

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 4th February 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr R Brooke, Mr I McCulloch, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Hart, Mr R Radford (County Councillor), Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public. Apologies: Mr S Major</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 the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. • is a Member of the Parish Hall Committee • is Chair of the Youth Garages Project Committee • is a member of Longmead Management Committee • is a Blackdown Support Group Trustee <p>Mr Calcraft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Member of the Parish Hall Committee • is a Member of the Youth Garages Project Committee <p>Mr Povah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. <p>Mr Clist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. <p>Mr Barton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. <p>Mr Brooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. • Has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Youth Garages Project and there is a dispensation in place to allow him to participate in but not vote on matters affecting this project. <p>Mr McCulloch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust. • is Chair of Longmead Management Group 	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>3.1 A parishioner asked how much longer MDDC and North Devon can work separately? He suggested that there must be some way of cutting costs by working together.</p> <p>3.2 A parishioner commented about the lighting in the village being sporadic. In some places there are dark spots and in others there is too much lighting. Mr Radford to investigate the possibility of a lighting review.</p> <p>3.3 A parishioner confirmed that she had seen recycling operatives picking up litter which may have dropped from the recycling Lorries as they pass through the village.</p> <p>3.4 A parishioner reported that the footpath from the castle to the school is covered with leaves and is slippery as a result. Clerk to report.</p> <p>3.5 A parishioner reported that the surface of Prowses needs attention. This is a bus route. Clerk to report.</p> <p>3.6 A parishioner asked whether a copy of the letter from Mr Finan (Chief Executive MDDC) was sent to the council's solicitor with reference to the gun club agreement? Clerk to check. <i>Post meeting it was confirmed that the letter had been sent as asked.</i></p>	<p>RR</p> <p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>4.1 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 3rd December meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Calcraft SECONDED: Mr Barton</p>	

<p>4.2 DECISION: passed (all in favour) PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 9th December meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Stallard</p> <p>4.3 DECISION: passed (all in favour) PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 21st January 2015 meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Brooke DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u></p> <p>5.1 Depth Markers – by the flood bridge, will be installed weekend 7th/8th February.</p> <p>5.2 Planning Queries – MDDC clarified that it consults with a parish council on certificates of lawfulness for an existing use but not for certificates of lawfulness for a proposed development. Clerk to circulate note to councillors.</p> <p>5.3 Planning Queries – MDDC clarified its position with regards to applications to work on trees that do not belong to the applicant. Clerk to circulate note to councillors.</p> <p>5.4 St Marys Church/War Memorial – the Clerk reported latest news from Brian Samuels, PCC Clerk. No further action to be taken at this time to establish ownership etc.</p> <p>5.5 Highways – The Clerk is waiting for Highways to confirm whether or not it will move the 20MPH speed limit in the village. Highways confirmed that it is not replacing signs (other than regulatory) if they become damaged or missing. There is a small budget for sign maintenance but Highways are unable to confirm if this will be available next year.</p> <p>5.6 Naming Individuals – DALC confirms that it is not good form to name individuals but that the council can make it clear that numerous letters about one particular issue are from a single parishioner. If a parishioner writes in about the same issue the council may refer them to a previous answer. Ultimately, the council may decide to say that it has nothing new to add to its previous correspondence and will not be replying further on this particular issue.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>6. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond reported:- Waste Collection pilot is running. More information to follow. MDDC has been successful in its bid for funds from the government to help with A361, Tiverton Urban Extension. Local Plan Review and Community Infrastructure Levy draft charging structure is out for public consultation. The current budget is 40% less than 4 years ago. Budgets continue to be cut. Councillor Rosamond was asked to find out about any funding opportunities should the village have its own composting scheme. Councillor Rosamond was asked about the recycling lorries and what could be done to prevent the waste from spilling out onto the roads.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>FR</p>
<p>7. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford reported:- Budget cuts to Highways. Public consultation on bus services across Devon. The Clerk has posted the survey on the village website. Changes to the Care Act mean DCC have additional responsibilities which will put more pressure on budgets. Councillor Radford was able to secure a grant of £3,000.00 for The Garages. He still has a small pot of money available under his Locality Budget, so if any group requires some funding please contact Ray Radford to discuss. Councillor Radford was thanked for his work behind the scenes to facilitate a meeting between Highways and the parish council.</p>	

8. Planning

Applications received for:-

- 8.1 15/00092/FULL – Retention of a 1.3m high stone wall and plinth wall to porch. Catherine Wheel, Hemyock
PROPOSAL: The council felt the scheme had been poorly designed both in terms of road safety and flood defences. The door opens out directly onto the road, whereas it could have been installed in the side of the porch which would have been both safer and more effective from a flood defence point of view.
PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch
SECONDED: Mr Brooke
DECISION: passed all agreed.
- 8.2 15/00080/FULL – Erection of a porch. 31 Station Road, Hemyock
PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment.
PROPOSED: Mr Clist
SECONDED: Mr Barton
DECISION: passed all agreed.

Approval noted for the following applications:

- 8.3 14/01517/FULL - Erection of an agricultural building. Land at NGR 313629 14095(Sunnylea) Withy Lane, Hemyock
- 8.4 14/01704/FULL - Erection of rear extension. Orchard Lea, Hemyock
- 8.5 14/01797/TPO - Application to carry out works to 3 oak trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 00/00007/TPO. Land adjacent 6 East Mead, Hemyock
- 8.6 14/01874/FULL - Erection of single storey extension and retention of the conversion of a garage to additional living accommodation. 24 Churchills Rise Hemyock
- 8.7 12/00284/FULL - Removal of 2 no. chimneys on site B. Dobles Garage Station Road Hemyock
- 8.8 14/02031/FULL - Installation of 6 velux windows to allow loft conversion. The Corner House, Station Road, Hemyock

Applications withdrawn for:-

- 8.9 14/01573/FULL – Removal of condition 8 of planning permission 02/01190/FULL relating to the agricultural tie. Scotland Farm, Hemyock

9. Finance

The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:

Income

	£	Reason
1.	170.00	Pring & Son
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3.	229.00	Pring & Son

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	13.23	South West Water	Cemetery
2.	13.46	South West Water	The Garages
3.	632.98	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
4.	21.00	I Pike	Cemetery grass
5.	25.00	DALC	Training

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION*

COMMUNITY A/C	92,876.50
DEPOSIT A/C	52012.64
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1290.37
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	146,884.96

PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed
PROPOSED: Mr Edwards
SECONDED: Mr Hart
DECISION: passed. All agreed.

10. Clerk Update

- 10.1 The Clerk received a letter from the Upper Culm Community Land Trust (CLT) asking for a letter of support from the council in its bid for funding from the Dept of Energy & Climate Change. If successful, the CLT intends to provide one of the latest LED energy efficient lightbulbs to each household in Hemyock & Clayhidon. There was only a short window of opportunity to apply for this grant and the CLT apologised for lack of notice for this agenda item.
PROPOSAL: The council considers this request from the CLT as a late agenda item. The council also gives a dispensation to the councillors who are members/directors of the CLT as the council considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area.
PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch
SECONDED: Mr Clist
DECISION: passed (all in favour)
PROPOSAL: The Clerk sends a letter of support to the CLT for its bid for funds to provide each household with a LED energy efficient bulb.
PROPOSED: Mr Edwards
SECONDED: Mr Hart
DECISION: passed (all in favour)
- 10.2 The Blackdown Hills Parish Network is holding a training session for parish councillors to help address matters relating to the AONB, design and landscape when commenting on planning applications and other planning consultations. Mr Clist, Mr Barton and Clerk to attend.
- 10.3 PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- There were six crimes reported to us in January. 8th – 9th January – A large hole was discovered in the rear windscreen of a vehicle parked on a driveway. 12th – 13th January – Overnight there were three burglaries to outbuildings in the Hemyock area. A variety of power tools were stolen from locations in Culm Pyne, Symonsburrow and Hemyock. There was also an attempted burglary to an outbuilding in Whitehall. 18th January – A male was arrested for drink driving on Hemyock Common. There were also eight logs reported to us including one in relation to a tree which had come down onto power lines, three which were domestic related and one concerning welfare.
- 10.4 Clerk to attend a social media awareness course in March.
- 10.5 Clerk to attend a MDDC Clerks' course in March covering elections, code of conduct and new transparency rules.

11. Commons Management Group (CMG)

Mr Clist updated the meeting

- 11.1 New posters for this year's shoot dates and common closures have been received from Natural England and will be erected a Hemyock Common
- 11.2 There is a volunteering Day at Shuttleton Common on Sunday 22nd February 10am – 4pm. This is under the supervision of Ed Hopkinson (Devon Wildlife Trust). All welcome.
- 11.3 Community Orchard – Mr Clist and the Clerk met with a landowner on the outskirts of the village. Mr Clist would like the councillors to meet on the site and gather opinion on its suitability for a community based orchard/environmental area. Clerk to organise.
- 11.4 Gun Club Agreement – this is progressing with the council's legal advisers. It is hoped the agreement will come back to full council next month for approval/sign off.

Clerk

12. Longmead

20.5	Open Spaces – 150 th Anniversary appeal – donation request – referred to Finance Committee	Finance Committee Clerk
20.6	Letter from MDDC ref Play Areas – Hollingarth play area is under threat - Clerk to complete the survey asking for more information on what the parish council might do to protect/save the play areas in the village.	
20.7	Letter of thanks from Tiverton & District Community Transport Association noted.	
20.8	Parish Matters – latest edition noted.	
21.	<u>Items raised by Chairman</u>	
21.1	Dog mess continues to be a problem, Clerk to report.	
21.2	The Chair informed the meeting that a serious Code of Conduct complaint had been made against her to Mid Devon District Council by a parishioner. PROPOSAL: The council is appalled by this complaint and a vote of confidence in the Chair was proposed. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour)	
22.	<u>Items raised by Councillors</u>	
22.1	The World War 1 project has come to a close. A final report has been prepared and shows that the project has been a success. Mr Barton thanked everyone who contributed to the project and the parish council echoed those thanks.	
22.2	The council noted the sad death of Tony Houghton and sends its condolences to family and friends. He had spent many years helping the parish council with emergency planning.	
22.3	Parish Pump – quotations are expected soon for the refurbishment of the Pump.	
23.	<u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 4 th March 2015 in the Forbes Lounge	

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

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