

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held via Zoom at 7.30pm on 2nd December 2020

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr S Clist, Mr P Doble (Vice-chair), Miss J Fouracre, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr R Calcraft and Mr L Povah (received and accepted)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 5 – Mr Clist, District Councillor, is a member of MDDC planning committee and chooses not to vote on any planning application. • Agenda item 11 – Mr Russell has a personal interest as he is a member 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 - Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee. • Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon and Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. 	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> 3.1 It was reported that many street lights are obscured by vegetation. Details will be provided to the clerk to report to Highways.</p>	Clerk
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 4th November are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>The manager of the Blackdown Hills Healthy Living Centre, Peta Dayus-Jones, joined the meeting to discuss the Men Shed group moving into the workshop at the side of The Garages. The group, operating under the BHLAC umbrella, is intending to move in to the workshop shortly. The pc supported this venture and The Garages Committee was also supportive. However, it has transpired that The Garages Committee is looking to charge the group an hourly rental for the workshop. This was not anticipated by the group nor the pc. The Garages Committee has incurred set-up costs relating to the Men's Shed Group: a separate electric meter has been fitted and a storage area has been created for the scouts (who were previously using the workshop). The clerk had previously spoken to Mrs Stallard from The Garages Committee who confirmed that it was due to meet to discuss a possible hourly rate. The clerk asked Mrs Stallard to inform her of the outcome of any such meeting.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The council does not anticipate The Garages Committee charging the Men's Shed Group an hourly rate for the use of the workshop. It will wait for an update from The Garages Committee with regard to set-up costs, etc. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:- 5.1 20/01868/HOUSE. Erection of a single-storey rear extension. The Hay Barn, Castle Hill, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Russell SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). Miss Fouracre abstained from voting.</p>	

<p>Permission granted noted for:- 5.2 20/01327/HOUSE. Erection of extensions and alterations to fenestration. Byes Farm, Hemyock.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Matters Arising</u> 6.1 MDDC has agreed to fit a new bin at Byes, this is on order. With regard to the turbary, it was agreed to review the situation in 6 months' time to see if a bin is required. In the meantime the clerk was instructed to erect a polite notice asking for any rubbish to be taken home.</p>	
<p>7. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-</p> <p>The Exeter Nightingale received its first COVID-19 patients this week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the beginning of July, the Nightingale Hospital Exeter has been providing local people with fast and safe access to a range of important diagnostic tests. These additional services will now stop at the Nightingale facility to allow the hospital to care for COVID-19 patients. Diagnostic tests will continue to be available to those who need them through existing diagnostic services across the region. • The 116-bed hospital is designed to provide care for patients with COVID-19 and can support both ventilated and non-ventilated care. Patients with COVID-19 who need the additional services available within an acute hospital will be cared for there. • At its meeting on 12 November 2020, the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny considered the Report of the Associate Director (Care and Health) Devon County Council and NHS Devon CCG relating to the Finance and Performance Mid-Year Update for Health and Adult Care (Minute 211(b) refers). The Committee discussed the finance and performance of Adult Health and Care, in particular the impact of COVID-19 across the health and care system, and RESOLVED that 'this Committee urges and supports the Cabinet to make representations to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, requesting adequate funding (the level of which to be advised by Officers) to manage the remainder of the Covid-19 pandemic; and to address the need for a long-term funding settlement for adult social care'. • Supporting carers A pioneering new project that supports unpaid carers has been heralded nationally and is shortlisted for a prestigious care award. It involves dedicated staff from Devon Carers, a service commissioned by Devon County Council and NHS Devon CCG, working closely with hospital teams to identify situations where carers are involved, and where support for those carers is needed for patients to return home safely, or prevent hospital admissions. DCC officers have been instrumental in driving this work and making it happen. <p>At 31st October 2020 the level of long term debt remains unchanged at £507.85m. Every year the Council budgets for a Minimum Revenue Provision to set aside cash to then repay this external debt. At the same time, we are then borrowing that cash back, by way of internal borrowing from the Council's cash balances to finance the capital programme. At present we have "over borrowed" from cash by some £60 million, i.e. we have borrowed £60 million from the Council's cash balances, in addition to the external debt of £507.85 million, to fund the capital programme. The ability to internally borrow from the Council's cash has enabled the Council to fund its capital programme in recent years without taking out further external debt and incurring additional interest costs and other capital financing costs.</p> <p>While cash balances remain relatively high, we can continue to internally borrow to meet our capital commitments and maintain a measured level of future capital investment. However, this may become more challenging if there continues to be growing pressure on both the Council's capital programme and revenue budget, and other calls on cash balances such as the deficit on Special Educational Needs.</p> <p>Another year is almost gone; I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy Covid-free new year and thank you for all your support. I am here to help in any way I can.</p>	

Councillor Radford raised the subject of Pencross Hill. He will arrange a meeting after Christmas with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer, the Highways Planning Officer and other interested parties to discuss possible solutions to the problems of HGVs passing on the hill.	RR																																																				
<p>8. <u>District Councillor Report</u> Councillor Clist asked that his update be moved to the end of the meeting and members of the public be excluded due to the confidential enforcement matters he wished to report.</p>																																																					
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<p>PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>																																																					
<p>9.2 Precept – PROPOSAL: The precept for next year is kept at band D £97.31 per annum. PROPOSED: Mr Russell SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (6 for, 2 against). Councillor Clist asked for it to be minuted that he did not support the proposal as he believed the precept should be increased every year by a</p>																																																					

<p>small percentage. Councillor Ritchie asked for it to be minuted that he did not support the proposal as he believes that the precept should be reduced.</p>	
<p>10. Clerk Report 10.1 New bins have been ordered for Longmead but there is an 8 week wait. 10.2 The drains have been cleared at Longmead and a need for additional work has been identified – quotations for this work will be obtained. 10.3 Additional quotations are being sought for the leasing IT equipment. 10.4 Website accessibility work continues. 10.5 Play area – Lower Greenfield - this is now with MDDC legal department for interpretation. 10.6 Work to review policies is ongoing. 10.7 Legal advice was sought with regard to the consequential loss incurred when refurbishing the pump. It was suggested that a claim in the small claims court might be an option. The fee is £105. PROPOSAL: The clerk will write to both parties informing them of the council’s intention to take the matter to the small claims court if the pc does not receive a satisfactory response. PROPOSED: Mr Ritchie SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour). The clerk was asked to clarify the procedure with DALC before proceeding.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11. Longmead 11.1 The clerk had spoken to both the contractor and Brookridge with regard to the bridge refurbishment. It was agreed that this would be put back until spring. Clerk will ask the two to liaise and agree a date. If the contractor is unable to commit to a date then the job will be retendered.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>12. Highways Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>13. Cemetery Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>14. Footpaths Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>15. Commons Management Group Mr Moon reported that 4 trees had been replaced and several new stakes are required. Mr Moon to organise.</p>	<p>NM</p>
<p>16. Village Maintenance 16.1 Mr Pike to remove old posts from car park. 16.2 Floodbridge - PROPOSAL: The pc to replace two rotten sections of the floodbridge with GRP decking. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Miss Fouracre DECISION: passed (all in favour). Clerk will ask Mr Povah to liaise with Mr Pike.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>17. Garages Youth Project Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>18. Blackdown Hills Parish Network Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>19. Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre 19.1 Loft insulation is now complete. 19.2 Car park barrier – various options were considered including:- taking down the wall, metal posts, crash barrier. PROPOSAL: The pc constructs a crash barrier to protect the wall from further damage. The crash barrier will not be seen as cars will be parked in front of it. PROPOSED: Miss Fouracre SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (7 for, 1 against). Mr Clist was against the crash barrier solution for</p>	<p>NM/AR</p>

aesthetic reasons. Mr Russell and Mr Moon will come up with a design and prices.	
20. <u>Asset Management</u> Nothing to report.	
21. <u>Community Land</u> Nothing to report.	
22. <u>Correspondence</u> 22.1 Email from a parishioner with regard to street names noted. MDDC has a policy not to name streets after living people. 22.2 Email from a parishioner with regard to cars left in car park. Clerk to write a polite letter reminding owners that cars should not be left in the car park permanently. The pc will need to consider the use of the car park at a separate meeting.	
23. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.	
24. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.	
25. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 3 rd February 2021 at 7.30pm (via Zoom)	
26. <u>District Councillor Report</u> <u>Exclude Press & Public</u> PROPOSAL: The council resolves that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and therefore excludes public and press for the next part of the meeting. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour) Councillor Clist reported on two enforcement matters that MDDC are dealing with in the parish.	

Signed.....Dated.....