

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 2nd August 2017

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr T Barton, Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist (Vice-Chair), Mr P Doble, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Ms J Pritchard, Mr N Punnett, Councillor F Rosamond (District Councillor), Councillor R Radford (County Councillor), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), Councillor Peter Heal (Chair of Mid Devon District Council) and members of the public.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 5.1 - Miss Lawrence has a pecuniary interest as she works for the applicant. She will leave the room whilst the application is being discussed. Mrs Stallard declared a personal interest as she knows the applicant. Agenda item 5.2 - Mrs Stallard declared a personal interest as she knows the applicants. Agenda item 12 - Mrs Stallard & Mr Doble have a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. Agenda item 16 – Mr Clist has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Countryside Access Forum and Devon Wildlife Trust. Mr N Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot Syndicate that uses Hemyock and Shuttleton Commons. Agenda item 21 - Mrs Stallard & Mr Calcraft have personal interests as they are members of The Garages Committee. Agenda item 22 - Mrs Stallard, Ms Pritchard & Mr Punnett have personal interests as they are members of the Blackdown Hills Parish Network. Agenda item 23 - Ms Pritchard has a personal interest as she is a school governor.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> The following were reported/raised:- 3.1 A nominated spokesperson for residents of Ashculme raised many issues reference agenda item 5.1. These include:- concerns that an unlit car park at top of road could encourage unwanted visitors/anti-social behaviour; increase in noise and traffic numbers on narrow lane; could this application set a precedent?; the commercial enterprise will have a detrimental effect on Ashculme residents and the parish; contamination of private water supplies – the site is within 100 metres of a well, a large dairy farm uses the spring for water, 8 properties could be affected by water contamination; pollution in an AONB; pollution of SSSI; who will pay the maintenance costs of the burial site when passed over to parish?; the application creates a contamination risk to water supplies which might cost Ashculme residents in excess of £100,000 over the next 10 years to install and use mains. 3.2 When the hedge is trimmed at Combe Hill would the landowner cut it back hard? 3.3 Dog mess has increased in the village. Clerk to mention in PR and speak to dog warden. 3.4 The smell from the sewage treatment plant at Longmead is particularly bad at present. Clerk to report to SWW. 3.5 The proposed green burial site was selected after careful consideration of location and gradient. The applicant has conducted many digs and did not find water. He is arranging for further specialist reports to be prepared. 3.6 The bin at the BMX track needs emptying.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 5th July are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> Planning applications considered for:- <i>Miss Lawrence left the room</i> 5.1 17/01095/FULL. Land at NGR 314405 115405 (Higher Culm) Pyne Farm, Hemyock. Change of use of agricultural land to create a green burial site, including parking provision for up to 20 cars and formation of access. The council discussed the application. It was suggested that the site was too close to properties, that</p>	

<p>there is insufficient information available reference possible water contamination, and potential problems with traffic.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The council defers a decision until more information is provided reference possible water contamination. The planning officer will be invited to attend a site visit/meeting to assist the parish council.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr Clist</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p> <p>The residents of Ashculme were thanked for their input and the appointment of a spokesperson to represent their views.</p> <p><i>Miss Lawrence returned to room</i></p>	
<p>5.2 17/01124/HOUSE. Studleys, Hemyock. Conversion of existing outbuilding to form an annexe and additional ancillary accommodation (Revised Scheme).</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The council supports the application.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Barton</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr Punnett</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p> <p>Permission granted noted for:-</p> <p>5.3 17/00495/FULL. Hill Farm, Clayhidon. Conversion of barn to 2 dwellings.</p> <p>5.4 17/00745/FULL. Burleyhayes Linhay, Hemyock. Conversion of ancillary domestic accommodation to holiday cottage.</p> <p>5.5 17/00789/HOUSE. 14 Millhayes Farm, Hemyock. Erection of a single storey side extension.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>6.1 St Margaret's Brook – the work has almost been completed and compliments have been received from the parish. One boulder needs to be removed and Mr Povah is liaising with the contractor.</p> <p>6.2 MDDC Planning system – MDDC has upgraded its planning system to enable users to download documents more easily. Many thanks to Councillor Rosamond for his input.</p>	LP
<p>7. <u>Peter Heal – Chair of Mid Devon District Council</u></p> <p>Councillor Peter Heal reported:-</p> <p>He aims to visit all parishes during his two year appointment. He outlined his role and responsibilities as Chair of the council. Since the appointment of the new Chief Executive of MDDC, Stephen Wolford, the council has seen many changes to the management structure. Following the Grenfell Tower fire in London, the council has inspected all of its flats and none have similar cladding. However, the inspection has highlighted some improvements required to storage areas in order to improve fire safety. The Local Plan has been submitted and an initial review of the junction 27 aspect of the plan has been scheduled for end of September.</p> <p>Councillor Heal was thanked for visiting the parish and presented with signed copies of 'Hemyock' and 'Make Hay Whilst the Sun Shines'.</p> <p>It was agreed to deal with agenda item 24 next, whilst Councillor Heal was still in attendance.</p>	
<p>24. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>24.1 Letter from MDDC reference noise nuisance – The parish council noted that a parishioner has contacted MDDC making allegations against the local gun club at Hemyock Turbary. The parish council wished to bring it to Councillor Heal's attention that the gun club has operated from the site for over 40 years and it continues to operate according to the permission granted by MDDC reference gun stands and use of sub-sonic cartridges. The parish council hoped that the complaint would be addressed and dismissed without delay. Clerk to furnish Councillor Heal with copy correspondence.</p>	Clerk
<p>8. <u>District Council Report</u></p> <p>Councillor Frank Rosamond reported:-</p> <p>MDDC has formally supported and signed up to the Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime Campaign. The Environment PDG considered the long-term plans reference fencing of play areas and full council will consider it in October. The newly appointed monitoring officer has recommended changes to the constitution and the appointment of two members of the public to be independent members, to sit in and scrutinise the members in committee meetings. The Chief Executive is driving a transformation programme to encourage members to be more involved in creating policy.</p>	
<p>9. <u>County Council Report</u></p>	

Councillor Ray Radford reported:-

Devon County has 60 councillors and, as chair of the council, Councillor Radford only sits on the standards board and procedure committee. He has many civic responsibilities to carry out during his term.

Councillor Radford is meeting with the neighbourhood Highways Officer this month.

Councillor Heal left the meeting

10. Finance

10.1 Income & Expenditure

INCOME

1.	200.00	Co-op Funeralcare
2.	205.00	Pring & Son
3.	205.00	Pring & Son
4.	150.00	Fine Memorials
5.	100.00	Pring & Son

EXPENDITURE

1.	830.38	D Evans	Wages and expenses
2.	247.50	I Pike	Grass cutting
3.	38.50	I Pike	Village maintenance
4.	10.54	South West Water	Cemetery water bill
5.	1,000.00	Devon County Council	Culm Community Crayfish Project
6.	60.00	Abbeymead Safety Training	First aid at fete
7.	2,000.00	Ashfords	Car park purchase
8.	26.00	Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management	VAT element of training
9.	50.00	R Taylor	BMX strim & tidy
10.	75.00	Longmead Management Group	Room hire
11.	30.50	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
12.	18.00	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges
13.	45.00	R Taylor	Footbridge strim & tidy
14.	993.60	Tom Brooke Contracting	Cemetery spoil heap removal
15.	640.80	WT & R Jones	Maintenance works, football pitches at Longmead
16.	30.00	B Clist	Books

BANK RECONCILIATION

HSBC Community a/c	13,625.73
HSBC Deposit	75,019.35
HSBC Griffith/Flay	0
HSBC P3	0.04
HSBC Longmead	1.27
Unity Trust Bank current	34.69
Unity Trust Bank deposit	41,353.39
Unity Trust Bank GF	704.38
Unity Trust Bank P3	2,302.06
Nationwide Bond	75,000.00
United Trust Bank	75,000.00
Total	283,040.91

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Punnett

DECISION: passed. (all in favour). Mr Clist abstained from voting.

11. Clerk Update

11.1 DAL AGM 10th October – clerk to book places for Mr Clist, Mrs Stallard and herself.

Clerk

11.2	Police Report – PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- There were 3 crime reports for July. There were 2 minor assaults which related to one incident and criminal damage to Longmead Pavilion. There were 9 incident logs reported to us. These included 1 concern for welfare, 2 relating to possible drink driving, 1 hit & run damage to a vehicle and 2 reports regarding loud music.	
12. <u>Longmead</u>		
12.1	BMX bridge – Mr Povah & Mr Calcraft will inspect bridge to assess what work is needed and report back at next meeting.	
13. <u>Highways</u>		
13.1	The poor state of the footbridge by the castle has been reported to Highways. They are aware of problems and plan to install a new bridge.	
13.2	Improved signage, Castle Hill - following a recent meeting with Highways, it appears policy is to take no action on traffic calming/signage improvements unless and until accident and injury occur at a specific site. Councillor Radford asked to take this matter forward on behalf of the council. Clerk to email information to Councillor Radford.	Clerk
14. <u>Cemetery</u>	Nothing to report.	
15. <u>Footpaths</u>	Nothing to report.	
16. <u>Commons Management Group (CMG)</u>	Shuttleton Common has been topped.	
17. <u>Village Maintenance</u>	Mr Pike requires a spraying licence/training to allow him to use weed killer. PROPOSAL: the council pays for Mr Pike to obtain his spraying licence, approximately £450.00 PROPOSED: Mr Punnett SECONDED: Ms Pritchard DECISION: passed. (all in favour). Hedges are encroaching onto footpaths - clerk to check land registry for ownership of hedges at back of Summer Close and 1 Riverside and take appropriate action.	Clerk
18. <u>Public Conveniences</u>	Following interviews a candidate was selected for the role of cleaner. However, the candidate has raised several issues and suggested changes to the original contract. PROPOSAL: the council rejects the first candidate and offers the position to candidate No 2. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Punnett DECISION: passed. (all in favour).	
19. <u>Car Park</u>	The legal transfer deeds to purchase the car park from MDDC for £2,000.00 have been received and were signed by Chair and Vice-chair.	
20. <u>Parish Plan/Hemyock Tomorrow</u>	A draft summary report has been produced. Any comments to be given to Mr Punnett in the next few days. PROPOSAL: the council to print a summary report and distribute to the parish by end of August with feedback to be received by mid-September at an approximate cost of £200. PROPOSED: Mr Punnett SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed. (all in favour). Mr Punnett was thanked for his time in pulling together the report.	NP
21. <u>Garages Youth Project</u>	Mr Povah & Mr Calcraft to liaise reference external doors and report back.	LP/RC
22. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u>	It was reported that few councillors are opening their emails from the parish network.	
23. <u>Primary School Governor Update</u>	Nothing to report.	
25. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u>		

Mrs Stallard represented the parish council at the 750 th celebration of St Marys Church.		
26. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u>		
26.1 First Aid – Liz, Abbeymead Safety Training, is prepared to run an afternoon session on defibrillators free of charge. Clerk to liaise with Mrs Pinder to establish if the toddler group would like a session.		Clerk
26.2 The amount of dog mess around the village was noted. Clerk will mention in PR and contact dog warden.		
26.3 Mr Doble was thanked for trimming the hedges at Gypsy Cross. Julian Clist was thanked for trimming the hedges at the bottom of Churchills.		
26.4 Mr Clist reminded all of the upcoming country shows:- Camelford, Okehampton, Brendon Hills, Dunster, Melplash, Holsworthy, Dorset and Frome Agricultural & Cheese Show.		
26.5 Mr Punnett asked for content for next Newsletter.		
26.6 Mr Pike was sent best wishes following his recent illness.		
27. <u>PR</u> The council asked for PR on:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog mess – please pick up after your dog 		
28. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 6 th September at 7.30pm Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall		

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed Dated