

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 3rd September 2014

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr I McCulloch, Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Brooke, Mr R Hart, Mr S Major, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 11 members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mr R Radford (County Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The Chair stated that according to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, anyone wishing to film part or all of the proceedings may do so unless the press and public are excluded for that part of the meeting or there is good reason not to do so, as directed by the Chairman. Any filming must be done as unobtrusively as possible from a single fixed position without the use of any additional lighting; focusing only on those actively participating in the meeting. As a matter of courtesy, anyone wishing to film proceedings is asked to advise the Chairman so that all of those present may be made aware that it is happening. Members of the public may also use other forms of social media to report on proceedings at this meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk will update standing orders and policy for next month.</p> <p>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 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 	

<p>for him to participate in discussions and vote on any proposals relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.</p> <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>3. <u>Public Questions</u> Comments/questions from members of the public as follows:-</p> <p>3.1 Ashculme – the road is in a terrible state of repair. There is only just sufficient width for a car to pass. <i>The council has spoken to Highways on numerous occasions but will raise the issue once again. The council has been previously advised that individuals should report any incidents to the police on 101 to ensure that there is a record of incidents. This helps to prepare a stronger case for having any works done. Clerk to liaise with Highways and mention in PR.</i></p> <p>3.2 Post Office Junction – there has been a serious accident in which a cyclist was knocked from their bike. <i>Clerk to ask Highways to re-paint the white lines (using thermoplastic screed instead of paint) and re-erect the give way sign that was damaged a few years ago as a matter of urgency.</i></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>4.1 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 6th August meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour) Mr Major abstained from voting</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u></p> <p>5.1 <u>Benches</u> – The Clerk will issue a draft tender to Mr McCulloch and Mr Clist for approval. New replacement benches will also be sourced.</p> <p>5.2 <u>Public Conveniences</u> – This to be discussed at the next finance meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Fin Meeting</p>
<p>6. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond sent the following report:-</p> <p><u>Local Plan Developments</u> Further work is continuing on the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, currently suggesting a population growth in Mid Devon of 15000 between 2006-2031, requiring a total of 7187 new households. The emerging plan suggests that rather than expand further Tiverton and Crediton, there should be a large scale urban extension to the East of Cullompton, with very limited development in Mid Devon’s larger villages. The sites to be allocated for development cannot be identified at this stage, because the exact requirement for new housing in Mid Devon has not been established but should emerge for further public consultation by the New Year. A Town Centre Manager is to be appointed for Tiverton to promote the economic development of the town.</p> <p><u>Complaints, Comments and Compliments.</u> An interesting reflection on the workload....In 2013-14 there were 110641 visitors to the Offices for enquiries and payments; 403594 phone calls and over 800,000 emails. Added to this, contact by post, internet, Facebook and Twitter was in excess of 1.3 million contacts for the year. MDDC was awarded the Golden Carton Award for the greatest percentage increase in beverage recycling in 2013</p> <p><u>LEADER funding</u> MDDC are bidding for Leader funding for over £1.2 million destined to directly support the rural economy. Objectives set by DEFRA include support for increased farm productivity, support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification, increased forestry productivity and support for rural tourism. Applications for project funding will be monitored by a Local Action Group</p>	

comprised of representatives from the business sector, community and voluntary sector and local authorities.

Play Areas

MDDC will be consulting with Parishes to reduce the number and cost of maintaining 106 play areas. At present when equipment is obsolete it is not replaced- a policy of “managed decline”. Some 26 play areas are likely to close. One might be Hollingarth Way on the basis that there is sufficient provision elsewhere, but this will be subject to consultation.

Finance

The financial picture is not getting any better. The forecast deficit for the current year is £227k, with further Government cuts next year. As a result of the savings made over a number of years, budgets are quite lean and there is less capacity to absorb unforeseen issues. “Further funding cuts are almost certain and therefore the service provision status quo cannot remain” (Head of Finance)

7. County Council Report

Nothing to report

8. Planning

Applications received for:-

8.1 14/01068/FULL – Demolition of original farmhouse and two storey extension, erection of two storey extension to later farmhouse and conversion of existing barn to garaging with office above. Byes Farm, Hemyock

PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application and commented that it was an extremely good scheme which greatly improved the site.

PROPOSED: Mr Major

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

8.2 14/01236/FULL – Erection of extension and relocation of oil tank. St Marys Church, Hemyock

PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application and commented that the tank should be screened.

PROPOSED: Mr Clist

SECONDED: Mr Barton

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

Approval noted for:-

8.3 14/00792/FULL - Erection of first floor extension. 1 Eastlands Hemyock Cullompton Devon

8.4 14/0828/FULL - Erection of an agricultural livestock and storage building. Land at NGR 312263 116564 (Warmoor Farm) Blackdown Hill Road Hemyock

8.5 14/01091/FULL – Replacement of flat roof on existing rear extension with pitched roof and replacement of 1 window and 1 door. 17 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock

Application withdrawn noted for:-

8.6 14/00729/FULL - Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Land at NGR 313629 114095 Withy Lane Hemyock Devon

8.7 14/00703/FULL – Erection of two storey extension. 24 Churchills Rise, Hemyock. *Clerk to write letter to MDDC to advise that the council regretted the withdrawal of the application as it thought it was a well-considered scheme.*

Clerk

9 Finance

9.1 The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:

Income

	£	Reason
1.	3.09	Interest

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
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1.	95.00	R Taylor	BMX tidy strim
2.	19.25	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
3.	270.00	S Aldworth	Int Auditor fees
4.	80.00	DALC	Conference SC/DE
5.	233.50	I Pike	Cemetery and village grass and fuel
6.	240.57	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION*

COMMUNITY A/C	76,163.79
DEPOSIT A/C	51,997.39
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1,289.91
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	£130,156.54

PROPOSAL: that the first three cheques have been issued and are ratified by the council and all income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed

PROPOSED: Mr Povah

SECONDED: Mr Brooke

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

10. Clerk Update

- 10.1 Draft Documentation – the Clerk confirmed that draft documents are not covered under the Freedom of Information Act.
- 10.2 Meeting with Highways – Ray Radford is progressing this.
- 10.3 TAP Fund – the Clerk has contacted the youth football and cricket teams and is waiting for information from them. In the meantime she will contact Culmstock and Clayhidon for their information in readiness for submission of the application.
- 10.4 Police Update – PCSO Tracey Peters sent through the following report:- On 26th August, we received a report that some property and cash had been stolen from a residential home. Some of this has already been returned by the offenders, and enquiries are ongoing. We also had 14 incident logs in August. Six of these logs relate to the same address regarding welfare concerns. Other incidents included animals in the road and suspicious males in the area.

11. Commons Management Group (CMG)

The next meeting is on 18th September at 7.30pm Longmead.

12. Longmead

The next meeting is on 8th September at 7.00pm Longmead

13. Highways

The surface is in need of attention between Whitehall and Wrangway Cross. Clerk to report.

Clerk

14. Cemetery

It appears there is new mole activity. Clerk to instruct Mr Salter.

Clerk

15. Footpaths

Clerk to mention in PR that the council require a handyman/maintenance man to mend/repair posts and gates on the various footpaths throughout the year.

Clerk

16. The Garages

Tuesday evenings 6.30-8.00pm are for Year 6s who have just left primary school, Year 7s and Year 8s. Friday evenings 6.30-9.00pm are for Year 9s and upwards. If you can help with volunteering at The Garages please see The Garages Facebook page or contact Lynn Taylor, 680104.

<p>17. <u>CLT</u> Neil Punnett confirmed there was nothing to report this month.</p>	
<p>18. <u>Devon Remembers World War 1 Project</u> The council congratulated the team for the terrific exhibition. The council appreciates the hard work and effort that was made. It is hoped to involve the schools in the exhibition as World War 1 comes onto the curriculum for this year.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Correspondence</u> 19.1 MDDC – letter explaining a reduction in the level of council tax reduction grant that is passed onto parish councils. 19.2 DALC – Conference information noted. 19.3 Parish Matters – September issue noted. There was an article on war memorials being listed. Clerk to investigate. 19.4 Embrace – letter from Embrace informing of a residents/village meeting on 18th September at 10am in the parish Hall to discuss its proposals to open a children’s home in the village. See noticeboards or website for more information.</p>	
<p>20. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Broadband - The Chair requested that businesses who are experiencing problems due to poor connection/speed contact her giving details. The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is monitoring and lobbying on behalf of the area. Chair to give contact details to Mr Brooke.</p>	Chair
<p>21. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 21.1 Mr Barton attended a special meeting at MDDC where representatives from South West Water, Devon County Council and the Environment Agency were in attendance to answer questions regarding flooding. The Special Meeting was called to address concerns about the ability of drainage systems in Mid Devon to cope with water run-off from new developments. Mr Barton will arrange a village meeting later in the year. 21.2 May Elections 2015 – Mr McCulloch asked that this be added as a regular agenda item and be included in the Annual Parish Meeting (date to be arranged). Clerk to find out more information on May elections. 21.3 Mr Clist asked that the council respond to Julie Everett (Coast Communications on behalf of the partnership for South West Resilience) about campaign to improve the South West Peninsula’s Roads and Rail. Mr Clist to draft response for Clerk. 21.4 Mr Major asked that the Parish Plan be added as an agenda item from next month onwards. Clerk to contact Community Council of Devon reference costs for them to run the project.</p>	TB Clerk Clerk Clerk/SC Clerk
<p>22. <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind parishioners to report any accidents that occur to the police on 101 so that the incidents can be logged. (Road at Ashculme) • Footpath handyman/ maintenance man to mend/repair posts and gates on the various footpaths throughout the year required. • Embrace – public meeting on 18th September at 10am parish hall 	
<p>23. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 1st October 2014 in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....Date.....