

Hemyock Parish Council **2nd September 2009**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Forbes Lounge under the chairmanship of Mrs.H.Stallard.

Present – Mrs.H.Stallard, Mr.P.Steed, Mrs.L.Clist, Mr.J.Edwards, Mr.I.McCulloch, Mr.L.Povah, Mrs.S.Cartledge and Pastor S.Reed. Also present was 4 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr.Brooke, Mr.Hart, Mr.Radford and Mr.Rosamond (who hoped to come along later).

It was proposed by Mrs.Cartledge, seconded by Mr.Edwards that **The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August** be signed as a correct record – all agreed.

It was proposed by Mr.Edwards, seconded by Mr.Povah that **The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th August** be signed as a correct record – all agreed.

Matters Arising

1) Mr.Risdon has agreed to cut back the hedge around the seat on the Byes Road. It was decided to ask him to cut back the hedge by the seat at the end of the lane to Conigar. A quote had been received from Mr.Porch for decorating and repairing the 15 public seats around the village. After a discussion it was decided that as this expense had not been budgeted for in this financial year that only 6 seats would be repaired and painted, at this time. It was proposed by Mr.Steed, seconded by Mr.Povah that the seat on the Byes Road, 2 at the entrance to Castle Park, 2 on the footpath between the Castle and the church and the Millennium seat at the top of Pencross Hill be repaired and painted – all agreed.

2) The clerk had enquired about the 3 signs that are needed from a local firm; they proved to be much more expensive so will be ordered from Seton.

District Council Report

Mr.Rosamond was not able to be present as there was a full District Council meeting; he said he would try to come along later.

County Council Report

Mr.Radford was not able to be present as he too was at the District Council meeting.

Planning

Approvals

09/00967/HRN – NGR 313136 113327, Culmstock Road

09/00716/FULL – Swallows Barn, Hemyock

09/00460/FULL – Sycamore Farm, Hemyock

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09/00837/FULL – Sunnybank, Hemyock

Refusal

09/00461/FULL – Sycamore Farm, Hemyock.

Applications

All plans were carefully inspected before decisions were reached.

09/01272/FULL – Erection of replacement conservatory at 1, Redwoods Close. It was proposed by Pastor Reed, seconded by Mrs.Clist that approval be recommended - all agreed.

09/01235/ARM – Reserved matters for the erection of a dwelling and garage, following outline approval 07/00627/OUT. – land east of Bailey Lodge, Culmstock Road. It was proposed by Mrs.Clist, seconded by Mr.Povah that approval be recommended – all agreed.

Notice boards

Three new notice-boards are needed; two freestanding and one fixed to the Parish Hall wall.

Two quotes had been received; one from Notice-It Ltd for £900.00 and one from Mr.Calcraft's brother-in-law for £150 - £200. It was decided to accept Mr. Calcraft's brother-in-law's quote but to get a firmer price. It was proposed by Mr.Steed, seconded by Pastor Reed that if they do not come to more than £250.00 Mrs. Stallard can give the authorization for the order

Calor Village of the Year Competition

Hemyock has won the Devon Calor Village of the Year Competition and we will now represent Devon in the South and West Regional Finals; the judging will be later in September.

Mrs.Stallard read out the excellent report on Hemyock from the judges. It was decided to use the same formula as last time but this time it will be led by Pastor Reed.

All councillors to receive a copy of the judges report.

Allotments

A letter had been received from Mr.J.Dripps of Leat Cottage who suggested that the allotments could be sited on the piece of land at the back of Longmead. Mrs.Stallard said that this land is solid clay and therefore would not be suitable for allotments; also it is earmarked for the running track/picnic tables etc.

The 2nd Poor charity field had also been suggested as a possibility; but it is not available at the moment.

The land beyond the cemetery still seems to be the best option – a notice will be put in the press and Mr. Edwards suggested we consult the PCC to get their views.

Mr.Rosamond arrived and Mrs.Stallard asked him for the District Council Report; he included the following in his report

1) Mr.Rosamond said a Local Development Framework meeting had been held this evening.

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- 2) There is to be a “Visioning Day” on 18th September 2009.
- 3) The District Council has received £170,000 back from the Icelandic Bank; they are hoping to get back 80% of their money over a period of time.

Finance

Income

£424.62 – Redwood & Sons – cemetery fees.

Expenditure

It was proposed by Mrs.Cartledge, seconded by Pastor Reed that the following payments be made:

£43.25 – Seton – Health & Safety notices

£236.60 – Mr.I.Pike – cemetery & village grass cutting

£34.78 – Mr.R.Calcraft – petrol for mowing the grass at Millhayes.

Highways

Mr.McCulloch asked what was next with regards the pavement programme; the piece to the south of the Spar shop was nearly finished. Mrs.Stallard said that we would have to see what money was left but felt that the next piece of paving should be around the corner by the Old School Court.

Mr.Salter enquired why there had been no pavement provision by the new house in Culmstock Road; Mrs.Stallard said she had thought that Highways always insisted on this but perhaps this was now not the case.

Mr.Povah enquired what the trench was for that has been dug by the river at Millhayes; no one was really sure but it was thought to be something to do with the flooding problem at this point.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Mr.Povah said that the Review was coming up; he was making a list to present to Emily Spurway and would bring it to the next meeting.

Correspondence

- 1) “Involve” Annual Conference for volunteer groups on 9th September at the Tiverton Hotel.
- 2) Gabrielle Turner – dog problem at Millhayes.
- 3) MDDC – training opportunities; Planning on 15th October at Tiverton, Standards on 9th November.
- 4) DCC – drop in session on Wednesday 2nd September at Cullompton Town Hall – DCC is planning a new library community hub for Cullompton.
- 5) DCC – Car Free Day on Tuesday 22nd September 2009.
- 6) MDDC – Gambling Act – consultation on first review of statement of principles – distributed to all councillors.

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7) DAPC – AGM and Seminar on 26th September at County hall, 10.30am – 4.0pm.
 8) Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Liaison meeting on 30th September at Tiverton and 8th October at Cullompton.
 9) e.mail from WPC Vicky Underhill – PC Jeff Howley will cover for WPC Vicky Underhill while she is on maternity leave.
 10) Richard Mead, Summerfield Homes – affordable homes at Culmbridge. It was reported that there are still empty affordable homes on the Churchills Farm site; it was thought that if they are left empty long enough they can then be sold on the open market. Councillors were not happy with this; they felt if the homes could not be sold on a 50/50 basis they should be let.
 Mrs.Stallard said we need more up-to-date exemplar housing for Hemyock; Falcon have been building “green” affordable homes for under £100,00.
 Councillors felt they wanted to take control and not be landed with homes that are not what is wanted.
 It was decided to carry out a housing survey after Christmas.
 Mrs.Stallard suggested setting up a Parish Housing Project – we would than have a say who goes in the homes.
 Mr.McCulloch suggested we talk to MDDC, perhaps have a meeting with Kathryn Simmons. Councillors were not clear on how the allocation process worked.

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Chairman’s Business

Graham Langford has set up a meeting with the Blackdown hills Parish Councils on 13th October; he has funding of £22,000 to set up the Blackdown Hills Community Network.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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