

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 2nd September 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), 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, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), Councillor F Rosamond (District Councillor) and 15 members of the public. Apologies: Mr T Barton and Councillor R Radford (County Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 5.1 – Mrs H Stallard, Mr R Calcraft, Mr N Punnett, and Miss P Lawrence have a personal interest as they are all members of the Parish Hall Committee. Agenda item 12 - Mrs H Stallard has a personal interest as she is a member of Longmead Management Group. Agenda item 14 - Mr S Clist has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust. The trust advises the parish council of its management of the commons. Agenda item 14 – Mr N Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot Syndicate that use Hemyock & Shuttleton Commons. Agenda item 17 – Mrs H Stallard has a personal interest as she is Chair of The Garages Committee. Mr R Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> 3.1 Castle Hill – water is leaking onto road by Lydensign. Clerk to report to Highways. 3.2 Floodbridge – road by floodbridge has developed a dip which is getting larger. Clerk to report to Highways. 3.3 Pump Refurbishment – the black plastic sheeting surrounding the pump is obscuring the view of the traffic. Clerk to investigate. 3.4 It was reported that it took South West Water only 15 minutes to unblock a drain at Longmead but several hours to clean up the mess previously created by the blockage.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>A presentation was made to retiring councillors thanking them for their collective 119 years of service. Mr J Edwards and Mr R Hart were presented with commemorative plates and Mr S Major and Mr I McCulloch were presented with certificates. Mr R Brooke was unable to attend and will receive his commemorative plate at a future date.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 5th August meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr N Punnett SECONDED: Ms J Pritchard DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising</u> 5.1 Purple Peril – Robin Porch is investigating the best way forward for the repainting. Mr L Povah will liaise with Doug Cartledge to source any paint remaining from the original installation. 5.2 Car Park – Clerk will arrange a meeting with MDDC for September. 5.3 Station Road Pavement – Mrs H Stallard will speak again to remaining homeowner yet to yet to scheme. 5.4 Wall to Hollingarh from Station Road – carry forward. Mr L Povah to determine necessary works required to repair wall.</p>	<p>LP Clerk HS LP</p>
<p>6. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond reported:- At the next council meeting 6 aldermen are to be nominated. Chief Executive, Kevin Finan, will be retiring at the end of the year. Councillor Rosamond asked for details of any companies leaving</p>	

the Blackdown Hills due to poor broadband speed. Mrs H Stallard will provide some information. HS
 Mrs H Stallard updated the council following the latest Blackdown Hills Parish Network meeting with MPs reference broadband speed. Stage 2 of Connecting Devon & Somerset is being retendered. Our MPs are pushing hard for better broadband in the West Country. Residents need to subscribe to get the faster broadband, it doesn't just happen. Clerk to mention in PR.

7. County Council Report
 Councillor Ray Radford sent his apologies.

8. Planning
 The following applications were considered:-

8.1 15/01289/FULL - Newton Farm, Hemyock. Installation of a shared electronic communications base station comprising of a 30m high lattice tower, six antennae, two 0.6m DIA dishes and six ground based radio equipment cabinets within a fenced compound
PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application and makes no further comment.
PROPOSED: Mr L Povah
SECONDED: Mr N Moon
DECISION: passed (all in favour)

8.2 15/01207/FULL - 40 Station Road, Hemyock. Formation of vehicular access and area for parking
PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application subject to the underground water course being inspected, made good, made big enough and being well protected before being covered.
PROPOSED: Mr S Clist
SECONDED: Miss P Lawrence
DECISION: passed (all in favour).

8.3 15/01305/FULL - 1 St Margaret's Close, Hemyock. Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey extension to the rear with associated decking area and boundary fencing (Revised Scheme)
PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application and makes no further comment.
PROPOSED: Mr N Moon
SECONDED: Miss P Lawrence
DECISION: passed (all in favour)

Approval noted for:-

8.4 15/00924/FULL - Highwood Farm, Hemyock. Erection of an agricultural building to store fodder.

8.5 15/00909/FULL – Post Office, Hemyock. Erection of first floor extension over sorting office.

8.6 15/01021/FULL - 39 Prowses, Hemyock. Conversion of loft and erection of extension and replacement garage.

8.7 15/00960/FULL - Byes Farm, Hemyock. Conversion of existing barn to garaging with offices above (Revised Scheme).

8.8 15/01096/FULL - Higher Lease, Castle Hill, Hemyock. Erection of extension

Approval of prior notification noted for:-

8.9 15/00783/PNAG - Abbotsford Farm, Hemyock. Prior notification for erection of a general purpose agricultural building.

9. Finance
 9.1 Income & Expenditure
 Income
 Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	195.00	N Werner	Plates

2.	100.00	R Taylor	BMX strim/floodbridge tidy
3.	12.92	P Lawrence	Frames
4.	386.54	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
5.	211.70	I Pike	Village & cemetery grass cutting
6.	50.00	1 st Hemyock Brownies	Donation
7.	19.25	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	110,775.27
DEPOSIT A/C	52,030.67
GF A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1,730.85
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	165,242.25

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

PROPOSED: Mr S Clist

SECONDED: Mr R Calcraft

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

10. Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre

An amended lease showing the new name of the centre was received for signature. All other information remains the same as previous lease.

PROPOSAL: that the Chair & Vice Chair sign the amended lease.

PROPOSED: Miss P Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr R Calcraft

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

11. Clerk Update

11.1 The Clerk has been advised by Cosmic that she needs to purchase a Network Attached Storage (NAS) Box to back up the council data.

PROPOSAL: that the Clerk purchases the recommended NAS at £230 plus VAT

PROPOSED: Mrs H Stallard

SECONDED: Mr N Punnett

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

11.2 DALC are running a budget and precept course in October.

PROPOSAL: that the Clerk & Chair of Finance attend course at a cost of £25 each.

PROPOSED: Miss P Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr N Moon

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

11.3 Police - PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- There were no crimes to report for August. There were 7 incident logs reported to us, which included 2 relating to anti-social behaviour, 1 domestic related incident, 1 alarm activation, and 2 misdialled 999 calls.

11.4 Recycle Devon – Say No To Junk Mail – noted, no action.

11.5 Highways – Clerk & Mr S Clist met with Willy Pike. The outcome of the meeting is as follows:- ‘No HGV’ pictorial signs to be erected at top and bottom of Ashculme. The top of Culm Davy falls under Somerset Council and the Clerk has requested a sign from them. Under current rules, a replacement ‘give way’ sign at the Baptist Church is no longer available due to the road’s classification. As an alternative, Willy Pike will investigate the possibility of painting a white give way sign on the road. He will also look into doing the same on the road by the Catherine Wheel. Wheelbarrow Lane – it was felt that the signage was appropriate. The top of Black Lane is in Clayhidon parish so Clerk to refer to them. The village is due for a £8,000 white lines repainting programme later this year. The council felt the signs at Wheelbarrow Lane were insufficient and need replacing with pictorial ones. Clerk to inform Highways.

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11.6	Enforcement Update – MDDC confirm they are negotiating with a parishioner reference non compliance of an agricultural tie. The persons concerned may need to increase their business to comply fully.	
11.7	DALC AGM & Conference – 15 th October 10am-4pm. Clerk to book places for her, Chair & Vice-Chair.	Clerk
12. <u>Longmead</u>	Mr L Povah has completed the flood risk assessment and sent it to the Environment Agency for comment. Once received, Clerk will submit planning application to MDDC.	Clerk
13. <u>Highways</u>	The clerk has received a reply from Highways on various matters and a meeting needs to be arranged with Clayhidon & Culmstock parish councils to take this forward. Some hedges along Station Road need trimming. Clerk to mention in Pump.	Clerk Clerk
14. <u>Commons Management Group</u>	Mr S Clist updated the group as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gun Club have been asked to top the grassland and bracken as per the recommendation from DWT. • Devon Biodiversity Records Office has surveyed Hemyock & Shuttleton Common and its report is awaited. • Community Orchard – Mr S Clist has drafted an overview of the Community Orchard Project. It was agreed that the ownership issues surrounding the land need to be resolved before proceeding with any grant applications. He thanked Mr Evans for his input. • Several users of the common have reported to councillors their disappointment with the length of the grass. Formerly, the gun club used to cut the grass more frequently, improving accessibility for dog walkers and other users. The adoption of DWT’s recommendations has had an adverse effect for some categories of visitor to the common, notably walkers and dog walkers. The group accepts that the management of the commons needs to be for the benefit of the whole community. The group met on site and agreed it might be appropriate in future to compromise on some of DWT’s advice. Clerk to speak with Edric Hopkinson, DWT. 	Clerk
15. <u>Cemetery</u>	Mr S Clist & Mr T Barton are meeting this month to discuss fees, policy and the Commonwealth War Graves letter.	
16. <u>Footpaths</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpath surveys are due to be completed. • Conigar/Tedburrow Woods - addition of a claimed public footpath – has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. 	
17. <u>The Garages</u>	Sessions are due to re-start following the summer break. The sound proofing/acoustic work will commence soon.	
18. <u>Parish Plan</u>	Miss P Lawrence is drafting an article for the Pump, asking for parishioners to get involved.	
19. <u>Correspondence</u>	19.1 MDDC – letter received ref grass cutting consultation. Clerk to ask for more information. 19.2 Letter noted from MDDC reference NW Cullompton Master Planning Second Consultation. 19.3 Gambling Act consultation from MDDC noted. Clerk to forward to Parish Hall Committee. 19.4 Devon Communities Together Rural Futures Conference Thursday 1 st October 10am – 4.30pm. Mr S Clist & Mr N Punnett to attend. Clerk to book.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
20. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u>	A letter has been received from a resident of Station Road about the water leaking along the road. He has written to various agencies but none is taking responsibility for it. Clerk to write to all	Clerk

agencies requesting a site visit.	
<p>21. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u></p> <p>21.1 St Margaret's Brook – Mr L Povah has liaised with Culm Valley Young Farmers Club and a tidy-up day will take place shortly.</p> <p>21.2 The Pumping Station at Millhayes is leaking. Clerk to report.</p> <p>21.3 Mr S Clist asked that the subject of a policies and strategies committee be added onto the next agenda.</p> <p>21.4 Dorset County Show, Widecombe Fair and Frome Cheese Show take place this month.</p> <p>21.5 Apple harvest/coffee morning being held 10am-1pm Sunday 20th September at Culm Pyne Barton.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>22. <u>PR</u></p> <p>The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedges need trimming along Station Road • Faster Broadband – is not automatic, subscription is required. 	
<p>23. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 7nd October in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

Signed Dated