

**Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting**  
**held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. Present</b>  Mrs H Stallard (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Mr S Major, Mrs L Clist, Mr R Hart, Mr J Edwards, Mr R Radford (County Councillor, left after item 7), Mr F Rosamond (District Councillor), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 20 members of the public.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Mr R Brooke (sick), Mr L Povah (away), Mr I McCulloch (away)</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p><b>2. Public Question Time</b></p> <p>1. <u>Footpath to Eastlands Bungalows</u>  Brambles and hedges are encroaching onto the path making it too narrow to use. Clerk to contact MDDC.</p> <p>2. <u>Upper Culm Community Land Trust Queries</u>  Mr S Major clarified he was not a Director of the CLT. A member of the public asked what specific duties the directors had, as the directors of the CLT are all Parish Councillors from Hemyock or Clayhidon and he had concerns about a conflict of interest. The Chairman confirmed that these were queries for the UCCLT to answer and not the Parish Council. Mrs H Stallard will email the member of public direct.</p> <p>3. <u>Housing Needs Survey</u>  A member of the public asked if she could have a copy of the correspondence HPC will send to the Community Council of Devon about the Housing Needs Survey feedback. Clerk to send copy to member of the public.</p> <p>4. <u>New Houses in Hemyock</u>  A member of the public asked why the council was considering building 12 affordable houses in the village when the Churchills development was undersubscribed and some of the houses were subsequently sold. This was not the Chairman's understanding and she will make enquiries and report back.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p><b>3. Beef &amp; Butterflies Project</b>  Helen Barnett talked about her Beef and Butterflies project working with farmers and landowners in the Blackdown Hills to help find solutions for the management of old wet pastures.</p> <p>Shuttleton Common – The common is in reasonable condition, ideally the area needs grazing but this is not possible at the moment.</p> <p>Hemyock Common – The Gun Club do a little land management but Helen will be working with the Gun Club to improve the overall management of the land. There are areas of dense alder and birch and the bracken is significant. More positive management is required and Helen will arrange some expert advice to help the Gun Club with some swaling and burning a couple of small patches (20m<sup>2</sup>) each year. Helen will meet with Dave Allen from the Gun Club and will come up with a written plan of action for the Gun Club to follow.</p> <p>Helen shared some pictures of the commons and told the councillors about the AONB Volunteering hub. Anyone interested in volunteering to help at specific events please see the website <a href="http://www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk">www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes from Previous Meetings and Matters Arising</b>  The Council minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> July were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>1. <u>Proposed Wind Turbine Planning Meeting</u>  No firm date for the MDDC planning meeting, but Mrs L Clist or Mr S Major will</p>	<p>Mrs Clist/Mr</p>

attend the meeting on behalf of the council, depending on date and availability.	Major
2. <u>Housing Needs Survey</u> Clerk and Chairman to feedback to CCD the public's concerns over results.	Chair/Clerk
3. <u>Road Markings outside Surgery</u> (carried forward) Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Mr Radford, Mrs Stallard, and Mr W Pike (DCC) to discuss a way forward.	Clerk
4. <u>Leat behind Redwoods</u> (carried forward) This needs clearing out. Chair will speak to Geoff Ackland.	Chair
5. <u>South View Road</u> Mr Rosamond confirmed MDDC were not responsible for those houses which were no longer council owned. It was suggested that the residents may need to get together to fund the road maintenance themselves, possibly with some financial help from MDDC for those houses still owned by the council. Mr Povah to investigate.	Mr Povah
6. <u>Community Speed Watch</u> Clerk has had two volunteers and is waiting for a response to the appeal in the Pump.	Clerk
7. <u>Virtual Path</u> (carried forward) Mr Povah has not heard from Rhys Davies. It was decided that HPC should submit its own ideas/plans. One suggestion was to use the Redwoods site as a footpath, if Redwoods leaves the village. Mrs Stallard to approach Mr Redwood.	Chair
8. <u>Dropped Kerbs</u> (carried forward) Mr S Major is continuing his survey and will report back.	Mr Major
9. <u>Benches</u> (carried forward) The survey of 17 benches in the village has been completed. Mr McCulloch will produce an action plan detailing what needs mending, replacing etc. The job will then go out to tender.	Mr McCulloch
10. <u>Station Road/Spar Footpath</u> DCC won't draw up any plans until HPC confirm that all residents affected agree to a new footpath. HPC wanted DCC to draw up plans so that it can cost the project before going to affected residents. Mrs Stallard to approach residents again for commitment to footpath.	Chair
11. <u>Footpath Issues</u> (carried forward) DCC to be reminded that landowners are to be informed when council employees/contractors are in the area to strim etc. Mr Povah will notify County Officer.	Mr Povah
12. <u>Community Land Trust</u> (carried forward) The AGM will be on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September in Parish Hall. HPC would like more information from the CLT particularly build costs, running costs and affordability of likely rents for local population. Some councillors felt that the information provided was insufficiently detailed and were concerned about the ability of local people to afford the rent. Mrs Stallard will ask the CLT to respond.	Chair
13. <u>Housing Needs Survey/Village Questionnaire</u> (carried forward) The village questionnaire was completed in December 2008. Mr McCulloch suggested the original panel get together to look at the results and decided what action, if any, needs to be taken. Mrs Stallard agreed to get the group together and take forward.	Chair
14. <u>Mind in Taunton and West Somerset</u> (carried forward) Request for email support (no money) to support a local scheme 'Squeeze Ahead', using surplus fruit from local producers. Mr Clist will respond	Mr Clist
<b>5. <u>David Barton &amp; Phyl Kallaway</u></b> The council held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for David Barton and Phyl Kallaway both of whom have recently passed away. David Barton did some excellent	

<p>work as clerk for the council and was responsible for initiating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the village. Phyl was a former parish councillor and worked with many groups in the village. She was responsible for planting all the daffodils around the village and war memorial. They will both be sadly missed.</p>	
<p><b>6. District Council Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Icelandic Banking</u> MDDC have recovered a further £31k. They are hoping to get back 75% of £1.1m.</li> <li>2. <u>Planning Fees</u> These are increasing by 15% in the autumn.</li> <li>3. <u>Mary Portas Shopping Scheme</u> Tiverton has benefitted from a £100k grant from the above scheme to rejuvenate the high street.</li> <li>4. <u>Tenancy Inspection Survey</u> Over the next three years MDDC will inspect their housing stock with reference to general condition of housing, who is resident, sub-letting, housing benefit fraud etc.</li> <li>5. <u>Neil Parrish MP</u> Mr Rosamond attended a meeting where attendees put various questions/points to the MP. The topics were transport, railways, shop rents, council house sales subsidy and rural crime.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>7. County Council Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Depth Markers</u> Rhys Davies, from DCC is looking into the depth markers for the flood bridge.</li> <li>2. <u>TAP Fund</u> HPC will need to have a separate meeting to decide what grant monies it could apply for under this scheme. Will discuss at next meeting.</li> <li>3. <u>Pencross Lay-by</u> This is ongoing. Mr Radford will progress it.</li> <li>4. <u>Recycling</u> DCC inspected the contents of 2 black sacks (with permission from the householders) and found that 54% could/should have been recycled. Devon is ranked the best county for recycling but can still do more. Mr Radford will investigate what time bin men start work following comments that they have been starting later.</li> </ol>	<p>All to note</p> <p>Mr Radford</p> <p>Mr Radford</p>
<p><b>8. Planning</b></p> <p>Planning Applications received for:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 12/00820/FULL erection of roof to provide cover to slurry pit, Collard Hill Farm</li> </ol> <p>The Council voted to support the proposed application, with no further recommendations or observations. Mr Clist declared an interest and abstained from voting.</p>	
<p><b>9. Finance</b></p> <p>The meeting was updated on the following financial matters:</p> <p><u>Income</u> £400.79 Pring &amp; Son (receipt No 46 Brice)</p> <p><u>Expenditure</u> £8.41 South West Water - Cemetery Water £47.00 Hemyock Parish Hall (monthly meetings Apr-Jun, CLT June) £292.79 Clerk's wages and expenses £86.00 Mr Calcraft, Millhayes grass cutting £70.00 Mr Taylor, BMX trim and tidy</p>	

<p>£210 .00 Mr I Pike, grass cutting village and cemetery</p> <p>All income and 6 payments were agreed unanimously by the Council.</p> <p><u>Other Finance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk to collate any donation requests in preparation for the next finance meeting tba.</li> <li>2. Pump – Clerk to ensure pump entry is only 2 pages. HPC agreed to pay £150.00 per annum towards Pump. Clerk to check when payment was last paid and when next payment due. Clerk to include in PR a reminder to people to support the Pump and pay an annual contribution.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
<p><b>10. <u>Code Of Conduct</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Previously a working group had been established to look at a new Code of Conduct. This group recommended that HPC adopt the NALC draft Code of Conduct which has been drafted specifically for Parish Councils’ use. A copy of the draft has been circulated to all councillors.</li> </ol> <p>The council voted to adopt the NALC Code of Conduct and the clerk will inform MDDC.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Register of Interests Form – A new form must be completed and returned to MDDC within 28 days of the council adopting the new Code of Conduct. Clerk to copy all forms and send to MDDC.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>11. <u>Highways</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Hemyock Common</u> Pipe under gateway is blocked. Ditches all along length of common need re-digging. Clerk to report.</li> <li>2. Pot Holes east of Whitehall Farm. Clerk to report.</li> <li>3. No 7 Longmead light is permanently on. Clerk to report.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p><b>12. <u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>Mr McCulloch has made contact with Ashculme Tree Surgeons and is awaiting a response.</p>	<p>Mr McCulloch</p>
<p><b>13. <u>Footpath Issues</u></b></p> <p>There is a tree down across footpath at Maiden Green towards Ashculme end. Clerk to report.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>14. <u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>BMX Track</u> Much rubbish has been left on this site. Three black sacks of rubbish had to be removed before grass could be strimmed. Its location is isolated and not entirely suitable for children to use. Longmead Management Committee has been approached reference moving it to Longmead.</li> <li>2. <u>Community Infrastructure Levy</u> MDDC has prepared a draft Charging Schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Mr S Major will look through proposals and report back.</li> <li>3. Devon Senior Voice – given to Mr J Edwards.</li> <li>4. Mr G Jones – Update on wind turbine meeting circulated by email to all</li> <li>5. Glasdon Brochure – received.</li> <li>6. Do The Honours – email from Don Attlee, Clerk to circulate to all by email.</li> <li>7. Telephone Banking – Clerk to arrange to give clerk access to bank account information.</li> </ol>	<p>Mr Major</p> <p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<p><b>15. <u>Chairman’s Business</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Emails from Clerk</u> Mr S Clist and Mr R Hart confirmed they did not want to receive any council emails. They wish to receive any relevant hard copy correspondence before the</li> </ol>	

<p>monthly meeting.</p> <p>2. <u>Station Yard</u> The pathway is overgrown and needs attention. Chairman has asked Mr R Taylor to action. There is also ragwort which needs attention on the raised part of Station Yard. Clerk to report.</p> <p>3. Mr Clist suggested the council needs to be more proactive. The chairman confirmed that the reconvening of the village questionnaire group (see 4.13) will facilitate a more proactive approach by HPC.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>16. PR</b> The Council requested PR on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beef &amp; Butterflies Project</li> <li>• BMX Track, rubbish left in area</li> <li>• Pump – support the Pump, parishioners to be encouraged to pay an annual contribution to ensure the continued viability of the Pump.</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
<p><b>17. <u>Date of the Next Meeting.</u></b> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.</p>	All to note

Meeting finished at 9.50pm

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