

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 1st October 2014

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Hart, Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mr R Radford (County Councillor) from item 11, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 11 members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr R Brooke, Mr S Major and Mr I McCulloch</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Mrs Stallard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Director of Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for her to participate in discussions and vote on any proposals relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT. • is the Chair of the Youth Garages Project Committee • is a member of the Parish Hall Committee • is a member of Longmead Management Committee • is a member of the AONB Management Group <p>Mr Calcraft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Member of the Youth Garages Project Committee • is a member of the Parish Hall Committee <p>Mr Povah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Director of Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in discussions and vote on any proposals relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT. <p>Mr Clist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in discussions and vote on any proposals relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT. • Has a disclosable interest in item 7.1 as he is the landowner. He will leave the room when 7.1 is being discussed. <p>Mr Barton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in discussions and vote on any proposals relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT. 	
<p>3. <u>Public Questions</u> Comments/questions from members of the public as follows:-</p> <p>3.1 A tree on the green outside the castle is dead and may be dangerous. Clerk to report to MDDC.</p> <p>3.2 Public conveniences – it was reported to the meeting that the cleaner employed by MDDC to clean the conveniences is not doing a satisfactory job. The facilities were found to be dirty immediately after the cleaner had left and it was suggested she had only spent a total of 4 minutes at the facility. Clerk to report.</p> <p>3.3 A member of the public asked that in view of the new rules on recording public meetings would the council consider changes to the way the room is laid out. Clerk to add to agenda for next month to discuss.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> 4.1 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 3rd September meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Calcraft</p>	

7.8 14/01068/FULL. Demolition of original farmhouse and two-storey extension, erection of two-storey extension to later farmhouse and conversion of existing barn to garaging with offices above. Byes Farm Hemyock Cullompton. Clerk to ask reasons for withdrawal.

Clerk

8 Finance

8.1 The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:

Income

	£	Reason
1.	0.04	Interest
2.	2,200.00	DCC grant monies from AONB – environmental/conservation projects
3.	137.61	Pring & Son
4.	541.91	Luxton & Son

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	66.00	DALC	Finance Course - Clerk
2.	144.00	R Calcraft	Grass cutting Millhayes (Jul – Sep)
3.	1,800.00	Major Dan Construction	Longmead – oil tank installation
4.	71.94	Play Inspection Co	Longmead – play area inspection
5.	27.50	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
6.	115.23	Southern Electric	Garages electric
7.	544.55	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
8.	199.50	I Pike	Cemetery & Village Grass cutting

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION*

COMMUNITY A/C	75,600.56
DEPOSIT A/C	52,000.48
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1,290.14
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	£129,596.63

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

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

8.2 Recommendations from Finance Committee

Public Conveniences –

PROPOSAL:

- HPC pay 50% of expected running costs of £3k for tax year 2015.2016
- HPC will take on full running costs from 2016/2017 subject to refurbishment (details to be agreed) and
- The freehold of the property is transferred to HPC to release MDDC from ongoing liabilities.

PROPOSED: Mr Barton

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

8.3 Insurance –

PROPOSAL: renew insurance with existing provider, signing a new 3 year deal at premium of £4,003.15.

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

<p>9. <u>TAP Fund</u> The council had received a letter from Hemyock Cricket Club asking for financial support towards a new practice cricket net. PROPOSAL: Support the cricket club with 50% of the TAP fund allocation for this year, if successful in this year’s application. The parish council is waiting for a request for financial assistance from the youth football club. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Hart DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Clerk Update</u> 10.1 Agenda – The Clerk was handed a letter before last month’s meeting accusing the Clerk of failing to post the agenda within the timescales specified in the standing orders, suggesting that last month’s meeting was therefore invalid. The Clerk confirmed to the parishioner that the agenda was posted according to the timescales detailed in the standing orders and therefore the meeting was valid. 10.2 War Memorials – The Clerk has written to the PCC and they are considering the request for permission to move the war memorial back by approximately 1 metre. From pre-application advice given, the Clerk believes no grant monies will be available from either Devon Remembers or War Memorial Trust for the relocation as this type of work isn’t covered under the scheme. MDDC has written to all parishes asking them to list their war memorials. Clerk to find out whether listing of the war memorial would impose restrictions on any future plans to relocate. 10.3 Parish Pump – Mr Povah and Mr Clist are liaising ref refurbishment of pump. Clerk has made contact with DCC reference street light within the pump and has been given guidance. The Clerk will pass on information from the war memorial Mr Clist and Mr Povah. A grant for some of the works may be available for conservation but not maintenance. 10.4 Finance Training – after attending a recent course the Clerk will pursue the option of internet banking for the parish council as permitted under new regulations. 10.5 The Clerk will look into the possibility of using a VOIP phone for parish clerk work. This phone has no installation or monthly costs and uses an internet connection. 10.6 Police Update – PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- Good news, there are no crimes to report for the past month. There were only four logs called into the police. These were three traffic related incidents and one domestic incident. <i>Mr Radford joined the meeting</i></p>	Clerk
<p>11. <u>County Council Report</u> The culvert at Blackwater Lane has been repaired and the road has re-opened. However, DCC plan on closing the road again for one day whilst other essential works are completed further along the road (these works were not done at the same time as they would have restricted access to local properties). The culvert has been repaired and the old stone walls have been replaced with wooden bars. Mr Radford to ask for the stone walls to be reinstated, they are typical of this area and part of our heritage. Mr Radford was also asked to progress the requested meeting with Highways, ideally before Christmas. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss all of the outstanding highway issues that exist in the parish and to visit any sites, if necessary (20mph limit on edge of village, adoption of floodbridge, Ashculme road, pot holes, pictorial signs at Ashculme/Culm Davy).</p>	RR RR
<p>12. <u>Commons Management Group (CMG)</u> Mr Clist updated the meeting and asked the council to consider the following proposals:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Dogs on Leads’ signs, recommended by Natural England, to continue with their use on Hemyock Common. • The CMG act as the liaison between the AONB and the parish council and take on any works associated with possible future projects such as community orchards, allotments etc. <p>PROPOSED: Mr Clist</p>	

<p>SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Longmead</u> There is a scrub clearance day planned for Sunday 12th October, all welcome to help with the work</p>	
<p>14. <u>Highways</u> There are stones in the middle of the road up the hill from Culm Pyne. Clerk to report.</p>	Clerk
<p>15. <u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>16. <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>17. <u>The Garages</u> Tuesday evenings 6.30-8.00pm are for Year 6s who have just left primary school, Year 7s and Year 8s. Friday evenings 6.30-9.00pm are for Year 9s and upwards. If you can help with volunteering at The Garages please see The Garages Facebook page or contact Lynn Taylor, 680104. Mr Povah has received a quote from Brendan Kingston to lower the doors to the store and will arrange this work.</p>	LP
<p>18. <u>CLT</u> Neil Punnett sent the following report:- The CLT and Hastoe Housing Association were nominated for the Devon Rural Housing Awards 2014 for the Griffin Close affordable homes development. Five members of the CLT attended the Awards Ceremony at Exeter Racecourse on 25th September and were delighted to win the award for Best Rural Development. The Devon Rural Housing Awards celebrate work undertaken by individuals and communities in securing affordable rural housing for Devon's communities.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Election May 2015</u> Clerk will attend a DALC course on the subject of elections in January.</p>	Clerk
<p>20. <u>Parish Plan</u> Clerk has contacted CCD to find out what help and support they can provide the village ref Parish Plan.</p>	Clerk
<p>21. <u>Correspondence</u> 21.1 A parishioner raised concerns about a rumour reference development of the play area in Hollingarth. MDDC planning confirms it has not received any application and that play areas are protected under planning policy and any application would struggle to get consent.</p>	
<p>22. <u>Annual Parish Meeting</u> It was agreed that the APM will be held on Thursday 26th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Next year's election should be on the agenda. All to consider possible speakers and format of meeting.</p>	Clerk All
<p>23. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>24. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 24.1 Mr Barton is attending Mid Devon Planning for Emergencies Fair on 16th October. Following on from the Community Council of Devon's conference last month, Mr Barton reported about a computer system for hall bookings. He won a free year's subscription which he has kindly donated to the village. It may be possible to centralise/computerise the hall bookings system for all rooms in the village. Mrs Stallard will take this forward. 24.2 Embrace held a meeting in the village to reassure residents of its intentions reference Downmead re-opening as a care home for children. Although many were sceptical initially, Mr Barton felt the company came across as genuine and confident of their own abilities to manage the children.</p>	

<p>24.3 Making it Local has recently submitted a bid to Defra for a share of £140 million for the next programme of European grant funding which covers the Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty along with the surrounding parishes and market towns. If the bid is successful the new programme will run from January 2015 to December 2020. The emphasis of the next programme will be on growing the rural economy. Grants will be allocated to businesses and organisations which demonstrate they will help strengthen economic vitality within the MIL area. As the new programme is quite different from that of the past 5 years, it's unlikely it will be able to fund any social projects. The following sectors will be covered in the next programme:- Farming, Forestry, Micro-businesses, Heritage and Culture, Rural tourism, Rural services. If the bid is successful in gaining funds for the new programme, the team will want to be able to start awarding grants very quickly. If you have not already submitted a project idea, MIL is keen to hear from businesses and organisations that can make a lasting contribution to the local rural economy. Please note the Project Development Workers will not be available after the end of December, so please don't delay.</p> <p>24.4 The stream by the Church needs some attention. Clerk to ask the Young Farmers to help. Mr Povah is happy to liaise with Mr Bawler over exactly what work is required.</p>	
<p>25. <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making it Local grant information • CLT – Griffin Close award • Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 26th March 2015 7pm Parish Hall 	Clerk/LP
<p>26. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 5th November in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

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