

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 3rd June 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr T Barton, 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) and 12 members of the public.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Councillor F Rosamond (District Councillor) and Councillor R Radford (County Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 9.2 – Mrs Stallard, Mr Calcraft, Mr Punnett, and Miss Lawrence have a personal interest as they are all members of the Parish Hall Committee. Agenda item 11 – Mr Clist has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust. DWT advises the council on the management of the commons and has a lease agreement covering 2 commons/turbaries. Agenda item 12 - Mrs Stallard has a personal interest as she is a member of Longmead Management Group Agenda item 16 – Mrs Stallard has a personal interest as she is Chair of The Garages Committee. Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> 3.1 A member of the public thanked all those who had stood for election and ensured that the election was contested. He congratulated the successful councillors and wished them luck. 3.2 The meeting was reminded of the Litter Pick in the village on Sunday 21st June at 2.15pm in the Parish Hall car park. 3.3 The parish council was asked for its view on the government’s proposals to allow tenant’s to purchase social housing and in particular how it might affect the Griffin Close development. Mrs Stallard declared that she has a pecuniary interest as a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and then commented that she believed there might be exceptions, including social housing located in AONBs. Councillor Rosamond to investigate further. 3.4 It was suggested that the collection of cemetery rubbish may be affected by new waste collection proposals from MDDC. Clerk to investigate.</p>	<p>FR Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 20th May meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising</u> 5.1 Bench Tenders PROPOSAL: The council accepts the estimate from Robin Porph of £950.00 for the redecoration of 6 benches. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed, all agreed. 5.2 Ex-Officio – the clerk explained that following advice from DALC, chair and vice chair being ex-officio members of committees needs to be stated in standing orders. It was recommended that this does not apply to the committee that is responsible for personnel. Chair and Vice-Chair to consider this. 5.3 106 Pooling Restrictions – the clerk reported that MDDC is happy to meet with HPC but recommends the council waits until any changes to procedures have been finalised. In the meantime, the clerk was asked to arrange a separate meeting ref existing 106 monies.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

6. District Council Report

Councillor Rosamond sent the following report:-

The overall financial position of the Council remains sound, despite having to cope with the serious reduction in funding. A projected deficit for 2014/15 of £218k was reduced to a deficit on the year of £90k, reflecting an improved position of £128k. The shortfall was made up from a transfer from reserves which now stand at £2,370k. The Council also made substantial investment in waste lorries to implement the new scheme due to be launched this month.

In terms of the collection of monies owed, all services performed well, despite the difficult financial climate that people are experiencing. Council Tax collection team achieved 97.8%, slightly above 2013/14 of 97.6% Business Rates achieved 99% which is well above the 2013/14 level of 98.4%. The Housing benefit Team performed well compared to national data, despite additional welfare changes, and the uncertainty around Universal Credit. £19m was paid out in Housing Benefit in 2014/15.

Joint working for the provision of ICT services is being explored with North Devon to deliver efficiency and revenue savings e.g. consolidating contracts and sharing people and skills. A formal Partnership Board would have to be established to oversee one organisational structure.

At the Annual Council Meeting, I was elected to chair the Scrutiny Committee. Consequently I would welcome at any time having issues brought to my attention that warrant examination by the Scrutiny Committee. This extends not only to MDDC but also to external agencies, e.g. the Police. The Police Commissioner is scheduled to appear before the Committee in the not too distant future and I am sure he would welcome all representations.

7. County Council Report

Nothing to report.

8. Planning

Applications received for:-

8.1 15/00699/FULL - 1 St Margaret’s Close, Hemyock - Erection of garage and two storey extension to the rear.

The clerk informed the meeting this application has been withdrawn.

Approval for the following applications noted :-

8.2 15/00428/FULL - Nelson Farm, Hackpen Hill. Erection of a timber stable block.

8.3 15/00579/FULL - 42 Station Road Hemyock. Erection of an extension, porch, installation of 2 dormer windows, and increasing the size of the existing vehicle splay

Approval of non-material amendment for:-

8.4 12/00284/FULL/NMAB - Site B Dobles Garage, Station Road, Hemyock. Non-material amendment to move position of front doors on East elevation

9. Finance

9.1 Income & Expenditure

Income

	£	
1	691.00	Redwood & Sons
2	98.00	A G Real & Son
3	631.91	VAT reclaim

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1	1,500.00	MDDC	Contribution towards public conveniences
2	850.68	D Evans	Clerk’s wages and expenses
3	210.00	I Pike	Grass cutting at cemetery

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	114,582.83
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DEPOSIT A/C	52,024.60	
GF A/C	704.18	
P3 A/C	1,530.58	
LONGMEAD	1.27	
TOTAL	168,843.46	
<p>PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p>		
9.2	Redecoration of ‘Purple Peril’ Shelter on Recreation Field. The clerk reported that previous minutes show that the council received a grant and purchased the shelter. The exact ownership of the shelter is not clear from the minutes. Chair will locate old Parish Hall minutes to further investigate ownership. In the meantime, Mr Povah will inspect the shelter and report back at the next meeting.	Chair LP
<p>10. <u>Clerk Update</u></p>		
10.1	Speed Monitoring in Village – clerk has received promised reports back from the Police showing an average speed in the village of less than 30MPH. Clerk to arrange for the Road Casualty Reduction Officer to visit and explain the results.	Clerk
10.2	Highways - clerk has asked Highways for more details on road warden training and equipment needed to attend such courses together with what, if any, budget transfer will be available should the parish opt out of the lengthsman scheme. She has arranged a meeting with Culmstock and Clayhidon on 8 th July to discuss launching a joint parish lengthsman scheme.	Clerk Clerk
10.3	TAP Fund – applications may be submitted under the new scheme this year. Clerk asked to tie this in with the meeting on 8 th July (see above).	Clerk
10.4	Clerk reminded councillors that they need to have returned the relevant forms to MDDC following the election.	
<p>11 <u>Commons Management Group</u> The next meeting will be on 18th June at 7.30pm at Longmead.</p>		
<p>12 <u>Longmead</u> The clerk confirmed that the developer (with whom the council are in negotiations with ref the sale of the Old Station Yard site) has agreed to provide the plant and materials for the relocation of the BMX track to Longmead. Kye Forte, professional BMX rider and track designer, will design and construct the new track for £5,210, to be paid by the parish council. PROPOSAL: Clerk to instruct solicitor to draft contract including the above terms. PROPOSED: Mr Calcraft SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p> <p>During discussions with MDDC Youth Officer, Amy Dugard, the council was advised to apply for planning permission for the relocation of the BMX track using a certificate of lawfulness at approx. £100 fee. It was discussed whether the council should apply for this certificate prior to any contract being signed. It was agreed that in view of the amount involved (£100) and the likely planning timescales, it would be appropriate to apply for permission sooner, rather than later. PROPOSAL: Clerk to apply to MDDC for a certificate of lawfulness. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p>		
<p>13 <u>Highways</u> Clerk to report large pot hole at bottom of Black Lane.</p>		
		Clerk

<p>14 <u>Cemetery</u> Clerk to provide Mr Clist and Mr Barton with current cemetery fees. Mr Clist has received enquiries from parishioners about a green cemetery. This is something that might be incorporated within the proposed community orchard/environmental area.</p>	Clerk
<p>15 <u>Footpaths</u> Footpath to primary school next to Castle has not been repaired. Clerk will report again, despite having reported it several times previously.</p>	Clerk
<p>16 <u>The Garages Youth Centre</u> The youth club is growing. The existing Year 6 at Primary School has been invited to attend Tuesday night club and over 30 children attended this week.</p>	
<p>17 <u>Parish Plan</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>18 <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 18.1 Chair informed meeting of a local tradesman from Culmstock who is printing metal road signs.</p>	
<p>19 <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 19.1 Mr Moon suggested the council could raise its profile around the village. Clerk will publish pictures of all councillors in Pump, website etc. 19.2 Ms Pritchard suggested having a presence at the monthly market. The village fete was also mentioned. Miss Lawrence & Ms Pritchard will book table at the fete which will be held on 11th July 2-4.30pm. 19.3 Mr Povah mentioned that ‘shared space’, where vehicles and pedestrians share the same stretch of road, was featured on a TV programme. 19.4 Mr Clist thanked the Chair for hosting a Blossom Day at her orchards. 19.5 Mr Clist mentioned that the Code of Conduct should be reviewed. Clerk confirmed that councillors had accepted this code as part of the declaration of acceptance of office. 19.6 Mr Clist was saddened to hear of more banks branches closing in the area. 19.7 Mr Clist has received from the NFU some useful leaflets and information on dogs on leads and the countryside code. He will pass to clerk for inclusion in Pump.</p>	Clerk PL/JP SC
<p>20 <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures and write up of new council • Countryside code from NFU 	
<p>21 <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 1st July 2015 in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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