

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 2nd October 2019

| Subject | Action |
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| <p>1. Present Mr P Doble (Vice Chair), Miss J Fouracre, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 6 members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies Councillor S Clist (Parish & District Councillor), Mr R Calcraft, and Mr T Barton (received and accepted).</p> | |
| <p>2. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations Agenda item 11 - Mr Ritchie & Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. Agenda item 15 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. Agenda item 17 – Miss Fouracre has a personal interest as she is a member of The Garages Committee. Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon & Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. Agenda item 5.2 – Miss Fouracre has a personal interest as she is a friend of the applicants.</p> | |
| <p>3. Public Participation The following were reported/raised:-</p> <p>3.1 There is a problem with molehills at the cemetery. Clerk to contact a mole catcher. 3.2 The gate at the cemetery still needs attention. Mr Doble to chase his brother for action. 3.3 With regard to the proposed gypsy and traveller site planning application, it was requested by a member of the public that if the planning officer is minded to grant permission then the ward member should be asked to call the application into committee for decision. This was the parish council's understanding and clerk will inform Councillor Clist of this request. 3.4 Water on the road at Lyndesign was reported again.</p> | <p>Clerk PD</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>4. Minutes from Previous Meetings PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 4th, 24th & 30th September are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> | |
| <p>5. Planning The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 19/01469/FULL. West of Elmdene, Hemyock. Erection of a dwelling, garage and formation of new access (Revised Scheme) PROPOSAL: The council is not content with the application as it is outside of the permitted development of the village in the open countryside. If minded to approve the application the parish council requests consultation with regard to the allocation of any 106 money. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (4 for, 3 against).</p> <p>5.2 19/01551/HOUSE. Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annex and ancillary accommodation (Revised Scheme). Studleys, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Ritchie DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Approval noted for:-</p> <p>5.3 19/01110/PNOU. Change of use of offices to 2 residential dwellings. St Ivel House, Hemyock. 5.4 19/01176/FULL. Change of use of offices to 1 dwelling, loft extension and associated works. St Ivel House, Hemyock. 5.5 19/01274/HOUSE. Erection of an agricultural storage building. Claywell's Copse, Hemyock. 5.6 19/01186/FULL. Creation of a pavement and alteration to existing wall. 27 & 29 Station Road,</p> | |

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| Hemyock. | |
| <p>6. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>6.1 Pump – nothing to report.</p> <p>6.2 Doors & electricity – The Parish Store. Thanks to Mr Povah, Mr Hawkes and Miss Lawrence for their efforts with regards to the shelving. Quotes for the electricity work are still being sought. Miss Lawrence hopes to meet with all users of the Parish Store to discuss organisation of the area.</p> <p>6.3 Pavement repairs – have been completed. A small problem occurred whilst the work was undertaken. Mr Povah liaised with the contractor and resolved the issue. An additional kerbstone was agreed during the works.</p> <p>6.4 Standing orders/financial regulations – clerk will send these to Policy Committee for consideration.</p> <p>6.5 Fingerposts – Mr Povah to carry forward. Clerk to contact Otterford Parish Council to gather information on a project it has carried out.</p> <p>6.6 Joint project with Culmstock/Clayhidon – noticeboards. Nothing to report.</p> <p>6.7 Tree work. Clerk is waiting for three quotes.</p> | <p>PL</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>7. <u>County Council Report</u></p> <p>Post meeting, Councillor Ray Radford sent the following report:-</p> <p>The recorded number of potholes this year is down from last year.</p> <p>Devon Highways has been considering carbon reduction and in a number of locations has used `warm asphalt` which provides an approximate 7.5% carbon reduction over hot lay. During the summer it completed a surface dressing programme of over 1.06 million m².</p> <p>We are ready for the winter. By the end of October we will be fully stocked with 23,500 tonnes of salt. The gritters and snow ploughs are all serviced and ready for action, let`s hope they are not excessively required.</p> <p>Devon remains one of the top recycling counties in England at 56%. East Devon is the best performing District at 59.1%, Mid Devon are sitting in the middle at 53.5%. This last year has seen a reduction in residual waste (black bags) of 6,472 tonnes. All the waste for Mid Devon, East Devon and Exeter now goes to the Incinerator Plant at Exeter, since the Broadpath Landfill site closed.</p> <p>From a green issue point of view, we are planting 20,000 trees and shrubs along the North Devon Link road, mainly around the Filleigh area, this will screen properties from the road.</p> <p>Devon County has 771 children in care. These numbers, unfortunately, are on the increase, and it is a tremendous strain on the budget. September Budget Review identifies County will get an extra £15m with a possibility of a further £7m potentially raised through a Social Care Precept, which gives County powers to raise 2% from Council Tax as a Social Care Precept. Durign the last two years we have recruited 50 new Foster Families and lost no Foster Carers, following our re-structuring of allowances. School funding per pupil is rising albeit only in line with inflation to a minimum of £3,750 per child for primary schools and £5,000 per child for secondary schools.</p> <p>Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) is an ongoing saga. The Gigaclear contract has been terminated thus leaving a question mark over the Government`s £18.7m for funding for the CDS programme, an extension to the March 2023 deadline requires formal approval.</p> <p>Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) has confirmed this is being presented to HM Treasury as part of the department`s business case to accelerate investment on digital infrastructure and target homes and businesses no longer covered by the roll-out plans. CDS and BDUK are working together closely on a new procurement process.</p> <p>The Digital Minister`s pledge of continuing support to ensure our residents benefit from world class broadband infrastructure is welcomed. It is necessary to have an estimated 12 months consultation period to identify new provider/providers of these services. On the question of State Aid, the current State Aid National Broadband Scheme runs out in December 2020. CDS & BDUK expect to be in a position to award a new contract(s) in the autumn of 2020 and therefore under the existing State Aid Scheme.</p> | |

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| 8. District Council Report Nothing to report. | | | | |
| 9. Finance 9.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation | | | | |
| INCOME | | | | |
| 1. | 250.00 | Pring & Son - cemetery | | |
| 2. | 150.00 | Richard Grant – cemetery | | |
| 3. | 50.00 | A G Real – cemetery | | |
| 4. | 12.78 | Interest, HSBC deposit | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| 1. | 297.05 | I Pike | Grass cutting and maintenance | |
| 2. | 890.31 | D Evans | Wages and expenses | |
| 3. | 46.80 | HMRC | PAYE | |
| 4. | 120.00 | K Amor | Cleaning, public conveniences | |
| 5. | 120.00 | A Russell | Reimbursement of volunteer costs | |
| 6. | 97.44 | Brookridge Timber | Materials for The Parish Store | |
| 7. | 12.40 | Hemyock Parish Hall | Room hire | |
| 8. | 105.00 | R Taylor | BMX, footbridge and hedge tidy | |
| 9. | 50.00 | P Slater | Reimbursement of costs – Longmead Environmental Area | |
| 10. | 127.50 | Roger Beaver | Longmead maintenance – hedge trimming | |
| 11. | 74.00 | R Calcraft | Grass cutting, BHLAC (Aug – Sept) | |
| 12. | 5,956.20 | RW Gale | Resurfacing pavements | |
| BANK RECONCILIATION | | | | |
| | | HSBC Community a/c | 19,476.41 | |
| | | HSBC Deposit | 75,228.86 | |
| | | HSBC P3 | 0.04 | |
| | | HSBC Longmead | 1.27 | |
| | | Unity Trust Bank current | 82.00 | |
| | | Unity Trust Bank deposit | 55,026.21 | |
| | | Unity Trust Bank GF | 708.84 | |
| | | Unity Trust Bank P3 | 1,683.11 | |
| | | Skipton 1-year Bond | 85,000.00 | |
| | | United Trust Bank | 77,191.78 | |
| | | Total | 314,398.52 | |
| PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed. | | | | |
| PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence | | | | |
| SECONDED: Miss Fouracre | | | | |
| DECISION: passed (all in favour). | | | | |
| 10. Clerk Update | | | | |
| 10.1 | Car Park – the clerk has asked MDDC to inspect the surface. As part of the asset transfer MDDC agreed to resurface the car park when necessary. MDDC estimated it would not need resurfacing for at least 2 years. | | | |
| 10.2 | DALC AGM will be held on 23 rd October. Any councillor wishing to attend, please let the clerk know. | | | |
| 10.3 | The clerk has approached a developer who has kindly agreed to allow MDDC to change the wording of a 106 agreement to enable the pc to use the money for various projects at Longmead. | | | Finance Committee |
| 10.4 | Lights Parade – has requested £500 towards the event. To be referred to Finance Committee. | | | |
| 10.5 | Clerk's Manual – a new version has been released and the clerk wishes to purchase it at a cost of £47.50. It was agreed that the clerk may go ahead and purchase it. | | | Clerk |
| 11. Longmead | | | | |
| 11.1 | At the last meeting it was agreed that Mr Ritchie and Mr Povah would liaise reference the design of | | | |

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| the abutment works and re-quote. Following a discussion about the pros and cons of various options a design was agreed. Mr Povah will draw up the specification and tender documents. | LP |
| 12. Highways Station Road pavement – planning permission has been granted. Clerk instructed to inform solicitor to draft documentation. Mr Povah will arrange for final drawings to be completed to enable tender documents to be sent out for the works. | |
| 13. Cemetery A site visit will be arranged to inspect the railings at the cemetery. | |
| 14. Footpaths Nothing to report. | |
| 15. Commons Management Group The following recommendations were considered:- 15.1.1 The pc to host a tree planting event at Shuttleton Common over a weekend in February. The parish council will provide stakes and guards and parishioners will be able to purchase/order native hard wood trees (4ft-5ft) which they will then plant. 15.1.2 The clerk, chair of council and chair of CMG to meet informally with prospective purchaser of land adjacent to cemetery to confirm the pc's continued commitment to receive a parcel of land for community use. 15.1.3 The areas around the benches on the turbarry to be strimmed and a picnic bench installed by Mr I Pike. PROPOSAL: that the above three recommendations are accepted. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour). | |
| 16. Village Maintenance 16.1 Fencing at BHLAC needs some attention. Mr Russell will liaise with Mr Calcraft. Mr Russell, Mr Doble and Mr Ritchie will assist with the fencing task. 16.2 Picnic bench to be installed at Longmead BMX track. | AR/SR/PD/ RC |
| 17. Garages Youth Project Nothing to report. | |
| 18. Blackdown Hills Parish Network Nothing to report. | |
| 19. Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre A separate meeting will be arranged to discuss heating and loft insulation and PV panels. | |
| 20. Asset Management Nothing to report. | |
| 21. Future Meetings The Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Friday 1 st May at 7.30pm. | |
| 22. Items raised by Chairman Nothing to report. | |
| 23. Items raised by Councillors 23.1 Miss Lawrence was interested to read that Ottery St Mary town council has set up a climate emergency group called Greener Ottery. 23.2 A transit van has been abandoned in Prowses. Although it is understood to be taxed and MOT'd it is half on the pavement and half on road. Clerk to report to PCSO. 23.3 A post and rail fence adjacent to bridge by St Margaret's Brook is rotten in places. Clerk to report to DCC and MDDC as unsure who the fence belongs to. | Clerk Clerk |
| 24. Correspondence 24.1 Email from parishioner reference speeding vehicles noted. 24.2 Letter from Citizens Advice Bureau asking for a donation referred to Finance Committee. 24.3 Letter from Dementia Friendly Rural Communities noted. | Finance committee |
| 25. Public Participation | |

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| 25.1 When trees are taken down in the village it would be welcomed if the county and district councils would replant. Clerk to raise with District and County Councillors. | Clerk |
| 26. PR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree planting weekend in February | |
| 27. Date of next Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 6 th November, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. | |

Meeting ended 9.27pm

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