

1st April 2009

Public Question Time

1) Mr. Durbin introduced himself to the meeting; he works with MDDC with tenant involvement and heads up the District Tenants Forum and is “Hemyock’s Voice”; if anyone has any problems see him.

Mr.Edwards said that there had been a flat empty in Churchills for a while; he had been told it was let but no one has moved in yet.

2) Mr. Eastick asked if there were any powers to enforce the 20mph speed limit in Station Road. Mrs.Stallard said that since the introduction of the speed limit the average speed has dropped from 40mph to 30mph.

3) Mr. Norman the Lib Dem candidate for the Culm Valley had attended the meeting to listen to the concerns of the community.

4) Mr.Thorne was concerned about the level of the precept; he said it had increased 250% over the last three years and how long was this going to go on for.

Mrs.Stallard said we would come back to this question later.

5) AVM Attlee said that the £23,000 infrastructure payment from the Dobles Garage site is not being collected; it’s no longer collectable – Mr.Rosamond said he would look into it.

6) AVM Attlee said that the speed limit needs enforcing in Longmead as well as Station Road, the speeding motorists are usually the footballers. Mr.Brooke asked if the problem will be worse if the bollards are removed.

7) Mrs.Gubb said that the state of the road into Eastlands is getting worse; Mr.Durbin said it is the responsibility of DCC and they have not got the money to do anything to it this year.

Mrs.Gubb also said that the Stagecoach bus speeds up over Prowses.

Mrs.Stallard then introduced the Police officers who had come along to the meeting; their report is minuted in the minutes of the meeting.

Following the Police report Mrs.Stallard returned to Mr.Thorne’s question.

Mr.Thorne had said that there had not been enough information as to why the precept had been increased this year.

Mrs.Stallard said she took his point; in future a more detailed breakdown of the budget would be given.

Nationally Parish Councils are being told that it is our responsibility, through the precept, to provide facilities for the village; sometimes we need match funding to bring in other money.

We have managed to provide excellent facilities at Longmead and have also provided dog and litter bins.

Pavements are being provided at several points throughout the village; the next piece to be provided is along by the Spar shop. The rear of the Station Road properties by the Spar shop has been fenced and hard-standing parking areas put in exchange for land at the front for the pavement.

A proposed footway to alleviate the flooding problem at Millhayes is also on-going.

Mrs.Stallard said that she felt we are providing a lot for the infrastructure of the village.

Mr.Thorne said that the difficulty is, getting the message across.

Mrs.Stallard went on to say that a huge amount of people want to live in Hemyock because we do have such good facilities; if we do not provide them no one else will.

Mr.Edwards said that it was good to get feed-back from the public.

Mr.Brooke commented that not all Parish Councillors agreed with the increase but looking at all we wanted to do there is a lot of expenditure coming along.

Mrs.Stallard said that we raise the money for spending in the village; for example we make a donation to the Ring & Ride service, who provide transport for our disabled people.

Mr.Povah concluded by saying that this money is not lost anywhere else it is being spent in the village.

Mr.Thorne thanked Mrs.Stallard for clarifying matters.