk
<p>23. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u></p> <p>23.1 The footpath from the castle to the school continues to cause problems. Clerk to re-report it.</p> <p>23.2 Mr Barton & Mr Clist attended a contingency/emergency planning meeting. It was suggested an open evening could be held to cover this subject.</p> <p>23.3 Mr Major will organise a litter picking event in June. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Wedge for her continual litter picking in and around the village. Mr Major asked that safety signage be made available. Clerk to get brochure.</p> <p>23.4 Clerk to check if The Lights Brigade is covered under council's insurance.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
<p>24. <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog mess - remind parishioners to report it • Community Orchard 	
<p>25. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 6th May 2015 in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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