

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

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), 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, Mr T Barton, Councillor F Rosamond (District Councillor) from item 13 to 14, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 10 members of the public. Apologies: Councillor R Radford (County Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 6.3 – Mrs H Stallard, Mr R Calcraft, Mr N Punnett, and Miss P Lawrence have a personal interest as they are all members of the Parish Hall Committee. Agenda item 12 - Mrs H Stallard has a personal interest as she is a member of Longmead Management Group. Agenda item 14 - Mr S Clist has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust. The trust advises the parish council with regard to its management of the commons. Agenda item 14 – Mr N Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot Syndicate that uses Hemyock & Shuttleton Commons. Agenda item 17 – Mrs H Stallard has a personal interest as she is Chair of The Garages Committee. Mr R Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Hemyock Lights Brigade</u> The group updated the meeting regarding its activities. The group has been successful in some grant applications and sponsorship and has funds of around £12,000. This year it plans to have a lights parade on Saturday 5th December at 6pm. Various trees around the village will be lit and images projected on to some buildings. A new star for the church has been designed and is currently under construction. The parade will end with the lighting of this star. Lantern workshops will be held on 21/22 November. Watch out for posters giving information. The group will also plant some spring bulbs at several locations around the village. The council fully supports/endorse the group and looks forward to the parade and seeing the village lit up. Councillor Ray Radford was thanked for his £1,000 donation to the group.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u> The following was reported:-</p> <p>4.1 The mast at Newton Farm will be erected in the next three months and 4G should become available in outlying areas of the village.</p> <p>4.2 Garden waste has collected by MDDC but mixed in with food waste. Mr R Calcraft advised this was an interim measure until everyone has received a blue food waste bin.</p> <p>4.3 The pavement surface at the entrance to Castle Park has been damaged by tree roots. Clerk to report.</p> <p>4.4 The parish council was congratulated for its efforts and hard work in restoring the Pump and for the splendid unveiling event.</p> <p>4.5 Western Power Distribution (WPD) has written to several residents about a planned power cut on 18th November. Parishioner will check with WPD for more information.</p> <p>4.6 Several graves need levelling. Clerk to remind undertakers of their obligations.</p> <p>4.7 The road by the Castle has been resurfaced and the crossing has been covered over. Clerk to report.</p> <p>4.8 Following the recent white line painting in the village, Highways has not repainted the white line in the middle of the road by Millhayes. Clerk to report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 7th October meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr N Moon</p>	

<p>SECONDED: Miss P Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>6. <u>Matters arising</u> 6.1 St Margaret's Brook see agenda item 21.1 6.2 Surveyor in village – Following sightings of surveyors in the village the clerk contacted MDDC to establish whether they were acting on behalf of the district council. The Forward Planning Officer told the clerk they had not but that it could possibly be a developer who is looking to build in the village. Following the publication of the draft Local Plan several developers have made representations to MDDC reference potential development sites in Hemyock. This will be looked at by MDDC and a revised draft local plan is due out in March 2016. See agenda item 18. 6.3 Purple Peril – Mr L Povah has finished the documentation for the tender and will invite tenders. Clerk to include in Pump, website and noticeboards. 6.4 Car Park – nothing to report. Clerk has chased MDDC for news on asset transfer. 6.5 Station Road Pavements – Mrs H Stallard has again spoken to homeowner who does not wish to provide some land for pavement in exchange for rear access and parking. The council will therefore proceed and install pavements where permission has been given. Mrs H Stallard to provide clerk with paperwork and contact details. Clerk to send email to Councillor Radford confirming work will commence shortly (to secure grant). 6.6 Wall to Hollingarth from Station Road – Mr L Povah has drafted a specification for the works and will invite tenders. Clerk will advertise on website and noticeboards. Due to Health & Safety working practices, Mr L Povah will liaise with clerk reference providing a key for contractors to use the facilities at Longmead during the duration of the works. 6.7 Speedwatch – the clerk has 6 volunteers and will now arrange for training. 6.8 Grass Cutting – nothing to report. Clerk has chased MDDC for news on budget required to cut grass.</p>	<p>LP/Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>7. <u>District Council Report</u> See later in minutes</p>	
<p>8. <u>County Council Report</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>9. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:- 9.1 15/01480/FULL - Installation of ground mounted solar PV Array. Land at NGR 308166 110777(Whitmoor House), Ashill. (neighbouring parish) PROPOSAL: The Council has no objection in principle to the application but prefers solar panels to be on roofs rather than on good agricultural land. It is believed that there are a number of large agricultural buildings in the vicinity which could be used. PROPOSED: Mr T Barton SECONDED: Mr N Punnett DECISION: passed (all in favour) Mr N Moon and Mr L Povah abstained. The following application was noted:- 9.2 13/01378/FULL - Change of use of redundant agricultural 'Linhay' and associated land to form one dwelling and garden. The Mill, Hemyock. Details Pursuant Discharged On Application. The roof covering of the development hereby granted shall be of natural slate a sample of which shall be submitted to and be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to its use on the buildings. Such approved slate shall be so used and retained. The following appeal dismissed decision noted for:- 9.3 15/00354/FULL - Rear extension and dormers to the front and rear. Orchard Lea, Westown, Hemyock</p>	

10. Finance

10.1 Income & Expenditure

Income

1.	105.00	Fine Memorials
2.	30.00	Donation towards Pump refurbishment
3.	2.99	Interest
4.	50.00	Richard Grant

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	25.00	British Legion	Poppy appeal
2.	9.98	South West Water	Cemetery water
3.	12.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
4.	600.00	ICS	Pump refurbishment (shot blasting etc)
5.	1,615.20	Ken White Signs	Pump refurbishment (detailed painting)
6.	75.00	Play Inspection Company	Longmead play area
7.	357.65	Catherine Wheel	Pump refurbishment - pre-unveiling lunch
8.	45.00	Open Spaces	Annual membership
9.	789.98	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
10.	221.00	I Pike	Grass cutting
11.	60.00	K Pinder	Pump refurbishment - soup
12.	1.81	HMRC	Employers NI
13.	324.00	Tom Brooke	Topping CMG work
14.	15.00	H Stallard	Pump refurbishment – bread
15.	19.20	P Lawrence	Pump refurbishment - posters
16.	117.43	J Pritchard	Pump refurbishment – leaflets, invitations & postage

ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	128,397.05
DEPOSIT A/C	52039.85
GF A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1731.15
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	183,373.50

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

PROPOSED: Mr S Clist

SECONDED: Mr T Barton

DECISION: passed. All agreed.

11. Clerk Update

- 11.1 Lighting – clerk will write to DCC asking for clarification with regard to which lights are on/off in Hemyock at what times and which lights, if any, are LED.
- 11.2 Tough Choices – clerk asked for attendees for a meeting on 8th December in Cullompton. Mr N Punnett, Ms J Pritchard and Mr S Clist will attend.
- 11.3 PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- There are three crimes to report for October. There were two incidents of shoplifting on 12th & 16th October by two unknown male offenders. Various food items were stolen and the value was around £12 in total. In the early hours of 18th October there was an alleged assault which is currently being investigated. There were also three logs reported to us including concerns that someone had been in a resident's garden and moved items around, and a female juvenile who was trying to self-harm.
- 11.4 The clerk has received an email from a parishioner congratulating the council for a job well done on the refurbishment of the Pump.

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<p>11.5 It has been brought to the clerk's attention that the Pump is a listed building and listed building consent should have been sought before the recent works took place. The clerk has met with the conservation officer and enforcement officers from MDDC and she has been advised to apply formally for consent.</p>	
<p>12. Longmead</p> <p>12.1 The planning application for the BMX track has been validated by MDDC. Clerk to liaise with Mr L Povah ref cubic area of site. The clerk has received an email from the council's solicitor ref the sale of the old station yard site. The developer's solicitor is objecting to a form of words in the contract reference the overage clause but has offered no explanation as to why. Clerk to contact the developer to discuss. Mr S Clist asked that it was minuted that he felt that this item should have been moved to Part 2 as he felt it was of a commercially sensitive nature.</p> <p>12.2 Western Power Distribution – Ground Mounted Substation - WPD has a permanent easement over the land and no wayleave was payable. If the council wishes to opt for a lease agreement rather than a land transfer then only a peppercorn rent would be payable. PROPOSAL: the council enters into a lease agreement with WPD. PROPOSED: Mr N Moon SECONDED: Mr S Clist DECISION: passed. All agreed</p> <p>12.3 Play Inspection Company – the annual inspection for the play area has been completed at Longmead. A small number of moderate and low risk issues have been identified. Clerk to establish if Roy Brooke, Brookridge Timber, is willing to maintain the play area, as in previous years, and, if so, send him the report to action.</p> <p><i>Councillor Rosamond joined the meeting</i></p>	<p>LP/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>13. Highways</p> <p>13.2 The clerk and Mr S Clist attended the recent Highways conference. Highways is doing what it can but budgets are being reduced and services are inevitably suffering/being cut. Highways is encouraging communities to form self-help groups.</p> <p>13.2 Shutlake – It is understood that South West Water is in the process of investigating the problems along the shutlake at Station Road. Highways is monitoring the situation closely as it foresees potential problems with ice as winter approaches. Parish council does not need to take any action at this point.</p>	
<p>14. District Council Report</p> <p>Councillor Rosamond reported that:-</p> <p>Stephen Walford has been appointed as the chief executive for MDDC. He will replace Kevin Finan who is retiring early in the New Year. Stephen is currently employed by Buckinghamshire County Council as Director of Growth & Strategy. His area of specialism is strategic planning, economic development and regeneration, all important to Mid Devon's future progression. Budgets are continually being reviewed and grant funding is being scrutinised. Suggestions that grants to local groups such as Blackdown Support Group, SW Canal, Citizens Advice Bureau may be reduced. Town & Parish Charter is due for review. Councillors Rosamond to provide clerk with a copy. The Environment Agency requires a full flood survey reference the proposed developments in the local plan and this will extend the issue of the plan until June 2016. MDDC is considering a penalty for those that do not recycle. Mr P Doble suggested to Councillor Rosamond that it may be worth highlighting the savings made by not using landfill and by recycling. 35 new affordable homes are to be built in Tiverton.</p> <p><i>Councillor Rosamond left the meeting.</i></p>	<p>FR</p>
<p>15. Commons Management Group</p> <p>Mr S Clist updated the group as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon Wildlife Trust visited Shuttleton & Hemyock Commons and is pleased with the progress made. DWT has provided guidance for the next year. 	
<p>16. Cemetery</p>	

<p>Pump. Clerk to purchase 5 pictures - one for each of the children who assisted Sir John Cave Bt and 3 more to be located in the pub, parish hall and school.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>23. <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to tender for Purple Peril • Christmas Decorations Competition • Local tradespeople to provide contact details to clerk 	
<p>24. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 2nd December in the Forbes Lounge</p>	

Meeting closed at 10.08pm

Signed Dated