

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 3rd July 2019

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Miss J Fouracre, Mr P Doble (Vice-chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 34 members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Councillor R Radford (County Councillor) and Councillor S Clist (Parish & District Councillor) received and accepted.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> 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 & Mr Calcraft each has a personal interest as they are members of The Garages Committee. Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> The following were reported/raised:-</p> <p>3.1 The condition of the road from the bottom of Ashculme to Gray's Lane is poor. Clerk has already reported to Highways and County Councillor Radford has met with the neighbourhood officer to discuss.</p> <p>3.2 The parking of cars on Fore Street is making it difficult for cars to pass around the pump area. Clerk to mention in PR.</p> <p>3.3 A parishioner asked if the pc had completed a risk assessment of its ash trees in relation to ash die back.</p> <p>3.4 The cemetery gates need some adjustment. Mr Doble to ask his brother to repair.</p> <p>3.5 The Longmead Environmental Area Scarecrow Competition will be held on Sunday 15th September. Mrs Slater to email details to clerk. Clerk to confirm funding agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PD</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 5th June are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 19/00244/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land to allow the siting of 5 residential pitches, 1 transit gypsy and traveller pitch comprising 6 touring caravans, 3 day rooms, sewage treatment plant, hardstanding with new access and associated works. Lot 3 Shuttleton Farm, Castle Hill, Hemyock.</p> <p>Martin Lee, Planning Consultant, outlined the concerns of many residents including:- the application is contrary to many planning policies, sustainability, other land availability, recreation facilities, no mains water, sewerage treatment, access onto highway, no visual impact assessment, site is green sand.</p> <p>Other comments made were:- inaccuracies in planning application, badger set on site, water provision concerns as already lack of water at times, water table has dropped, where will water treatment drain?, a large section of hedgerow was removed without permission last year, access difficult, change the nature of the surrounding area, visual impact within an AONB, number of pitches relating to size of site, cumulative effect of development, no verges, restricted visibility, water supply, potential for land slide.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: the pc is not content with the application. It forms a working group to</p>	

<p>formulate a response to MDDC (consisting of Mr Barton, Miss Fouracre, Mr Doble, Mr Moon, Mr Povah and Mr Ritchie plus Mr Lee, Mr Clarke, Mr Connor, Mr Popham and Mr Brookes)</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Miss Fouracre DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Approval noted for:-</p> <p>5.2 19/00666/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extension and front porch. 27 Parklands, Hemyock.</p> <p>5.3 19/00678/HOUSE. Erection of first floor extension. Bracken, Hemyock.</p> <p>Refusal noted for:-</p> <p>5.4 19/00631/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for existing siting of an ISO 10 shipping container to house a biomass boiler. Brookridge Timber Ltd, Hemyock.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>6.1 Pump – will be refitted in the next 14 days.</p> <p>6.2 Wire mesh cages – The Store. Carry forward to next meeting.</p> <p>6.3 Pavement Repairs – Mr Povah is waiting for a start date from the contractor.</p> <p>6.4 The Parish Store – electricity. The Garages committee has not met to consider the council’s request to take a feed from its supply.</p> <p>6.5 Standing orders/financial regulations – clerk to carry forward to next month.</p> <p>6.6 Old School Court – the new owner of the building is prepared to include the installation of a pavement for the general public to use in perpetuity as part of the planning application. Mr Povah to provide clerk with plan of required pavement.</p> <p>6.7 List of chairmen – The parish hall committee has given permission. Miss Lawrence to arrange to have list printed, framed and installed.</p> <p>6.8 Car park – the clerk has posted a note on the blue car that has been parked in the car park for the last few months. Pc to monitor situation.</p> <p>6.9 Finger posts – Miss Lawrence and Mr Pike will liaise and inspect finger posts and will report back.</p> <p>6.10 Joint Project with Culmstock/Clayhidon – noticeboards – nothing to report.</p> <p>6.11 Grassing over of slope at Hillcott – Mr Russell has spoken with owner. Wild wheat will be sown shortly.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p>PL</p> <p>PL</p>
<p>7. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Simon Clist sent his apologies.</p>	
<p>8. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Ray Radford sent the following report:-</p> <p>At your last meeting, one of your Councillors raised the issue about the road condition between Greys Lane and Byes, I reported this to Phil Morgan, together with three photos.</p> <p>You may have picked up from the media, concerns about closing 8 fire stations; this has hit the public attention for fear of a reduction in fire and rescue service. Although there are no planned fire station closures in our area, there may be reductions in the number of fire appliances in our area. This is a public consultation and the Fire Authority want the public to put forward their comments/views, this will then be analysed, depending on the outcome, this will then be put to the Authority later this year.</p> <p>To date more than 300,000 homes and businesses across Devon & Somerset can access superfast broadband with 38,000 having access to improved broadband. Every month hundreds more homes and businesses are being connected, thanks to the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS). It could be better. Take up of broadband services is nearly 60%, an increase from 54% when last reported. This level of take up is above the national average.</p> <p>Grass cutting is always contentious, Devon`s policy is to cut the grass at junctions, laybys and the inside of bends to ensure road users have adequate visibility. The frequency of cutting is on an `as needed` basis but generally for Rural Priority Network-twice or occasionally three times per annum, Rural Other Roads- once per annum, and Urban Roads- four times per annum. Skanska are the main contractors and have 9 teams, they have invested in new machinery while covering 405 parishes. 38 Parishes have taken up the option to cut their own grass and get compensated by County.</p>	

Devon is responsible for 90,000 street lights across the County. Since 2008 we have converted approx. 55,000 lanterns to `part night` and replaced 27,000 lanterns with LED units. By the end of 2018 part night lighting will have reduced our consumption by approx. 41%. In addition we are embarking on a programme to replace a further 45,000 street lights with LED units over the next 3 years, and when completed we will be fully LED, reducing energy and Co2.

We may, or may be, surface dressing in your area, it is a cost-effective maintenance option that helps make our roads safer by improving the skidding resistance and protects the road against weather and water damage by providing a waterproof seal. This work is done between April and September. Work has already commenced on identifying next year's programme.

As always, I am here to help if anyone has any issues they need to take up with me. Any road repairs/potholes that you feel needs attention, it is much better to go on line and report.

9. Finance

9.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation

INCOME

1.	50.00	AG Real – cemetery
2.	130.00	AG Real – cemetery
3.	12.77	Interest, HSBC
4.	99.34	Interest, Unity
5.	.71	Interest, Unity GF
6.	1.68	Interest, Unity P3

EXPENDITURE

1.	900.02	D Evans	Wages and expenses
2.	100.00	R Taylor	BMX strim and tidy and flood bridge tidy
3.	34.10	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
4.	112.50	K Amor	Cleaning, public conveniences
5.	342.50	I Pike	Grass cutting and village maintenance
6.	18.00	Unity Bank	Bank charge
7.	251.00	Portal Quest	Planning application fee – Station Road Pavements

BANK RECONCILIATION

HSBC Community a/c	19,476.41
HSBC Deposit	75,190.95
HSBC P3	0.04
HSBC Longmead	1.27
Unity Trust Bank current	82.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	72,616.08
Unity Trust Bank GF	708.13
Unity Trust Bank P3	1,681.41
Skipton 1-year Bond	85,000.00
United Trust Bank	75,900.00
Total	330,656.29

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

10. Clerk Update

Nothing to report.

11. Longmead

11.1 Mr McCulloch, Chair of Longmead Management Group, updated the council. The committee's main focus is to maintain the football pitches and to support and encourage the teams in order to

<p>comply with the Football Foundation grant awarded to help fund the pitches and pavilion. He suggested that many cars parked in the overflow car park adjacent to the MUGA belong to parishioners on Station Road. He suggested the pc may wish to seek advice on this matter. He understood that Mrs Stallard was obtaining quotations for the trim trail resurfacing. Mr Povah will request quotes are sent to clerk.</p> <p>11.2 Mr Povah is to meet with a company which may offer an alternative solution to using wood on the bridge.</p> <p>11.3 Play Area – thanks to Brookridge for repairing the play area. The clerk has received feedback on Facebook from several parents with suggestions for replacement equipment. Mr Ritchie believes the village needs a larger play area. He will gather information and put forward a proposal for the parish council to consider.</p>	SR
<p>12. <u>Highways</u></p> <p>12.1 Station Road pavements – planning application has been submitted to MDDC.</p> <p>12.2 War memorial – damage to wall. Clerk reported that DCC has confirmed that whilst the wall is its responsibility, it does not intend repairing it. There is the possibility of a grant towards repairs from Devon Remembers. Mr Richie will assess the damage and report back. It was reported that a parishioner had driven into the wall and the damaged car is with the garage being mended. Mr Ritchie will investigate.</p> <p>12.3 Shutlake – clerk has provided South West Water with historical information. It will decide whether or not it is its responsibility and advise accordingly.</p>	SR SR
<p>13. <u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>Miss Lawrence will liaise with Mr Barton and Mr Calcraft with reference to location of War Graves signage.</p>	TB/PL
<p>14. <u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>15. <u>Commons Management Group</u></p> <p>MDDC has closed the case on the noise complaints reference the Gun Club.</p>	
<p>16. <u>Village Maintenance</u></p> <p>16.1 The flower beds at the rear of the war memorial need attention.</p> <p>16.2 Dryer in gents toilet is not working. Mr Hearne asked to investigate.</p>	
<p>17. <u>Garages Youth Project</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>18. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u></p> <p>Miss Lawrence had circulated a report.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u></p> <p>19.1 Cycle racks – AONB request permission to install cycle sheds at front of BHLAC. PROPOSAL: The pc agrees in principle to some form of cycle rack but not the proposed sheds which the pc felt were unsuitable. Clerk to liaise with AONB to find a workable solution. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	Clerk
<p>20. <u>Asset Management</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>21. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>21.1 Devon Communities Together – membership confirmation and 200 Club noted.</p> <p>21.2 CPRE Spring Newsletter noted. Clerk will circulate.</p> <p>21.3 Email from Waddeton Park – requesting confirmation that pc still wishes to accept the offer of 3 hectares of public open space. Mr Ritchie suggested the developer might build one more house, instead of creating the proposed small play area and donate £120k to the pc to help fund a larger play area instead. PROPOSAL: The pc still wishes to be granted ownership of the 3 hectares of land associated with the development adjacent to the cemetery. PROPOSED: Mr Moon</p>	Clerk

<p>SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>22. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 22.1 Chairman asked that a request to sell some pc land to a parishioner is added to agenda for next month.</p>	
<p>23. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 23.1 Miss Lawrence advised that with effect from 1st January 2026 a review of definitive maps of public paths will be closed, thereafter no old footpaths/public rights of way may be reclaimed/reopened. 23.2 The BMX brush and watering can have gone missing and the bin is damaged. No action to be taken at this stage.</p>	
<p>24. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>25. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> 7.30pm Wednesday 7th August 2019, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall.</p>	

Meeting ended 9.30pm

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