

**Hemyock Parish Council Meeting**  
**held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>  Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr I McCulloch, Mr S Major, Mr R Calcraft, Mr R Hart, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Clist, Mr R Brooke, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public.  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Mr J Edwards,</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b>  No interests or dispensations were declared.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Planning application 14/00039/FULL. Erection of single storey extensions to house to form garden room with balcony above, conservatory, porch, wet room and water treatment room. Scotland Farm, Hemyock</u></b>  The council had requested a site visit but this was declined by the applicants.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The Council is unable to support the application as it has been unable to visit the site. A request for a site visit had been declined.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Major  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Hart  <b>DECISION:</b> passed. (5 in favour)  Mr Clist and Mr Povah felt that this proposal was too strongly worded and suggested it might have said the council was unable to comment, due to site visit being declined. Mr Major explained that this would create a possible loophole whereby if an applicant felt the parish council would not be in support of an application, they could decline a site visit and yet secure a neutral comment from the parish council. Mr Povah suggested the plans and information supplied for the application did fully describe the proposals.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>MDDC's Local Plan Review – Options Stage Consultation</u></b>  Mr Major gave a presentation on the above, summarising the document which includes the strategic options for the direction of future housing and employment growth in Mid Devon to cover the period 2013 to 2033. During 2013 a 'call for sites' was made by MDDC, inviting landowners to suggest sites that might have potential for development. The sites were assessed and all those considered technically achievable are included in the Local Plan Review. The sites included far exceed the amount of development that is likely to be allocated in the final version of the document and over the coming months MDDC will need to decide which overall strategy and which sites are most appropriate.</p> <p>Within the plan 3 sites in Hemyock have been suggested by local landowners. Land South West of Conigar Close (35 houses), Culmbridge Farm (80 houses) and land North of Culmbridge Farm (80 houses). See attached map for more information.</p> <p>The consultation period runs until 24<sup>th</sup> March and it is the prerogative of any parishioner to pass comment on the plan to MDDC. The options consultation and associated documents are available to view at <a href="http://www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview">www.middevon.gov.uk/localplanreview</a>. Parishioners may send responses through an online survey at <a href="http://www.midedevon.gov.uk/localplanreview">www.midedevon.gov.uk/localplanreview</a> or <a href="mailto:planningconsultations@middevon.co.uk">email planningconsultations@middevon.co.uk</a> or post/deliver to Local Plan Review Consultation, Forward Planning, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Tiverton, Devon EX16 6PP.</p> <p>Mr Major was thanked for making the presentation and explaining the possible impact upon the village.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Public Participation</u></b>  Many questions were asked and comments made about the Local Plan Review including:-</p>	

<p>Why not consider re-developing Eastlands – using the large gardens to build more houses; could the sewerage system in the village cope with any more houses; the publicity and notice given for the meeting was insufficient; the current road network is at capacity - what infrastructure improvements will be made if more development occurs in the village; another meeting is required to gather more feedback from the parish.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Next Meeting</u></b>  A further meeting on the Local Plan Review will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please come along.  Clerk will invite MDDC Forward Planning Team along to meeting.  Clerk will put map showing proposed sites on noticeboards and village website</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk</p>

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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