

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 2nd July 2014

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr I McCulloch, Mr S Major, Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Brooke, Mr R Hart, Mr R Radford (County Councillor, from item 18), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 11 members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor)</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 <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. <p>Mr Brooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Youth Garages Project. There is a dispensation in place to allow him to participate in discussions but not vote on matters affecting the project. • is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust <p>Mr Major</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>Mr McCulloch</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. • is Chair of Longmead Management Group <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>Police Report</u> PCSO Tracey Peters updated the meeting on recent crimes and other incidents in the parish.</p> <p>There is an on-going problem with drug dealing taking place at Longmead. The police are aware of the situation and request further information from the public reference the identity of cars and</p>	

<p>people coming and going. If parishioners see anything suspicious would they please call 999 so that the police may attend while any potentially criminal activity is taking place.</p> <p>There is also an on-going problem with dog fouling at Longmead. Dog owners are reminded that they must pick up any mess left by their dog and also that dogs must be kept off of the football pitches at all times. The parish council is liaising with MDDC reference Dog Control Orders and Dog Exclusions to see what options are available. The parish council was asked by a member of the public to ensure it gives notice if it makes changes to the access rules at Longmead. Clerk to mention problems in PR.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Public Questions</u> Comments/questions from members of the public as follows:-</p> <p>4.1 Station Road Closure – It is hoped that South West Water use appropriate diversion routes which are suitable for lorries when Station Road is closed.</p> <p>4.2 Hedges are encroaching onto roads again, particularly the laurel hedge at Castle Cottage. Clerk to mention in PR.</p> <p>4.3 Is the council aware of an alleged incident involving the groundsman at Longmead frightening and intimidating people whilst cutting the grass? <i>The parish council will refer this matter to the Longmead Management Committee.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Longmead</p>
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> 5.1 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 4th & 11th June meetings are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Brooke DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>6. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u> 6.1 <u>Benches</u> – The Clerk has drafted a tender specification and will pass to Mr Clist/Mr McCulloch for sign off.</p> <p>6.2 <u>Asset Register/Insurance Review</u> – Clerk will continue with this work.</p> <p>6.3 <u>Public Conveniences</u> – Clerk to Liaise with Mr Clist and Mr McCulloch.</p>	
<p>7. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond sent the following report:- There is not a lot to report that is new. However, I set out the recommendation to MDDC Council meeting in respect of waste.</p> <p>Recommended to Council that the following revisions to the refuse collection scheme be approved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free boxes for recycling, including one additional box per property of a different colour to permit greater separation • Remove card from garden waste and collect in black boxes as kerbside recycling • Remove food from garden waste and collect in a caddy as kerbside recycling • Collect mixed plastics, excluding film, as kerbside recycling • Collect household refuse and recycling fortnightly from each premises • Retain a non-statutory garden waste service (which now excludes card and food) as a fortnightly, all year chargeable service based on full cost recovery • Re-use the brown wheeled bins for residual waste containers • Retain existing paid for bulky waste collection service and the Waste Electrical Equipment (WEE) collection • Retain the contracted out clinical waste collection • Retain assisted collections and update eligibility for the service every two years 	

I should also mention the collaboration between MDDC and DCC to obtain European funding under the Leader project via a bid to DEFRA to promote economic development in rural areas which potentially might equate to £1m for the Mid Devon area. Organisations will then be encouraged to submit local projects to access the funding. There is an extensive paper called Economic Development Update which is too extensive to summarise but is a worthwhile read.

Work is continuing on Junction 27 but queries are being raised as to where the people will come to fill the proposed 3000 jobs when the unemployment level is currently 600.

Finally in respect of solar panels, I have not been able to disaggregate Hemyock numbers but on average tenants benefit by £5 - £6 per week plus free electricity, whilst MDDC earns approximately £160k from this initiative.

Clerk to obtain copy of EDU for Mr Major.

Clerk

8. Planning

Applications received for:-

8.1 14/00828/FULL - Erection of an agricultural livestock and storage building. Warmoor Farm, Blackdown Hill Road, Hemyock

PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application.

PROPOSED: Mr Major

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

Approval noted for:-

8.2 14/00692/FULL – Erection of extension over existing garage to form office. Park View, Withy Lane, Hemyock

Certificate of lawfulness noted for:-

8.3 14/00778/CLP – Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed siting of a caravan in accordance with submitted plans/drawings. Scotland Farm, Hemyock.

The council do not recall receiving this application to comment on. Clerk to investigate.

Clerk

Other Planning

8.4 Community Infrastructure Levy – draft charging structure consultation. Mr Major explained the draft proposals and reminded the council that it had provided feedback at the last consultation and suggested the council’s comments should remain the same. Mr Major was asked to feedback the same comments as previously.

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8.5 Local Plan part 3 – Development Management Policies and Adopted Policies map noted.

9. Finance

9.1 The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:

Income

	£	Reason
1.	137.61	Pring & Son
2.	289.22	Pring & Son
3.	124.05	A G Real & Sn
4.	1245.18	VAT reclaim
5.	162.43	Burial Plot (MS)

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	43.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
2.	233.50	I Pike	Cemetery grass and hedge cutting and village grass cutting plus fuel
3.	664.92	D Evans	Clerk’s wages and expenses for June
4.	144.00	R Calcraft	Grass cutting Millhayes
5.	33.08	H Stallard	Annual Parish Meeting expenses

6.	2880.00	Monument Plumbing & Heating	Oil fired boiler, Longmead
7.	115.21	Southern Electric	The Garages
8.	600.00	Valuation Office Agency	Ongoing negotiations with developer ref Old Station Yard site.
9.	90.00	R Taylor	BMX strim and floodbridge tidy

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION*

COMMUNITY A/C	79,484.73
DEPOSIT A/C	51,990.43
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1,289.67
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	£133,470.28

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

PROPOSED: Mr Clist

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

Other Finance

9.2 Parish Pump Tenders – These will be discussed in a closed meeting following this meeting.

9.3 The Clerk has provisionally booked herself on a Finance Course with DALC, subject to council approval. The course covers new financial regulations, including internet banking,
PROPOSAL: The Clerk may attend the DALC finance course at £66 including VAT.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Major

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

This course was cancelled by DALC post meeting.

10. Clerk Update

- Devon County Council is changing its 0845 telephone numbers to 0345. Clerk will change information in Pump.
- There is no news from the District Valuer reference the Old Station Yard Site as the developer has been away. The up to date account stands at £1,785 plus VAT. The council has already paid £1,000 and the DV had sent a bill for £500. He will monitor future hours closely. .
- BHLC – The Clerk followed up with the Healthy Living Centre ref its name change and the need to change the name on the lease agreement with the council. The BHLC has been unsuccessful in its dealings with the council’s solicitor and has asked for the council’s help.
PROPOSAL: Mrs Stallard (Chair) and Mr McCulloch (Vice Chair) liaise with Mark Couldrick (Chair of BHLC) and Jonathan Hoggett (council’s solicitor) to achieve a satisfactory outcome
PROPOSED: Mr Clist
SECONDED: Mr Povah
DECISION: passed. All agreed

Clerk

11. Commons Management Group (CMG)

Mr Clist had nothing to report. Mr Major thanked the group for its work on the draft agreement between the Gun Club and the parish council.

12. Longmead

The AGM was well attended on 23rd June. Work on the Longmead Environmental Action Plan is continuing. Somerset College has provided some labour and will be continuing its work in July/August. The group has asked for permission to camp at Longmead whilst it is providing the free labour. This will be supervised and the group will have access to the pavilion for conveniences

<p>etc.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The supervised group from Somerset College has permission to camp at Longmead whilst providing its free labour. The council will pay fuel costs to the group.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Major</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr Clist</p> <p>DECISION: passed. All agreed. Clerk to check insurance cover.</p>	Clerk
<p>13. <u>Highways</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>14. <u>Cemetery</u> Undertakers have been reminded of their obligation to level graves and have promised to level them by the autumn. Clerk to confirm graves to be levelled by 1st October 2014.</p>	Clerk
<p>15. <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>16. <u>The Garages</u> There are problems with the external doors. Mr Povah is liaising with the manufacturer/contractor. Mr Povah suggests a better quality door is needed and he will investigate price differential and report back. Mr Povah was thanked for his efforts. If you can help with volunteering at The Garages please see The Garages Facebook page or contact Lynn Taylor, 680104.</p>	LP
<p>17. <u>CLT</u> Neil Punnett sent the following report:- This month the CLT learned that its application to the Rural Community Energy Fund for a feasibility study for a micro-HEP turbine has not been accepted. So, back to the drawing board for the Trust's Green Energy Working Party. <i>Mr Radford joined the meeting</i></p>	
<p>18. <u>Devon Remembers World War 1 Project</u> 'The Upper Culm Valley at War' has been edited and will go to print next month. The book is being advertised and pre-order forms are available from the post office and the Spar. Mr Barton wishes to borrow some display boards and will liaise with Mr Major ref the use of nomadic display boards. Mr Brooke and Mrs Stallard have other boards, if necessary. Mr Barton requested extra funding to the sum of £1,000 to support the drama production across the three parishes. Mr Radford agreed to support this from his locality budget. Clerk to send request to Mr Radford. A suggestion was made that the war memorial could be moved back 1½ metres and the footpath extended so that access to and viewing of the memorial would be safer. Clerk will pursue other funding opportunities ref war memorial fund and write to church clerk for permission.</p>	TB/SM Clerk Clerk
<p>19. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford advised that the 20 care homes which are to close will be phased out over 18 months. Councillor Radford was asked about rumours about the Old Station Yard Site. It was suggested that Somerset County Council and Devon County Council were looking for traveller sites and that the Old Station Yard site in Hemyock had been selected. It was also suggested that compulsory purchase orders were about to be issued on the site. Mr Radford knew nothing of this and will investigate.</p>	RR
<p>20. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> A303 Ahead - The Traffic, Transport and Highways group is looking for feedback from individuals reference problems experienced using the A303. This group is also looking for volunteers to join</p>	

<p>the group (councillors or non- councillors). Clerk to mention in PR. The parish network is also looking for evidence from businesses affected by poor broadband. Brookridge Timber and Mr Major will contribute. Clerk to mention in PR.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>21. Correspondence 21.1 Letter from Waddeton Park Limited reference potential land for development. Clerk to thank them for letter and suggest they contact MDDC to join the normal process. 21.2 Footpath 48 Burleyhayes – Confirmation Of Modification Order from DCC noted. 21.3 Thank you letter from Citizens Advice Bureau for £100 donation noted. 21.4 Letter from DCC confirming Station Road Closure – 28/7/14-5/9/14 21.5 Letter from MDDC confirming Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension Supplementary Planning Document noted. 21.6 Community Council of Devon – consider renewing subscription PROPOSAL: The council renews its CCD subscription for £50 per annum PROPOSED: Mr Major SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed. All agreed. 21.7 Letter from parishioner reference dog mess at Longmead, dealt with under item 3.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>22. Items raised by Chairman Nothing to report</p>	
<p>23. Items raised by Councillors Mr Major asked the Clerk to instruct Mr Houlding, the fishmonger, to remove his sign advertising fresh fish in the village from the railings near the floodbridge. The council does not allow permanent signage. It is permitted for him to erect temporary signs on the day that he is in the village. The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Clayhidon and Culmstock parish councils to discuss the next tranche of TAP fund monies which has just been released.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>24. PR The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Fouling Longmead • Hedges • Blackdown Hills Parish Network – Traffic, Transport and Highways group need feedback on A303 and the steering group want to hear from businesses that are affected by poor broadband coverage/speed. 	
<p>25. Date of the Next Council Meeting. Wednesday 6th August 2014 in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

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