Hemyock Parish Council Annual Meeting held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 7th May 2014

Subject	Action
1. Present	
Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr I McCulloch, Mr S Major, Mr R Calcraft, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah,	
Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Brooke, Mr Hart, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 9 members of	
the public.	
Apologies Mr R Radford and Mr F Rosamond	
2. <u>Election of Chairman</u>	
PROPOSAL: Mrs Stallard is re-elected as Chairman of the council.	
PROPOSED: Mr Hart	
SECONDED: Mr McCulloch	
DECISION: passed (all in favour)	
3. <u>Election of Vice-Chairman</u>	
PROPOSAL : Mr McCulloch is re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the council.	
PROPOSED: Mr Clist	
SECONDED: Mr Barton	
DECISION: passed (all in favour)	

4. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

The clerk declared that:-

Mrs Stallard

- is a Director of Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for her to participate in and vote on any matter relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.
- is the Chair of the Youth Garages Project Committee
- is a member of the Parish Hall Committee
- is a member of Longmead Management Committee
- is Chairman of Blackdown Hills Parish Network
- is a Trustee of the Blackdown Support Group

Mr Calcraft

• is a Member of the Youth Garages Project Committee

Mr Povah

• is a Director of Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in and vote on any matter relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.

Mr Clist

 is a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in and vote on any matter relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.

Mr Brooke

- Has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Youth Garages Project. There is a dispensation in place to allow him to participate in but not vote on matters affecting the project.
- is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust

Mr Major

• is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in and vote on any matter relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.

Mr McCulloch

• is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in and vote on any matter relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.

• is Chair of Longmead Management Group

Mr Barton

- is a Director of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust and there is a dispensation in place for him to participate in and vote on any matter relating to Planning Application 12/001498/OUT.
- Has a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 16.1 and will not participate in or vote on the matter.

Mr Edwards

• is a trustee of the Peter Holway Trust

Mr Hart

• is a trustee of the Peter Holway Trust

5. Public Questions

There were no public questions

6. Minutes from Previous Meetings

PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the meetings on 2nd and 24th April are

approved.

PROPOSED: Mr Barton **SECONDED**: Mr Calcraft

DECISION: passed (all in favour)

7. Review of delegation arrangements to committees

No changes made.

8. Review terms of reference for committees

No changes made.

9. To appoint councillors to existing committees/working groups

9.1 **Planning Committee**

PROPOSAL: All councillors are elected to the Planning Committee.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch **SECONDED**: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.2 Commons Management Group (CMG)

PROPOSAL: Mr Clist, Mr Major, Mr McCulloch, Mr Edwards and Mr Povah are

elected to the CMG.

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.3 Finance Committee

Mr Brooke declared that he wished to stand-down from this committee following complaints being made to both the Police and The Charities Commission about his behaviour. Mr Brooke was exonerated on all allegations. He was thanked for his efforts and was asked to reconsider. It was felt his business experience and expertise was invaluable to the Finance Committee. Mr Brooke agreed to continue until May 2015.

PROPOSAL: Mr McCulloch, Mrs Stallard, Mr Barton and Mr Brooke are elected to the Finance Committee.

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.4 Policy Committee

PROPOSAL: Mr McCulloch, Mrs Stallard, Mr Povah and Mr Clist are elected to the

Policy Committee.

PROPOSED: Mr Clist **SECONDED**: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.5 Footpaths Representative

Mr Povah was thanked for his work with the footpaths P3 scheme.

PROPOSAL: Mr Povah is elected as the footpath co-ordinator/representative

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard **SECONDED**: Mr McCulloch **DECISION**: passed (all in favour).

9.6 Cemetery Representatives

PROPOSAL: Mr Clist and Mr McCulloch are elected as the cemetery

representatives

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard **SECONDED**: Mr Edwards

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.7 Hemyock Emergency Plan (HEP)

PROPOSAL: Mr Clist, Mr Barton and Mr Major are elected to the HEP

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard

SECONDED: Mr Hart

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

The Chair asked that Mr Barton organise a meeting later in the year on flooding, focusing on the specialist help and advice which is available to parishioners.

9.8 **Great War Centenary**

PROPOSAL: Mr Barton and Mr Edwards are elected to the Great War Centenary

Committee

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard **SECONDED**: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.9 Highways Representative

PROPOSAL: Mr Clist is elected as the Highways representative

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard **SECONDED**: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

10. To appoint any new committees

A Parish Plan working group will need to be set up but this can follow after the Annual Parish Meeting.

11. Review representation on outside groups and arrangements for reporting back

11.1 Longmead

PROPOSAL: Mr McCulloch and Mrs Stallard are elected as the Longmead

Management Group representatives

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

11.2 Parish Hall Committee

PROPOSAL: Mr Calcraft and Mrs Stallard are elected as the Parish Hall Committee

representatives

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards **SECONDED**: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

11.3 The Garages Committee

PROPOSAL: Mr Calcraft and Mrs Stallard are elected as the Garages Committee

representatives

PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch

SECONDED: Mr Major

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

11.4 Peter Holway Trust

PROPOSAL: Mr Edwards and Mr Hart are elected as the council trustees

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard **SECONDED**: Mr McCulloch **DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

PROPOSAL: Agenda item 28.9 is moved up the agenda and dealt with under this

item.

PROPOSED: Mrs Stallard

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

PROPOSAL: Mrs Mary Hawkins is appointed as a replacement trustee for the

retiring trustee, Mr AE Hawkins.

PROPOSED: Mr Clist **SECONDED**: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Hawkins.

Clerk

11.5 Blackdown Hills Parish Network (BHPN)

PROPOSAL: Mrs Stallard and Mr Clist are elected as the BHPN representatives

PROPOSED: Mr Hart **SECONDED**: Mr Edwards

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

11.6 Mary Waldron Trust

Sally Cartledge is the trustee representing the council. Clerk to check she is happy to continue.

Mr Mike Reynolds was thanked for his work with this trust.

Clerk

All representatives to report back to council as and when necessary.

12. Dates, time and place of future meetings

PROPOSAL: The council continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at

7.30pm in the Forbes Lounge.

PROPOSED: Mr Povah **SECONDED**: Mr Barton

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

13. Matters Arising

- 13.1 Benches Mr McCulloch and Mr Clist will meet and report back.
- 13.2 Asset Register No one has made any comments about the draft asset register. Clerk to add to agenda for next Finance Committee to go through some details.

14. District Council Report

Not read out at the meeting but submitted afterwards

Councillor Rosamond sent the following report:-

The big issue that came before full Council has been the decision to accept the Master plan for the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension. There was an absence of unanimity amongst Cabinet members, who expressed cogent criticisms of the Plan. However, there was a strong view that as the site was earmarked for development and the plan approved by the Inspectorate, the failure to adopt the plan would leave the Council in a weak position to achieve all of the infrastructure required, including a new junction on the A361 North Devon Link road. In a packed meeting, after a 2 hour debate, the Masterplan was finally approved.

Waste and recycling

Teething problems remain with the new arrangements, not helped by the proximity of Bank Holidays this year. Meanwhile the Cabinet is looking at the proposed new recommendations commencing in October 2015 to respond to further cuts in Government funding whilst increasing recycling. The recommendations are:-

- Provide free and limitless boxes for recycling, including one additional per property of a different colour to permit greater separation
- Remove card from garden waste and collect in black boxes as kerbside recycling
- Remove food from garden waste and collect in a caddy as kerbside recycling
- Collect mixed plastics, excluding film, as kerbside recycling
- Collect household refuse and recycling fortnightly from each premises
- Retain the garden waste as a fortnightly chargeable service
- Retain existing paid-for bulky waste collection service and the Waste Electrical Equipment collection
- Retain the contracted out clinical waste collection service
- Retain assisted collections and update eligibility for the service every 2 years

The aim is to increase recycling rates including plastic bottles and mixed plastic by approx. 10% over 5 years.

Neighbourhood Planning

Two Mid Devon town councils are seeking designation as Neighbourhood Areas for Neighbourhood Development Plan purposes. When contemplating the potential house building programme, it is an attraction to receive 25% of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) as opposed to only 15% without a plan

Budget

With careful money management the Council has achieved an outturn for the year which shows an overall saving of £42k, despite freezing the Council Tax and without so far adversely affecting service delivery

MDDC Open Space and Play Area Study

Finally a reminder that the Open Space and Play area study, which is looking at the adequacy of provision, including, I note, allotments, sought returns by 5th May. This will be used as evidence base for the Local Plan and will feed into considerations regarding the use of CIL.

15. County Council Report

Nothing to report

Clerk to ask Councillor Radford to apply pressure to get the Blackwater Lane culvert repaired and the road re-opened.

Clerk

16. Planning

Approval noted for:-

16.1 14/00311/TPO – application to fell one ash tree protected by TPO 4/26/04/TP8. Land to East of Bailey Lodge, Culmstock Road, Hemyock

17. Finance

17.1 The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:

Income

	£	Reason
1.	59.75	Western Power Distribution wayleave
2.	99.56	A G Real & Son
3.	99.56	Richard Grant Memorials
4.	29,250.00	MDDC Precept first instalment
5.	.04	Interest g/f a/c
6.	410.00	P3 Grant

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	100.00	I Pike	Cemetery Grass cutting March
2.	84.00	R Calcraft	Millhayes grass March & April
3.	90.00	R Taylor	BMX strim and tidy
4.	10.76	South West Water	Cemetery water
5.	33.75	Longmead	Room hire
6.	36.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
7.	437.72	DALC	Membership
8.	606.88	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses April
9.	155.25	I Pike	Cemetery and village grass and fuel April
10.	585.76	C A Hearne	The Garages Skills workshop Project Work
			(TAP fund monies)*

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION*

COMMUNITY A/C	83,571.22
DEPOSIT A/C	51,988.70
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1,289.67
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	137,555.04

PROPOSAL: that the first cheque has been issued and is ratified by the council and all income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed

PROPOSED: Mr Edwards **SECONDED**: Mr Povah **DECISION**: passed. All agreed.

*Clerk to send letter of thanks to Mr Hearne for his generous donation towards The Garages skills workshop.

Clerk

18. Clerk Update

Valuation of Old Station Yard Site – The council met on 24th April to consider an offer from the developer. The council required clarification on several matters before being able to reach a decision. Clerk to arrange a further meeting.

Clerk

Parish Mapping – This software may be of interest to the council. Clerk will spend some time looking at the detail and report back next month.

Clerk

18.3 Police Report – PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:-

There have been no crimes reported in Hemyock during April. There have been a few incidents reported to police, details are as follows: 1st April – Police were called to an injured deer in the road. 12th April – Report of a suspicious vehicle in the area around 2240hrs, however there was no trace. 18th April – At around 0400hrs, police were called to a disturbance involving a female in drink. 24th April – Some fencing had been tampered with at a farm on 22nd April. The occupants were alerted by their dogs barking; however nobody was seen at the location. 28th April – Reports of sheep on the road, however no trace was found. 28th April – We received a report from a horse rider that on

two occasions recently, a vehicle has passed her at speed and sounding the horn. This is currently being investigated.

18.4 Railings & Pump Maintenance – Mr Brooke confirmed there would be a problem ordering all the colours needed for the Pump, due to a minimum order requirement. Clerk had received information from another supplier. Clerk to liaise with Mr Povah ref specification for tender.

Clerk

- 18.5 Financial Regulations NALC has just issued new Financial Regulations including internet banking. Clerk will review and report back
- 18.6 Year End Accounting This is with the internal auditor and will be reported at next month's meeting.
- 18.7 Bus Service Transport For Your Community (TFYC) has confirmed the council will need to design a transport survey & distribute it amongst the community to gather evidence of need. This can be completed in a variety of ways including using Survey Monkey (an online package) & circulating paper versions (often using volunteers to help promote). TFYC can help with the design of the survey with relevant questions. It can then set up the online version. It was agreed that the survey/questions should form part of any Parish Plan Questionnaire that is issued later in the year.
- 18.8 Traffic Calming Highways has sent some information through about speed cushions. Clerk to contact Highways and confirm council wants a platform/plateau (same as on Station Road) and NOT speed cushions.
- 18.9 Lengthsman Dunkeswell parish has teamed up with several other parishes and bid for some funds from East Devon/Devon County Council for a pilot lengthsman scheme. They have received approx. £4,000 to complete their own lengthsman duties. Clerk to monitor project outcome.

Clerk

Clerk

19. Commons Management Group (CMG)

Mr Clist, Chair of CMG, reported that:-

- 'Dogs on Leads' signs had been erected at Hemyock Common and removed/stolen the following day. New signs have been erected covered in Perspex which may make them harder to remove.
- He had met with the Environment Agency (EA) following a complaint from a parishioner concerning waste contamination at Hemyock Common. The EA confirmed that it had spent an hour walking the perimeter of the common and inspecting the area used by Culm Vale Gun Club. On site the EA found a small skip being used to store spent cartridges and used clay targets. It found no evidence of improper disposal of waste associated with the gun club. It advised that the Club remain vigilant, ensuring that waste produced as a result of their activities is stored in line with the relevant guidance and disposed of at a suitably permitted facility. With regard to land contamination from lead shot: The EA stated there are no restrictions under The Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot) (England) Regulations 1999 that apply to Hemyock Common. The only time at which the Environment Agency might get involved with assessing potential contamination at a site such as this would be if the land were to be developed into housing or allotments etc., or if contamination from the site was having a significant detrimental impact on surface waters. Mr Clist informed the EA that development of the site is highly unlikely in the foreseeable future. Having found waste management activities at the common to be compliant with regulation, the EA now considers the matter closed.
- Creation of Fire Breaks following advice from Ed Hopkinson (Devon Wildlife Trust) the CMG will look to create fire breaks as per Ed's advice at the end of this growing season.
- The membership numbers of the gun club has reduced by approximately half during the last year. This has had the effect of reducing the amount given to local groups/organisations.
- The gun club has confirmed they use degradable fibre wads, and that the clays are also made from degradable materials.
- The CMG is working on an agreement with the gun club to formalise arrangements.

20. Longmead Longmead Management Committee has updated its constitution. The new boiler has been installed but there are problems with the under-ground tank, due to its location on a flood plain. Longmead Management Committee is pursuing this with MDDC. New cleaners have been appointed. Funding is being pursued with AONB ref the new environmental area. It was noted that most of the trees planted as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee had survived. The council were asked if they would consider replacing those that have dies.	Finance Committee
21. <u>Highways</u> Clerk to find out what funding is available for dropped kerbs this year.	Clerk
22. <u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.	
23. <u>Footpaths</u> The Footpath 48 Burleyhayes public enquiry took place. No decision has been made as yet.	
24. The Garages A skills workshop area has been created and it is hoped that wood turning classes and bike maintenance/mechanic courses will be held. Friday nights continue to be popular for 13 years+. A special Tuesday evening session (6-8pm) will take place for 11-12 year olds. The building work/defect period is due to expire and any remedial works will need to be drawn up and a schedule given to the contactor to complete before any retained monies can be paid out.	
25. <u>CLT</u> Neil Punnett sent the following report:- April 2014 saw the final three families move into the CLT's affordable housing scheme at Griffin Close. They occupy the three shared equity properties on the development. An event to celebrate the opening of this important scheme is being planned by Hastoe Housing Association. It is likely to take place in July.	
26. <u>Devon Remembers World War 1 Project</u> The team has enlisted the help of a professional editor, Susie Barrett. The pre-order book forms are in the Post Office. The drama group is continuing its work on the productions.	
 27. Annual Parish Meeting (APM) This will now be held on Thursday 15th May at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Mr Brooke will bring display boards, Mr Edward and Mr Calcraft can help if necessary. Mr S Major to bring projector. Mrs Stallard to liaise with Clerk over badges. All to get to hall as soon after 5.30pm to help set up. The agenda will be: Report of the year – Heather Stallard World War 1 – Devon Remembers Commemorations – Tim Barton Faster broadband - Cosmic Parish Plan – Catherine Bass Parish Plan – discussion – Steve Major Cheese and wine Mr S Major left the meeting 	SB/RC/JE All
 28. Correspondence 28.1 South West Water – need to close Station Road between 28/7-5/9 for sewer repair works. 28.2 FWAG South West – Farm Heritage Report received on Hurst Farm. Clerk to enquire why council are expected to keep report. Mr McCulloch will pass electronic version of report to Clerk to circulate. 28.3 HSBC – changes to 14 day notice account noted. 28.4 Healthwatch Devon Spring Edition noted. 28.5 East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership latest brochure noted. 28.6 Came & Co Spring newsletter noted. 	Clerk/IM

28.7 BHLC – email from Brightside group requesting permission to plant a 2m x 2m poppy field on the grass on the left-hand side of entrance. **PROPOSAL**: the council gives permission to the Brightside group to plant a 2m x 2m poppy field on left-hand side of entrance to centre. PROPOSED: Mr Hart **SECONDED**: Mr Brooke **DECISION:** passed. All agreed. Blackdown Support Group – invite received to AGM Tuesday 3rd June noted. 28.8 28.9 See 11.4 above 28.10 Letter from individual parishioner requesting a grant towards World Scout Jamboree 2015. Clerk to write to individual explaining grants cannot be awarded to individuals and suggest the Scout Group write directly to council requesting a grant which will be considered by the Finance Committee. **29.** Items raised by Chairman Nothing to report **Items raised by Councillors** Nothing to report 31. PR The Council requested PR on the following topics: Station Road closure 28th July – 5th September Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 15th May at 7pm, Parish Hall WW1 Devon Remembers book available to pre-order from Post Office Blackwater Lane Closure – collapsed culvert **Date of the Next Council Meeting. 32.** Annual Parish meeting – Thursday 15th May at 7pm, Parish Hall Finance Committee meeting – Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm, Forbes Lounge Full Council meeting - Wednesday 4th June at 7.30pm, Forbes Lounge

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Meeting closed at 9.45pm