

Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 7th October 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 R Radford (County Councillor) from item 13, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), and 5 members of the public. Apologies: Councillor F Rosamond (District Councillor)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Agenda item 5.1 – 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 8.1 - Mr S Clist has a pecuniary interest as he does business with the applicant. He will leave the room when this item is discussed. Agenda item 11 - Mrs H Stallard has a personal interest as she is a member of Longmead Management Group. Agenda item 13 - Mr S Clist has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust. The trust advises the parish council of its management of the commons. Agenda item 13 – Mr N Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot Syndicate that uses Hemyock & Shuttleton Commons. Agenda item 16 – 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>Public Participation</u> 3.1 It was reported that the Culm Valley Young Farmers Club had made a good job of clearing out the brook by the church. A letter of thanks has been sent to them. The debris that was removed from the brook has been left on the other side of the road and will be removed by Mr S Clist as soon as convenient. 3.2 It was reported that several hedges in the village need urgent attention, alongside Castle Hill and Penn Cross Hill in particular. Clerk to write to landowners. 3.3 Several surveyors have been seen around the village and the council was asked if it had been approached and/or knew anything about it. The council has not been approached.</p>	<p>SC Clerk</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u> PROPOSAL: The Council minutes of the 2nd & 24 September meetings are approved. PROPOSED: Mr N Moon SECONDED: Ms J Pritchard DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Matters arising</u> 5.1 Purple Peril – Mr L Povah will report back next month. 5.2 Car Park – MDDC has told the parish council it is reviewing car parks that do not generate any income and only cost the council. Other uses for the land may be considered. MDDC is seeking a contribution from the parish council of approximately £2,000 per annum to help with costs. After discussion, the following proposal was made. PROPOSAL: The Clerk contacts MDDC and asks that the car park be resurfaced and then transferred to the council, at no cost, and that the parish council will take on full ownership and responsibility for it thereafter. PROPOSED: Mr L Povah SECONDED: Mr S Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour) 5.3 Station Road Pavement – Mrs H Stallard will speak again to remaining homeowner yet to agree to the scheme. If the homeowner will not agree to the pavement, the council will</p>	<p>Clerk HS</p>

<p>complete what it can so that it can secure the previously agreed grant from DCC. The works must commence this tax year.</p> <p>5.4 Wall to Hollingarth from Station Road – Mr L Povah has drafted a specification for the works and will invite tenders. He asked for names of local tradesman who may be interested in the work.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Mr Povah invites tenders for the improvements to the wall at Hollingarth-Station Road. Due to the prohibitive charges imposed by DCC for closure, the footpath will remain open during the works.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr S Clist</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr R Calcraft</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>6. <u>District Council Report</u></p> <p>Councillor Rosamond sent the following report:-</p> <p>Apologies for my absence, and my thanks for the official invitation to Marie and myself to the Grand Unveiling ceremony of the restored Parish Pump which we are pleased to accept. Of now somewhat historical interest, MDDC received a further payment from Icelandic Heritage Bank of £38000, having now seen a return of 98% of the original investment of over £1m. There is still hope that the remainder may be yet be recovered. At present the budget remains on target. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be at the next Scrutiny meeting on 2nd November to respond to questions. I would welcome details of any concerns that Members have that I can put directly to the PCC. MDDC has joined up with all Councils in the SW LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) area to put forward a bid to Government for enhanced devolution from Government. The Chancellor this week has indicated that Government grants to local authorities will be a thing of the past, giving local authorities more self-control, with grants replaced by setting and keeping local business rates. However, it is unclear how business rates funding from Mid Devon businesses will be allocated in a two tier set up, i.e. between DCC and MDDC. The Council is developing a Digital Inclusion Strategy to ensure that citizens who do not have access to computers at home or work are not disadvantaged when communicating with the Council. In association with Cosmic who are funded by DCC, a “Digital Villages Toolkit” has been developed to provide parishes with a tool to help them scope what needs to be done. Four meetings will be held for parishes to aid understanding and MDDC will set up a £10000 funding pot annually for 2016 and for 2017 for parishes to help in sustaining digital services for their local community. The Town and Parish Charter is due for a review to respond to the changing scenario since 2012 and it is hoped that Parishes will take a full part in the consultation. Perhaps this could be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting?</p>	
<p>7. <u>County Council Report</u></p> <p>See item 13.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Planning</u></p> <p>The following applications were considered:-</p> <p><i>Mr S Clist left the room.</i></p> <p>8.1 15/01388/FULL – Woodleigh, Hemyock. Formation of riding arena and erection of stable block tack room and hay store.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application and makes no further comment.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr R Calcraft</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr P Doble</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p> <p><i>Mr S Clist returned to room.</i></p> <p>8.2 15/01487/FULL – Fourways Barn, Hemyock. Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to dwelling and erection of car port (Revised scheme).</p> <p>PROPOSAL: The Council supports the application and makes no further comment.</p>	

PROPOSED: Mr S Clist

SECONDED: Mr T Barton

DECISION: passed (all in favour)

- 8.3 15/01511/MFUL - Viridor Waste Management Ltd, Broad Path Landfill Site, Burlescombe, Cullompton. Installation of a ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm to generate up to 5MW of power (site area 8.15 hectares), and associated infrastructure

PROPOSAL: The Council has no objections to the application and supports renewable energy on suitable sites, provided there are no reflective issues with any neighbouring properties.

PROPOSED: Mr P Doble

SECONDED: Mr N Punnett

DECISION: passed (all in favour)

Approval noted for the following applications:-

- 8.4 15/01289/FULL - Newton Farm, Hemyock . Installation of a shared electronic communications base station comprising of a 30m high lattice tower, six antennae, two 0.6m DIA dishes and six ground based radio equipment cabinets within a fenced compound.

- 8.5 15/01305/FULL - 1 St Margaret's Close, Hemyock Cullompton. Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey extension to the rear with associated decking area and boundary fencing (Revised Scheme)

Withdrawal noted of the following applications:-

- 8.6 15/01207/FULL – 40 Station Road. Formation of vehicular access and area for parking

9. Finance

9.1 Income & Expenditure

Income

1.	105.00	A G Real & Son
2.	.30	Interest
3.	3.09	Interest
4.	3.09	Interest
5.	.04	Interest
6.	.04	Interest

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	1,629.94	MDDC	Election costs
2.	22.50	Longmead	Room hire
3.	1,951.20	R Porch	Benches refurbishment
4.	183.75	I Pike	cemetery grass cutting
5.	40.00	Devon Communities Together	Rural Futures Conference
6.	170.00	R Calcraft	Grass cutting Millhayes (Jul – Sep)
7.	13.20	L Povah	Reimbursement expenses map BMX planning
8.	4,123.24	Came & Company	Insurance
9.	11.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
10.	30.00	DALC	Councillor training
11.	1,074.00	Cosmic Ethical IT	IT upgrade
12.	777.26	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
13.	10.48	HMRC	National Insurance

ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	100,855.26
DEPOSIT A/C	52,036.86
GF A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	1,731.15

LONGMEAD	1.27	
TOTAL	155,328.72	
<p>PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed PROPOSED: Miss P Lawrence SECONDED: Mr T Barton DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p> <p>9.2 Precept Planning The Finance Committee are planning the precept for next year. With this in mind councillors were asked to consider potential projects and any other expenditure which needs to be planned for. Suggestions made were as follows: cemetery railings, kissing gate, works to St Margaret's brook, vehicle activated street signs.</p>		
<p>10. <u>Clerk Update</u></p> <p>10.1 MDDC has told the clerk that no damage was reported by its contractors and therefore no money will be reimbursed for the damage to the bus shelter. No further action needed.</p> <p>10.2 The new laptop needs Office software installed. Clerk believes an annual subscription is necessary of £79.99 but will check with Cosmic.</p> <p>10.3 PROPOSAL: that clerk subscribes to Office software if no cheaper option is available. PROPOSED: Mrs H Stallard SECONDED: Mr T Barton DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p> <p>10.4 Police - PCSO Tracey Peters sent the following report:- There was only one crime for September and eight incident logs reported to police. A burglary to a dwelling occurred overnight between 23rd – 24th September. The property was searched by the offender and a quantity of cash was stolen, along with some items of jewellery. Enquiries were made at neighbouring properties; however nothing was seen or heard. There were eight incident logs for September. These included an alarm activation, a male who had fallen off his bicycle, a report of someone driving whilst under the influence of alcohol and a concern for the welfare of a resident.</p> <p>10.5 Speedwatch – one parishioner has volunteered to be trained to be a speedwatch volunteer. Ms J Pritchard also volunteered. Another four volunteers are needed if the scheme is to go ahead.</p> <p>10.6 Highways – Clerk reported that Highways has inspected the leak on Castle Hill and works have been requested. The dip by the floodbridge has been inspected and no action is needed at this time. Various covers on Station Road have been reported to South West Water. The clerk and Mr S Clist will attend the Highways Conference on 14th October.</p> <p>10.7 South West Water – will commence works to leak at entrance to South View this week.</p> <p>10.8 Poppy Wreath – the clerk reminded the council and Mr L Povah was asked to arrange usual wreath via Mr D Bawler.</p> <p>10.9 Grass Cutting – following a meeting with MDDC, the parish council will review maps provided by MDDC and agree which areas of grass the council believes MDDC cut on behalf of DCC. Miss P Lawrence had taken many pictures to help with the process of identifying the strips of grass. Clerk to report back and ask MDDC for an amended schedule and new charge for continuing the service.</p>		
<p>11. <u>Longmead</u> The planning application for the BMX has been validated by MDDC. Western Power Distribution has sent the details for the agreed new ground-mounted substation and this involves transferring the land over to them. The parish council did not expect/agree this. Clerk instructed to go back to discuss a potential lease agreement and wayleave implications.</p>		
<p>12. <u>Highways</u> The clerk has arranged a meeting with Clayhidon & Culmstock parish councils on 22nd October to discuss the £1500 TAP fund monies allocated for lengthsman works. The white lines around the village have been repainted.</p>		

<p>13. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford reported that:- Revenue Budget is forecasting an overspend of £7 million. This has been brought about with 708 children looked after against a budget for 573. The County has sold 98 sites/land with capital receipts of £29.4 million, this year it is expecting to raise £10.5 million with the disposal of 30 properties and next year the plan is to dispose of 28 properties with receipts in the order of £11.8 million. Devon County is disadvantaged on funding when you look at the Urban/Rural funding situation - the rural areas receive £153 less per person than the Urban areas and pay on average £79 more in Council Tax. Under the school heading Devon receives about £300m less than the average and spends £22 million on transport. When it comes to Public Health, DCC receives £29 per head against an average of £51 and Plymouth receives £43 and Chelsea/Kensington £138!</p> <p>Clerk to email Councillor Radford latest position reference the Station Road pavements.</p>	
<p>14. <u>Commons Management Group</u> Mr S Clist updated the group as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon Wildlife Trust will attend the next Commons Management Group meeting to discuss the lease of Lickham/Ashculme. • The group has committed to having a webpage on the village website ready to launch 1st March 2016 • The group will meet with the Gun Club in January to discuss the management requirements for next year. 	
<p>15. <u>Cemetery</u> Mr S Clist & Mr T Barton have reviewed the current charges compared with other local cemeteries and have increased accordingly. PROPOSAL: that charges are increased as per the recommendations from Mr S Clist & Mr T Barton PROPOSED: Mr S Clist SECONDED: Mr L Povah DECISION: passed. All agreed. The cemetery representatives will meet with Ashculme Tree Surgeons to obtain advice on management of trees and hedges.</p>	
<p>16. <u>Footpaths</u> Conigar/Tedburrow Woods – the addition of this as a public footpath will go to a public enquiry. Date to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>17. <u>The Garages</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>18. <u>Parish Plan</u> To kick start the updating of the Parish Plan the council has arranged two meetings in October as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access, Traffic & Community Transport - Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall • Environment, Leisure and Recreation - Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm in the Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall. <p>It is hoped that any interested people will come along and get involved in the process. It was agreed that a leaflet is to be posted through doors reminding householders of the meetings. Ms J Pritchard will arrange printing and coordinate delivery with volunteers. Miss P Lawrence will arrange for posters to be erected around the village. Any available councillors to meet on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm at Mrs H Stallard's to prepare for meeting.</p>	JP/PL/all
<p>19. <u>Correspondence</u> 19.1 letter from DCC reference Snow Warden noted. 19.2 Letter from East Devon Tractor & Vintage Machinery Club carried forward until next</p>	Next month

meeting. 19.3 Email from BH Natural Futures project carried forward until next meeting. 19.4 Sovereign latest brochure noted. 19.5 Local Government Boundary Commission ref North Devon noted.	Next month
20. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 20.1 Parish Pump Refurbishment – the plans are coming together for the official unveiling on Saturday 24 th October. There will be a pre-unveiling buffet lunch for local dignitaries and VIPs and the official unveiling at 2.30pm. The parish council has been successful in its bid for funds from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund. 20.2 The Chair understands that MDDC are reviewing the housing allocations for Hemyock. Clerk to contact forward planning officer for any details. 20.3 The Hemyock Lights Brigade is planning to dress and light the trees at the entrance to Castle Park this year. The parish council has no objection to this.	Clerk
21. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 21.1 St Margaret’s Brook – More work is needed here and this will need to be scoped and budgeted for next year. 21.2 Shutlake – Highways is adamant it will not get involved with any problems caused by shutlake on Station Road. Highways has confirmed any responsibility lies with individual house owners. It was suggested a meeting could be arranged between house owners, the parish council and Highways. To be discussed next month. 21.3 Bridport Apple Day 17 th October. 21.4 Preferred suppliers carried forward until next month.	Next month Next month
22. <u>PR</u> The Council requested PR on the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump refurbishment and soup street party • Speedwatch – more volunteers sought 	
23. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 4th November in the Forbes Lounge	

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Signed Dated