

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 7th August 2019

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr P Doble (Vice-chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Councillor R Radford (County Councillor), Councillor S Clist (Parish & District Councillor) and Miss J Fouracre (received and accepted).</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> Agenda item 10 - Mr Ritchie & Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. Agenda item 14 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. Agenda item 16 - Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee. Agenda item 18 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> The following were reported/raised:- 3.1 Is the council going to claim the cost of repairs to the war memorial wall from the driver of the car who crashed into it? The parish council is unaware of any witnesses to the crash.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 3rd July are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:- 5.1 19/01176/FULL. Change of use of offices to 1 dwelling, loft extension and associated works. St Ivel House, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour). 5.2 19/01110/PNOU. Prior notification for the change of use of offices to 2 residential dwellings. St Ivel House, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour). 5.3 19/01274/FULL. Erection of an agricultural storage building. Claywell's Copse, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The parish council is content in principle with the application. However, it feels the style and design of the building resembles a shipping container and is not appropriate in an AONB. It would prefer to see a more traditional design with cladding. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour). Approval noted for:- 5.4 19/00788/FULL. Erection of an agricultural livestock building following demolition of existing. Regency House, Hemyock. 5.5 19/00833/CLP. Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed change of use of part building from D1 to B1. Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Matters Arising</u> 6.1 Pump – The pump has now been reinstalled following remedial work to its paintwork. The parish council will seek reimbursement of dismantling and reinstallation costs from the company that</p>	Clerk

<p>completed the remedial works.</p> <p>6.2 Wire mesh cages – The Store. Several designs have been considered (wire, wood, etc.) Mr Ritchie to obtain prices for doors. Mr Ritchie and Mr Russell have offered their services free of charge for one day and Brookridge Timber have kindly agreed to cut and deliver any necessary wood. Mr Povah, Mr Ritchie and Mr Russell to liaise.</p> <p>6.3 Pavement repairs – Resurfacing of the pavement at the rear of Castle Park will begin on 23rd September and will take approximately 4 days (subject to necessary licence from Devon County Council). The pavement works at the entrance to Castle Park (by telephone box) may need to be delayed whilst permission is obtained to do the work.</p> <p>6.4 The Parish Store – electricity. The Garages committee has not yet met to consider the council's request to take a feed from its supply. The owner of the building has given his permission. Clerk to write to Mrs Pinder for permission.</p> <p>6.5 Standing orders/financial regulations – clerk to carry forward to next month.</p> <p>6.6 Finger posts – Mr Povah to carry forward to next month.</p> <p>6.7 Joint project with Culmstock/Clayhidon – noticeboards. Mr Russell has spoken with Mr Bass and a meeting will be arranged shortly.</p> <p>6.8 Ash trees – clerk to ask parishioners in PR to report any signs of ash dieback on any of the turbaries/commons.</p> <p>6.9 Car park – the blue car that had been parked in the car park for several months has been removed.</p>	<p>SR/AR/ LP</p> <p>Clerk</p>												
<p>7. <u>County Council Report</u></p> <p>Councillor Ray Radford sent the following report:-</p> <p>Scomis is currently supporting 740 Schools across 27 Authorities, from Cornwall across to Kent and up country to Redcar & Cleveland. It contributes to Digital Transformation and Business Support Overheads, this financial year our target is £908k, a valuable contribution to the running of County. We are a 20% partnership.</p> <p>Adult Services will be seeing demands for increases to deal with wage levels of Carers. It is looking increasingly likely that retaining Carers will become an issue for providers because of the full employment we have in Devon, enabling people to make choices about where they will work and earn higher wages. The best we can hope at the moment is a repeat of last year's funding, with some extra to cover inflation.</p> <p>Any new additional spending proposed will have to be very seriously considered, unless there are compensating savings identified.</p> <p>From 30th Aug this year, there are changes to the DfT Blue Badge eligibility criteria which will include the addition of psychological distress and the risk to health & safety.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the progress of Ash Dieback across the County is becoming more obvious. The team are currently looking at the evidence coming back from this year's expert tree surveys, alongside trees that have failed and it is very likely that we may well have to move to an annual inspection on the tree stock, this of course will be an added cost. Over 90% of ash trees will be affected.</p> <p>Kerbside food waste and glass are to be collected by Exeter City Council, this means that all Devon Authority Strategic Waste (DASW) will now have, or in be in the process of adopting, the Devon aligned waste collecting service. This is a real partnership success story which DASW can take full credit for with the catalyst being DCC shared savings scheme. This brings in additional income to MDDC. Early indications are that Devon recycling rate has increased last year. I will be able to report on this when the figures have been ratified.</p>													
<p>8. <u>Finance</u></p> <p>8.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation</p> <p>INCOME</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="113 1854 1401 2011"> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>200.00</td> <td>Stonehenge - cemetery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>200.00</td> <td>AG Real – cemetery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.</td> <td>12.36</td> <td>Interest, HSBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.</td> <td>1291.78</td> <td>Interest, United Trust Bank</td> </tr> </table> <p>EXPENDITURE</p>	1.	200.00	Stonehenge - cemetery	2.	200.00	AG Real – cemetery	3.	12.36	Interest, HSBC	4.	1291.78	Interest, United Trust Bank	
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1.	537.10	I Pike	Grass cutting and maintenance
2.	70.87	I Pike	Longmead Environmental area
3.	869.74	D Evans	Wages and expenses
4.	35.67	HMRC	PAYE
5.	150.00	K Amor	Cleaning, public conveniences
6.	44.09	Spot On Supplies	Public conveniences supplies
7.	100.00	R Taylor	BMX strim and tidy & floodbridge tidy
8.	9.10	South West Water	Cemetery
9.	179.00	Woodquist Associates	Website 2017-2018
10.	41.40	South West Water	Public conveniences
11.	66.00	DALC	Training
12.	130.00	R Calcraft	Grass cutting
13.	77.46	N Power	Electric, public conveniences
14.	1680.08	A Stones	Pump refurb
15.	26.40	Perrie Hale Nursery	Stakes and covers, CMG
16.	24.16	Spot On Supplies	Public conveniences supplies
17.	132.00	S Ritchie	War memorial wall
18.	118.00	A Russell	War Memorial wall
19.	95.90	DALC	Training
20.	12.40	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
21.	170.00	Roger Beaver	Ground maintenance, Longmead
22.	250.00	Roger Beaver	Ground maintenance, Longmead

BANK RECONCILIATION

HSBC Community a/c	19,476.41
HSBC Deposit	75,203.31
HSBC P3	0.04
HSBC Longmead	1.27
Unity Trust Bank current	82.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	68,196.71
Unity Trust Bank GF	708.13
Unity Trust Bank P3	1,681.41
Skipton 1-year Bond	85,000.00
United Trust Bank	77,191.78
Total	327,541.06

PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed.
PROPOSED: Mr Moon
SECONDED: Mr Povah
DECISION: passed (all in favour).

8.2 Finance Committee Recommendations
8.2.1 the pc reinvests £77,190.30 into a 1-year bond with United Trust Bank
8.2.2 the pc appoints another councillor to the Finance Committee. Miss Fouracre was suggested. Clerk to confirm Miss Fouracre accepts the position.
8.2.3 the damaged wall at the war memorial was made safe and repaired immediately at a cost of £250.00

PROPOSAL: that the above 3 recommendations from the finance committee are accepted.
PROPOSED: Mr Moon
SECONDED: Mr Ritchie
DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9. Clerk Update
Nothing to report.

10. Longmead
10.1 Mr Povah has obtained a quotation for a metal bridge. Mr Ritchie will inspect the site at the

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<p>weekend and will liaise with Mr Povah reference alternative designs. Mr Ritchie will also meet with Mr D Robinson to obtain a quotation.</p> <p>10.2 Mr Ritchie has investigated possible funding options for new play area equipment. The pc cannot collect 106 contributions from developments until it has secured land to create a new play area (possibly if and when the site adjacent to the cemetery is developed). In the meantime, the pc will concentrate on replacing items at Longmead play area. Mr Ritchie will obtain prices. Clerk to clarify the current 106 position with regard to funds.</p>	SR Clerk
<p>11. <u>Highways</u></p> <p>12.1 Station Road pavements – planning application has been validated by MDDC and a decision is expected by 20th September 2019.</p> <p>12.2 War memorial – damage to wall. The wall was made safe and repaired at a cost of £250.00. There are no witnesses to the crash.</p>	
<p>12. <u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Footpaths</u> Mr Povah will ask Devon County Council to apply pressure on the landowners to apply for the footpath at Pitthayne Farm to be formally diverted.</p>	LP
<p>14. <u>Commons Management Group</u> Shuttleton and Hemyock have been topped. The Commons Management Group will inspect the commons and meet on 26th September, 7.30pm at Longmead.</p>	
<p>15. <u>Village Maintenance</u></p> <p>15.1 Weeds need pulling from St Margaret’s brook by church. Clerk to ask scout group or young farmers club. If unable to arrange then pc will organise a volunteer group to complete the task.</p>	Clerk
<p>16. <u>Garages Youth Project</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>17. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Mrs Stallard will send a regular report to keep pc updated.</p>	
<p>18. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u></p> <p>18.1 Mr Doble asked for clarity with regard to replacing the heating system at the BHLAC. The pc confirmed it wished to make the system more efficient to run, warmer when necessary and flexible so that it might respond to changing requirements. It was agreed that oil was a better option than the existing gas supply. Mr Doble and the working group will meet to consider various options and report back. Mr Ritchie suggested the name of a heating engineer that the group might approach. An oil tank may require planning permission.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Asset Management</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>20. <u>Future Meetings</u> Carry forward to next month.</p>	
<p>21. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>22. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u></p> <p>22.1 A tree has fallen and damaged the fencing at the Blackdown Healthy Living Centre. Mr Calcraft to discuss with landowner and ask that fence is mended and any other trees are cut back to prevent any further damage.</p> <p>22.2 Mr Povah asked clerk to report a groove in the middle of Station Road as this is dangerous.</p>	RC Clerk
<p>23. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>24. <u>PR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parishioners to report signs of ash dieback on any of the parish turbaries/commons. 	
<p>25. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> 7.30pm Wednesday 4th September, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall.</p>	

Meeting ended 9.33pm

Signed.....Dated.....