

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 6th May 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Major, Mr R Brooke, Mr I McCulloch, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Hart, Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mr R Radford (County Councillor) from item 7.8 until 11.4 , Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 11 members of the public.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 7.3 - Mr Brooke has a disclosable pecuniary interest as he may do business with the applicant. Agenda item 12 – Mr Clist has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust. Agenda item 13 - 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 17 – 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 It was reported that as a result of the recent levelling of graves, the time taken to cut the grass has been reduced by approximately 25%. 3.2 The existing council was thanked for its hard work and diligence over the last four years. 3.3 The existing council and clerk were thanked and commended on all that has been achieved.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 1st April meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Major SECONDED: Mr Brooke DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u> Insurance – the Clerk confirmed that the council’s insurance would not cover the Lights Brigade as this was not a parish council committee/group. The Clerk has passed information onto the group about a competition to win £10,000 worth of lights for the village.</p>	
<p>6. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Rosamond reported:- 29th April was the last meeting of the full council. Several councillors are not standing for election this year and they will be missed. The use of sky lanterns continues to be discussed. Hemyock is well regarded within MDDC and Councillor Rosamond thanked Hemyock Parish Council for its ambition, aspirations and hard work under the leadership of Mrs Stallard.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Planning</u> Applications received for:- 7.1 15/00472/FULL – Erection of single storey extension to rear to form annex. Rigglesfoot, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The council does not support the application. PROPOSED: Mr Major SECONDED: Mr McCulloch DECISION: failed. 3 for, 4 against. (Mr Edwards and Mr Povah abstained) Therefore the council supports the application but makes the following comments:- it would prefer the design to be more sympathetic and in keeping with the vernacular style.</p>	

7.2

15/00579/FULL – Erection of an extension, porch and installation of 2 dormer windows. 42 Station Road Hemyock Cullompton

PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed all agreed.

Mr Brooke left the room

7.3

15/00524/FULL - Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to dwelling and erection of car port. (Fourways Barn) Hemyock

PROPOSAL: The council supports the application and makes no further comment.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed all agreed.

Mr Brooke returned to the room

Approval noted for the following applications:-

7.4

15/00107/FULL - Erection of extensions and alterations. 7 Redwood Close, Hemyock

7.5

15/00182/FULL - Erection of extension to form utility room and erection of detached garage. 2 The Old Market, Hemyock

7.6

15/01830/FULL - Variation of condition 8 of planning permission 12/00764/FULL in respect of Long Barn only to allow substitute plans to include a conservatory and conversion of garage to office. Long Barn, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock

Refusal of the following application noted:-

7.7

15/00354/FULL - Erection of dormer window to rear. Orchard Lea Hemyock

Councillor Radford joined the meeting

Other Planning

7.8

Letter from MDDC ref Section 106 Agreement Pooling Restrictions and means of funding Parish public open space projects. Mr Major summarised the information for the council and suggested:- Clerk should request a meeting with MDDC and parish councillors to secure previously accrued 106 monies and lodge any future projects for Community Infrastructure Levy monies, possibly a Community Orchard. Also Clerk to feedback to MDDC that a briefing note to simplify the message would have been more useful.

Clerk

8.

County Council Report

Councillor Radford reported:-

Councillor Radford thanked all councillors for their work over the last four years and wished those who are standing again good luck in the elections.

He confirmed that Hemyock has been successful in its bid for TAP funds (from the underspend pot).

9.

Finance

9.1

Income & Expenditure

Income

	£	
1	61.75	Western Power Distribution wayleave
2	170.00	Pring & Son
3	98.00	Fine Memorials
4	105.00	A G Real & Son
5	3.09	Interest 14 day a/c

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1	194.79	H Stallard	APM Expenses
2	12.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Election expenses
3	20.00	B Clist	APM Expenses
4	444.72	D Evans	Wages and expenses
5	64.50	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire (£48 APM)

6	604.00	Stephens & Scown LLP	Gun Club Agreement
7	9.41	South West Water	Cemetery
8	13.99	South West Water	The Garages
9	175.93	Devon County Council	Photocopying
10	243.50	I Pike	Grass cutting cemetery/village
11	60.00	R Calcraft	Millhayes grass March/April
12	100.00	R Taylor	BMX strim /tidy and floodbridge

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	85,799.86
DEPOSIT A/C	52,021.61
GF A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1530.58
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	140,057.50

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

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed. All agreed. (Mr Clist abstained)

9.2 Litter Picking

PROPOSAL: The Clerk to purchase 2 road signs and 10 pop-up garden refuse bags for the Litter Picking Team (approximately £110.00)

PROPOSED: Mr Hart

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed. All agreed (Mr Major abstained)

10. Annual Return

The accounting statements for 2014/2015 and Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 were read out for approval.

PROPOSAL: The accounts for 2014/2015 are approved and sent to the External Auditor.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Barton

DECISION: passed. All agreed

The Finance Committee and Clerk were thanked for their hard work.

11. Clerk Update

11.1 The Clerk read the following report from the Police:- Unfortunately the crime figures have increased dramatically over the past month. There were ten crimes recorded in April, however nine of these occurred at the same location. 01/04/15 – One report of criminal damage at a property & two reports of assault. 03/04/15 – Criminal damage. 18/04/15 – One report of criminal damage to a property & two reports of assault. 20/04/15 – Criminal damage. 23/04/15 – 24/04/15 – A wing mirror on a vehicle was smashed overnight. There were no witnesses. There were 25 logs reported to the police, including six missing person reports (three from the same location), four vehicle related incidents, one neighbourhood complaint & two alarm activations. There was also a report of an aggressive dog, details of which were passed to the dog warden.

11.2 The Chair reported that damage had been caused to the porch entrance to the Parish Hall and it was understood that the new cricket nets and football nets had been vandalised. If anyone sees anything suspicious please report it directly to the police on 101.

11.3 TAP Fund – as mentioned in item 8 above, Hemyock was successful in its joint bid with Clayhidon and Culmstock and has secured £1,500 towards a shared Parish Lengthsman. These TAP Fund monies came from the ‘underspend pot’, money available but not claimed by parishes in previous years. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the other parishes to take this forward.

11.4	The Clerk has sent out invitations to tender for bench maintenance and will report at the next meeting.	
11.5	Freedom of Information (FOI) requests – The Clerk reported that she is dealing with a FOI request from a parishioner. She reminded the council of its new vexatious policy, should it wish to use it in the future.	
	<i>Councillor Radford left the meeting</i>	
11.6	The Clerk asked for permission to work as the stand-in clerk for Clayhidon Parish Council whilst they recruit a replacement clerk. Their previous clerk, Mike Osmond, has retired after 42 years. PROPOSAL: Permission is given for the Clerk to work for Clayhidon Parish Council. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: passed. All agreed.	
12	<u>Commons Management Group (CMG)</u> Mr Clist updated the meeting	
12.3	A map showing the new firebreaks at Shuttleton Common will be sent to DWT for approval.	
12.4	Gun Club has forwarded a letter of complaint it had received. The letter was duly noted and had previously been actioned. (The parishioner was advised to report any issues of noise directly to MDDC).	
	Mr Clist was thanked for his successful leadership and the huge progress that the group has made. Mr Clist thanked the Culm Vale Gun Club and the Rough Shoot syndicate for providing manpower at the various volunteering days and for their help with the general management of the commons.	
13	<u>Longmead</u> The AGM will take place 29 th June.	
14	<u>Highways</u> Mr Clist has spoken with Willy Pike (Highways) about outstanding matters in the parish and will report back. Clerk to report state of road surface/pot holes, Whitehall to Culm Davy/ Wrangway.	Clerk
15	<u>Cemetery</u> The spoil heap has been tidied.	
16	<u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.	
17	<u>The Garages</u> Mr Povah will arrange a meeting with the external door provider to discuss faults.	
18	<u>Election 7th May 2015</u> Mr McCulloch and Clerk were thanked for arranging and chairing the hustings event in the village.	
19	<u>Parish Plan</u> Nothing to report.	
20	<u>Correspondence</u> 20.3 Devon Healthwatch Spring Issue noted. 20.4 Open Spaces – request for funds. Referred to Finance Committee for consideration.	
21	<u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 21.3 The Chair thanked councillors for their support during the last four years and thanked the public for attending meetings, for their support and questions. She thanked the councillors who are standing down at the election namely, James Edwards, Roy Brooke, Richard Hart, Stephen Major and Ian McCulloch. 21.4 Newly elected councillors will meet on Wednesday 13 th May with the old councillors for an informal hand-over.	
22	<u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 22.3 Mr Major suggested the Clerk may want to set up some basic planning training with MDDC	Clerk

for the new councillors.	
22.4 Mr Clist asked that a letter of condolence is sent to Jim Hawkins family.	Clerk
22.5 Mr Clist has been liaising with James & Conrad from the Blackdown Hills Natural Futures Project, helping them identify land ownership around the parish.	
22.6 Mr McCulloch thanked councillors past and present for their support during his 20 years on the council.	
22.7 Mr Hart (41 years) & Mr Edwards (35 years) echoed Mr McCulloch's words	
22.8 Mr Clist reminded everyone it is the Devon County Show on 21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd May.	
23 <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election results • Sunday 21st June – Litter Pick – 2.30pm Parish Hall 	
24 <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 20 th May 2015 in the Forbes Lounge	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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