

Hemyock Parish Council Precept Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 22nd January 2014

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr I McCulloch, Mr R Calcraft, Mr R Hart, Mr T Barton, Mr L Povah, Mr S Clist, Mr J Edwards, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 6 members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr S Major and Mr R Brooke</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> The clerk declared that:- Mrs Stallard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is Chair of the Youth Garages Project Committee • is a member of Longmead Management Committee <p>Mr Calcraft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a Member of the Youth Garages Project Committee <p>Mr McCulloch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is Chair of Longmead Management Group 	
<p>3. <u>Public Questions</u> 3.1 A parishioner commented that Longmead was intended to be a self-funding organisation, not financially supported by the parish council. He suggested that money committed to Longmead in the past was not from surplus precept but from an increase in precept and that the money that is given to Longmead each year should not be referred to as an ‘annual allowance’ as it is a maintenance grant. <i>The council has asked the parishioner to provide further details reference his assertions that Longmead was intended to be self-funding. The council noted his other comments.</i></p>	
<p>4. <u>Precept 2014/2015</u> The Clerk updated the meeting with the latest financial figures and summarised as follows:- The precept has been agreed at £58,500 for the next financial year. The band D charge will increase from £68.05 to £70.09 per annum, an increase of 2.99%. The approximate running costs of the council, before any projects, is approximately £47,000.00. During the next financial year the council would like to continue with installing pavements on Station Road. A grant of £10,000 has been secured to help with this. The Pump and cemetery railings will require some work as does St Margaret’s brook. It is becoming clear that budget cuts at county and district levels will mean greater responsibility for maintenance issues falling to individual parish councils. Possible maintenance of public conveniences has been mooted. Highways have informed the council of further budget cuts.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Longmead</u> 5.1 Mr McCulloch updated the group on the background to Longmead and how the various football clubs from Longmead are going from strength to strength. The facilities are admired by many other visiting clubs and are used by many different groups and for a variety of activities. 5.2 Mr David Major, Treasurer of Longmead Management Group, explained the problems with the existing heating/hot water system and possible alternative solutions. See attached notes for more information. The councillors asked Mr Major a series of questions and for clarification on several matters. The following proposal was made. PROPOSAL: Longmead Management Group installs a new oil fired system to replace the existing, broken heat source pump system. PROPOSED: Mr Clist</p>	

SECONDED: Mr Calcraft

DECISION: passed. All in favour. Mr McCulloch & Mrs Stallard abstained from voting. (Due to disclosable interest – members of Longmead Management Group)

6. Finance

6.1 The meeting was updated with the following financial information:

Income

	£	Reason
1.	.04	Interest g/f account
2.	.85	Interest 14 day account
3.	.44	Interest P3 account
4.	.04	Interest g/f account
5.	81.26	Pring & Son - Whitby
6.	541.91	Paul Fudge Funeralcare – Coe
7.	5,034.40	Grant from DCC – flooring for Garages
8.	1,000.00	Grant from DCC – Youth Service grant for Garages

Expenditure

	£	Payee	Reason
1.	<i>3,114.39</i>	<i>The Garages</i>	<i>Money held on behalf of the Garages project until bank a/c set up</i>
2.	669.89	Devon County Council	Youth Work which took place during Summer
3.	<i>4,263.40</i>	<i>B Kingston</i>	<i>Garages work</i>
4.	1,000.00	The Garages	Grant monies received and paid out
5.	2,000.05	Longmead	Interim withdrawal of maintenance grant - leaving balance of £4,000.00. plus £60.00 room hire
6.	1,032.00	Ashculme Ltd	Tree maintenance work in cemetery
7.	118.73	Southern Electric	Garages – electricity bill
8.	6.60	Wasteology	Cemetery green waste collection
9.	868.35	Monument Fuels Ltd	Garages oil
10.	24.75	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
11.	33.00	Blackdown Healthy Living Centre	Room hire
12.	1,200.00	Valuation Office Agency	Valuation of Old Station Yard site – interim invoice.
13.	180.99	DALC	Planning Course (HS,DE,RC) and book
14.	25	Mr Lane	Xmas competition winner
15.	15	Mr Gubb	Xmas competition runner up
16.	20	SPS hair design	Xmas winner business premises
17.	362.89	D Evans	Clerk's wages

The first three cheques in italic have been paid and need to be ratified by council.

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION*

COMMUNITY A/C	50,710.78
DEPOSIT A/C	51,986.14
G/F A/C	704.18
P3 A/C	2,519.23
LONGMEAD	1.27
TOTAL	£105,921.60

PROPOSAL: that the first three cheques (1 – 3) that have been paid are ratified by the council.

<p>PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: that all income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: passed. All agreed.</p> <p>6.2 Garages TAP Fund monies. The Clerk confirmed that there is a balance from the TAP fund grant from 2012/2013 of £996.31 available to the Garages to fund youth service work. The Clerk confirmed the TAP fund application for 2013/2014 has been successful and a further £1,922.00 will be available to the Garages to fund specialist help and support. It was agreed that the council will hold the money and the Garages Committee can apply to the council to settle the relevant invoices. Clerk to confirm amounts available to Judith Major, Garages Treasurer.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> None</p>	
<p>8. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u></p> <p>8.1 Mr Clist asked that the Clerk forward details of East Devon District Council's draft Villages Development Plan Document (DPD) which is out for consultation.</p> <p>8.2 HPC is concerned about DCC's reluctance to adopt the floodbridge. When the floodbridge was planned and designed it was agreed by Highways that it would be adopted. Mr Povah, Mr Clist & Chair to liaise over response to Highways.</p> <p>8.3 A discussion followed concerning the frequency and tone of some email enquiries from one parishioner and the associated increase in costs to the council. It was suggested that the Clerk has an automated standard email set up to acknowledge emails. The Clerk explained that this may only lead to an increase in telephone calls and doesn't necessarily alter the tone or frequency of the emails received. It was suggested that the increased costs are published in the Parish Pump. The council wishes to encourage feedback and to listen to what the parish has to say but ask that individuals show respect when corresponding with the council. Council to consider this matter further.</p>	<p>Clerk Chair/SC/ LP</p>
<p>9. <u>Date of the Next Council Meeting.</u> Wednesday 5th February 2014 in the Forbes Lounge.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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