

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 4th March 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 F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public. Apologies: Mr S Major and Mr R Radford (County Councillor),</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 8.2 – Mr Brooke has a personal interest, the applicant is his brother. Agenda item 8.5 – Mr Clist has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as he does business with the applicant. Agenda item 8.9 - Mr Clist has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as he does business with the applicant. Agenda item 9.1.3 - Mrs Stallard has a Personal Interest as she is a trustee of the Blackdown Support Group Agenda items 9.1.4 & 12 - Mr McCulloch has a Personal Interest as he is Chair of Longmead Management Group and 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. Mr Brooke has a disclosable Pecuniary Interest as he owns the building. There is a dispensation in place to allow him to participate in but not vote on matters affecting this project.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> 3.1 A parishioner read out a statement expressing his disappointment with the formal agreement recently concluded between the parish council and the Gun Club with regard to shooting on Hemyock Common. 3.2 A significant number of graves still require levelling. Clerk will remind funeral directors.</p>	Clerk
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> 4.1 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 4th February meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour) 4.2 PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 25th February meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Calcraft SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour) Mr Povah asked that at future meetings any documents to be adopted should be read out in full.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u> 5.1 Depth Markers – Thanks were made to Mr Brooke and Mr Calcraft for installing the depth markers at the flood bridge. 5.2 Upper Culm Community Land Trust – the group was unsuccessful in its bid for funds to provide each household in the village with a low energy light bulb.</p>	
<p>6. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond reported:- He will be attending a meeting with Neil Parish MP and asked if there were any issues he could raise on behalf of the parish council. The parish council asked Councillor Rosamond to mention:- the planning restrictions on redundant stone barns in AONBs and the desire for the 20MPH speed limit in the village to be extended. MDDC has frozen its share of council tax for 2015/2016.</p>	

<p>MDDC will write to government about a ban on sky lanterns. The long awaited funding allocation for the successful “RealDevon” Leader bid that covers Mid Devon has just been announced by DEFRA and the Rural Payments Agency. The “RealDevon” area will receive a total of £1.43million for the period up until 31 December 2020.</p>	
<p>7. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford sent the following report:-</p> <p>“You will already know by now that the Devon County Council (DCC) portion of the council tax will go up by 1.99%. In many reports, Government claimed that DCC would receive 0.5% increase from central government, with a little manipulation of figures by them, it is in actual fact a 14% reduction and because of this, DCC were committed to make £46m savings in the coming financial year.</p> <p>This increase will add less than 50p a week to the average council taxpayer`s bill but will bring in £6.2m over the next year towards the £46m cut. An average Band D taxpayer will now pay £1,161.27 for County services, up £22.68 from last year.</p> <p>Don`t expect any change after the General Election, no matter who wins. All the main political parties are committed to holding the current spending plans for the next two years, and that for Devon means at least £34m will have to be saved next year.</p> <p>I very much appreciate the comments made in the minutes of your last Council meeting and particularly thank Simon Clist who proposed it. That was after DCC were criticised for making such cuts in staff numbers. It has to be realised, with severe cuts that you have to do something. Nothing different than having our household income cut by 40%, you know it will hurt. I know we will say that our potholes are not filled in as we would like it, or the roads are not up to what we would like them to be, I think generally, bearing in mind the severe cuts; we are not doing too badly in the circumstances. That is not to say we must be complacent.</p> <p>That is why County have cut the core staffing by 33% and we as residents feel the effects of that. Residents in rural Devon receive £153 less in Government support on average than urban residents and pay £79 more in council tax. Every child in Devon schools receives nearly £300 less than the national average. If we received average national funding that would be an additional £23m.</p> <p>Please be assured, we do not like this situation and we, yes all the time, are continually lobbying Government and our local MPs. It is getting a bit better, but a long way to go yet.”</p>	
<p>8. <u>Planning</u> Applications received for:-</p> <p>8.1 15/00107/FULL – Erection of extensions and alterations. 7 Redwood Close, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed all agreed.</p> <p>8.2 15/00148/FULL – Erection of a garden room. Jewells Farm, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Hart DECISION: passed all agreed. (Mr Brooke abstained, due to personal interest)</p> <p>8.3 15/00182/FULL – Erection of an extension to form a utility room and erection of detached garage. 2 The Old Market, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Barton</p>	

<p>DECISION: passed all agreed</p> <p>Notification of an application in neighbouring parish for:-</p> <p>8.4 15/00212/FULL – Erection of an agricultural storage building. Gaddon Springs Farm, Uffculme. The council makes no comment.</p> <p><i>Mr Clist left the room</i></p> <p>Notification of approval of certificate of lawfulness noted for:-</p> <p>8.5 14/02075/CLU – certificate of lawfulness. Woodleigh Lodge, Hemyock</p> <p>To note an appeal under Section 78 for:-</p> <p>8.9 14/00733/FULL – Erection of a dwelling with employment space and erection of a forge. Sycamore Farm, Hemyock</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Clerk to write back to MDDC confirming the council supports the refusal decision. Clerk to check previous comments made and mention the concerns reference an increase rather than decrease in traffic movements and whether the use of a forge is considered as an agricultural activity.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr McCulloch DECISION: passed all agreed. Mr Brooke abstained.</p> <p><i>Mr Clist returned to room</i></p> <p>Application withdrawn noted for:-</p> <p>8.6 14/02131/FULL – Erection of rear extension and dormers to front and rear. Orchard Lea, Hemyock</p> <p>Refusal noted for the following applications:-</p> <p>8.7 14/02092/TPO – Application to crown reduce 1 oak tree by 3-4 metres, crown reduce 2 oak trees by 2-3 metres and fell 1 oak tree protected by TPO 00/00007/TPO. 5 Higher Mead, Hemyock</p> <p>8.8 15/00170/PNAG – Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building. (Highwood Farm) Hemyock</p> <p>Other planning</p> <p>8.10 Local Plan Consultation noted. Summary sheet circulated to all councillors.</p>	
<p>9. Finance</p> <p>9.1 Finance Committee Recommendations</p> <p>9.1.1 PROPOSAL: Finance Committee to review request from Citizens Advice Bureau in the new financial year. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mrs Stallard DECISION: passed all agreed.</p> <p>9.1.2 PROPOSAL: Council to continue with its membership of the Open Spaces Society but not make a donation PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: passed all agreed. Mr Povah abstained from voting and asked that it was minute that the organisation undertakes great lobbying work protecting green space. This work is often expensive and any financial help the organisation receives is welcome.</p> <p>9.1.3 PROPOSAL: The council makes a donation of £800 to the Blackdown Support Group (BSG). The Finance Committee to review request from BSG for a donation for 2015/2016 in the new financial year. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Povah. DECISION: passed all agreed. Mr Clist abstained from voting.</p> <p>9.1.4 PROPOSAL: Council to make a payment to Longmead of £4,762.05 for 2015/2016 payable immediately. (Previously agreed by council November 2012, Longmead is able to withdraw funds up to one year in advance)</p>	

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch
SECONDED: Mr Hart
DECISION: passed all agreed.

9.2 To agree income and expenditure

Income

	£	Reason
1.	3.09	Interest
2.	0.04	Interest
3.	98.00	Mrs Jenkins
4.	209.00	Williams & Trigg
5.	303.00	Pring & Son
6.	303.0	Redwood & Son
7.	2,165.51	VAT reclaim
8.	3.09	Interest

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	170.00	N Page	P3 footpath works
2.	468.00	Ashculme Ltd	Tree work at cemetery
3.	19.25	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
4.	632.98	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses

Expenditure

COMMUNITY A/C	93,967.22
DEPOSIT A/C	52,015.73
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1290.37
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	147,978.77

BANK ACCOUNT
RECONCILIATION*

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

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

10. Clerk Update

- 10.1 PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- There were 2 crimes and 13 logs last month for Hemyock. Details are as follows. Crimes - On 7th February, between 1800hrs – 1900hrs, a 15 year old male was assaulted in the Recreation Ground. This investigation is currently ongoing. Between 8th – 9th February, a quantity of cash was stolen from a handbag inside a property. Logs - There were 13 logs reported to the police in February. This included 3 logs related to traffic incidents, 1 parking issue, 1 concern for welfare, and 1 missing person. We also received a report of a male acting suspiciously near to Blackdown Common, Culm Davy, on 18th February. This was reported by a lone female dog walker. On 19th February, at the relevant times, police attended the location to see if the male would return. However, there was no sighting of the male. This will continue to be monitored, pending any further reports
- 10.2 Elections – The Clerk asked for clarification reference May meetings. The council confirmed that it will hold its usual monthly meeting on 6th May and its Annual Meeting on 20th May.
- 10.3 Highways – Devon County Highways has confirmed to the Clerk that it will not consider extending the 20MPH speed limit in the village as such action would not comply with current policy.
- 10.4 Dog Mess problems at Longmead – The Clerk has established that Dog Control Orders have been superseded by the Anti-Social Behaviour Act and Public Open Spaces Orders will now

<p>apply. Mid Devon has promised to contact Clerk with more information.</p> <p>10.5 Number of councillors – The Clerk confirmed that if the parish council wishes to change its the number of council seats then it has to apply to Mid Devon for a review, stating its reasons for the request.</p> <p>10.6 TAP Fund – The Clerk has been made aware of some underspend monies which are available on a first come first served basis. She may have been given incorrect information from the County Councillor, resulting in a delayed bid from Hemyock, and is pursuing this with Mid Devon.</p> <p>10.7 BMX Relocation – The Clerk and several councillors met with Amy Dugard, Youth Officer from Mid Devon, and have been given contact details of a professional BMX rider who has worked with children at Uffculme in creating a new BMX track. The design specification is required to form part of any agreement struck with the developer intending to develop the site.</p>	Clerk
<p>11. <u>Commons Management Group (CMG)</u> Mr Clist updated the meeting</p> <p>11.1 The formal agreement between the Gun Club and the parish council has been agreed, adopted and signed. Three members of the parish have congratulated the council on this agreement.</p> <p>11.2 Community Orchard – Mr Clist is fact finding and gathering information on potential funding opportunities. Clerk to arrange meeting with landowner and councillors to view possible site.</p> <p>11.3 Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) – Ed Hopkinson from DWT will produce an action plan for both commons. DWT has approached the council about its lease of Ashculme and Lickham Turburies which expires in November this year. Clerk to circulate lease agreement to Commons Management Group.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>12. <u>Longmead</u> Mr McCulloch thanked the council for agreeing to pay next year’s balance of funds now. The Longmead Environmental Area has improved. Volunteers from Somerset College have been working on some scrub clearance. Mr Brooke confirmed that the works necessary to the play area are in hand. Mr Brooke and Brookridge Timber were thanked for supporting the community in maintaining this play area free of charge.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Highways</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>14. <u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>15. <u>Footpaths</u> Mr Povah has completed the grant application and awaits news.</p>	
<p>16. <u>The Garages</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>17. <u>Election 7th May 2015</u> Councillors will be at the village market on 21st March. The fee for having a stall of £12 needs to be added to finance for next month. Mr McCulloch was thanked for his efforts in putting together leaflets and posters. Mr Clist will clarify which night might be the best on which to visit the village pub to talk to younger people in the village about standing for the council. Subject to permission from Geoff Taylor, landlord.</p>	Clerk SC
<p>18. <u>Parish Plan</u> Ongoing.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Annual Parish Meeting</u> The APM will be held on Thursday 26th March at 7pm in the Parish Hall.</p>	

<p>Clerk has invited clubs and organisations and has asked for updates for an information pack. Jill Lloyd, Bridport Community Orchard, will give a presentation on their successful Community Orchard. The Culm Valley Young Farmers will give an update. Mrs Stallard to invite James Maben, Blackdown Hills Natural Futures Project, to give an update. Mr Edwards and Mr Calcraft to liaise ref collecting display boards. All to meet at hall to set up at 5pm.</p>	<p>Chair all</p>
<p>20. <u>Correspondence</u> 20.1 An email from a parishioner reference the comments the parish council made about the Catherine Wheel's planning application was noted. 20.2 MDDC's Open Space and Play Area Strategy Report noted. 20.3 Letter from Viridor acknowledging receipt of funds reference Tap Fund grant to Cricket Club noted. 20.4 DCC Scrutiny Task Group survey noted and circulated to councillors. 20.5 An email from a parishioner informing of an accident involving a child and some potentially dangerous gates on Station Road. The parish council has reported it to RoSPA and Mid Devon District Council. 20.6 An email request for permission to pitch a catering van in the village. Many issues were raised about potential rubbish, how often and potential rent. Clerk to book a meeting with parishioner to find out more information. Mr Rosamond to confirm what fast food licence requirements there are from Mid Devon.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>21. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 21.1 A working group needs to be established to look at working with Culmstock & Clayhidon to employ a parish lengthsman. Clerk to ask Highways to confirm amount of budget which would be transferred to parish council if it opts out of lengthsman scheme. This to be added to agenda for Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>22. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 22.1 The wooden footbridge over St Margaret's Brook is damaged. Clerk has reported it.</p>	
<p>23. <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Radford's report • Annual Parish Meeting • BMX Track 	
<p>24. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 1st April 2015 in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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