

Hemyock Parish Council

Newsletter

Annual Parish Meeting



WELCOME to the fifth issue of our Parish Council Newsletter. We publish 2 issues each year in order to keep our community informed of the council's activities.

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Eighty parishioners attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April. There were presentations by the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre, the Blackdown Support Group, the Blackdown Repair Café, Hemyock Primary School, and the River Culm White-clawed Crayfish Project. The Chair of Hemyock Parish Council Heather Stallard summarised a year of progress by the Council (see page 3).

The newly published booklet *Hemyock Tomorrow* was launched at the meeting.

Those attending were presented with copies. See Page 2 for more information on *Hemyock Tomorrow*.



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The Village Car Park



Re-aligned Footpath

Hemyock Parish Council now owns and manages the village's car park.

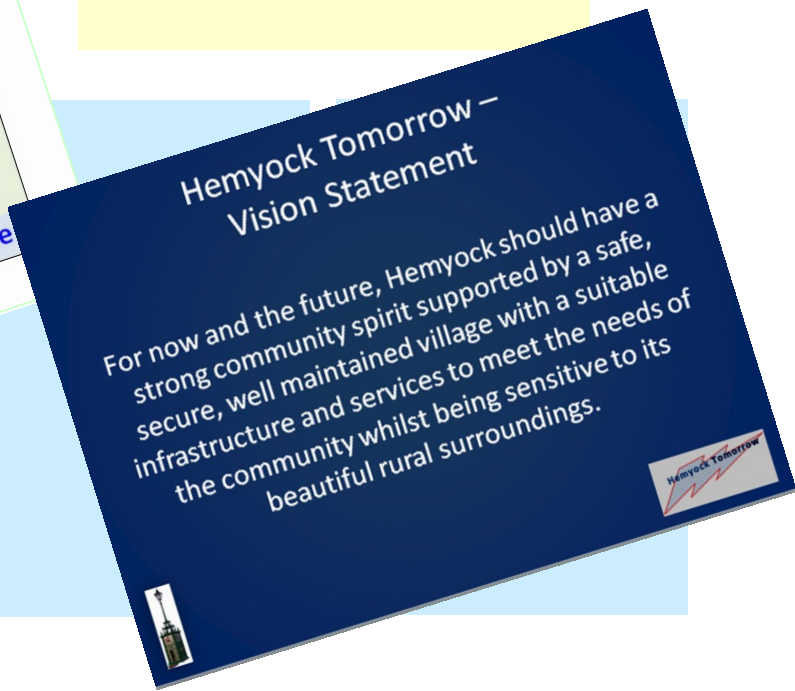
In order to improve safety for pedestrians the Council has realigned the public footpath from Redwoods Close so that it runs straight along the eastern wall of the car park to the road rather than requiring walkers to cross the car park, as was the case before.

Parish Plan: Hemyock Tomorrow



HEMYOCK TOMORROW is a vision for the future which outlines our priorities for the next five years. It has been prepared by the community for the community.

Copies of this document are available from the Hemyock Post Office. It can also be found on the village website hemyock.org on the Parish Council's pages.



Reporting Potholes and Blocked Gulleys



Devon County Council's telephone number for the public to report pot holes, blocked gulleys and any other road maintenance issues including any lights that are not working is **0345 155 1004**. Lines are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturday.

Or report the problem on line - new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/

What Has the Parish Council Ever Done For Us?

Recent Achievements – in the Past Year

- Repairs to the well-used BMX track
- Providing an Air Ambulance night landing site (with grateful thanks to all those providing financial support)
- Free First Aid course; Demonstration of the defibrillator at July Village Fete
- Clearing St Margaret's Brook
- Two Parish Councillors joining the Blackdown Healthy Living & Activity Centre trustees
- Appointing a maintenance person, getting spraying qualifications and spraying footpaths, cleaning road signs, cutting back vegetation, tidying shrubs in the car park, keeping War Memorial tidy, clearing river bank, clearing drains, clearing snow & ice, spreading salt, weeding public areas, cleaning the floodbridge, removing ivy from bridges
- Installing a sign at Hemyock Turbary
- Finalising purchase of the village car park in order to secure its future
- Making a new pedestrian entrance at the corner of the car park
- Two Parish Newsletters distributed throughout the parish
- Providing the Tennis Club with a lease, enabling them to seek a grant for new floodlights
- Supporting the Repair Cafe
- Finalising the Parish Plan – 'Hemyock Tomorrow'
- Installing a vehicle activated speed sign in Station Road
- Improving storage in the Parish Store
- Replacing the external doors at the Garages
- Awarded grants to Blackdown Healthy Living and Activity Centre, Blackdown Support Group, Christmas Lights competition, Hemyock Lights Brigade, Poppy Appeal, Tiverton Community Transport and Mid-Devon Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Ongoing

- Managing the Cemetery
- Responsibility for the War Memorial

- Working with MDDC to keep play areas open
- Managing the Parish commons, in association with Devon Wildlife Trust, and continuing to improve their habitat value; tree planting at Shuttleton Common



- Providing and monitoring dog and litter bins
- Footpath maintenance
- Developing an Asset Management Plan, to look after parish assets in a more structured way
- Traffic monitoring with the community speed watch team
- Twice yearly Newsletter, delivered to parishioners
- Acting as a consultee on planning applications
- Attendance at the monthly Saturday Market
- Training for Councillors and Clerk.

Current and Planned Projects

- Maintaining open spaces for public enjoyment
- Taking over the public toilets by the Parish Hall, after refurbishment by MDDC
- Providing a Parish visitor information board in the car park
- Investigating potential improvements to the narrow point of Pencross
- Repairing the bridge over the stream at Longmead
- Redefining the path at Longmead
- Centenary of the Hemyock Calf Club (the forerunner of the now worldwide Young Farmers Clubs) – October 2020.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council is always prepared to consider applications for grants from local organisations. Please see the village website hemyock.org for our grant awards policy and application form.

Longmead

The Parish Council owns the Longmead Pavilion and sports facilities. The facilities are managed by the Longmead Management Group which has representatives from all the clubs and groups who use the sports, play and leisure facilities, and representatives of Longmead's neighbours. In addition to its state-of-the-art pavilion where a personal trainer provides coaching sessions Longmead includes two football pitches, three floodlit tennis courts (leased by Hemyock Tennis Club), a boules pitch and a floodlit multi-use games area used for netball, five-a-side soccer and other sports. There is also a children's play area, the BMX track and the perimeter of the field provides an interesting wildlife walk.

The tennis club has three club sessions per week, three teams playing in local leagues and regular coaching for juniors. Courts are also available for hire by non-members, booking at the SPAR shop.

Bants Ladies Netball Club training sessions are held at Hemyock Longmead MUGA on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 8:30pm. All ages and abilities are very welcome

All the facilities are available for private parties.

This excellent and well-used facility is celebrating its tenth anniversary on the evening of Friday 15th June 2018 — everyone is welcome to join in the celebrations. BBQ and bar will be available.

Contacts:

Pavilion Bookings: Karen Pinder 01823 681034
 Tennis: Suzanne Beasant 07857 747979
 Personal Trainer: www.mypremcoach.com
 Netball: Jane Adair on 07920 400400
 Youth Football: Anne Persey 01823 680124

Your Parish Councillors

Hemyock Parish Council consists of ten local residents who were elected as councillors for a four year term of office in the May 2015 election, five of whom were elected for the first time.

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Front Row left to right:

Jocelyn Pritchard, Penny Lawrence, Paul Doble, Donna Evans (Parish Clerk), Heather Stallard (Chair), Lance Povah.

Meet Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Forbes Lounge of the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

One or more of your parish councillors will usually be present at the Hemyock Saturday Markets which are held every third Saturday in the month between 10 a.m. and noon.