

Hemyock Parish Council **5th August 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, Mr.J.Edwards, Mr.R.Hart, Mr.R.Brooke and Mrs.S.Cartledge. Also present was Mr.F.Rosamond – District Councillor and 4 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mrs.L.Clist, Mr.L.Povah, Pastor S.Reed, and Mr.R.Radford – County Councillor.

It was proposed by Mr.R.Hart that **The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July** be signed as a correct record – all agreed.

Matters Arising

- 1) It was reported that the new drains in Longmead seem to be working properly; there was no flooding during recent heavy rain.
- 2) Mr.Radford had e.mailed an update on our list of on-going problems – clerk to forward this to all councillors.
- 3) Mrs.Stallard and Pastor Reed had attended a meeting at Sandy Park which had proved very useful.

It was proposed by Mr.Edwards, seconded by Mr.Brooke that **The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July** be signed as a correct record – all agreed.

Matters Arising

- 1) Mr.Bendle has agreed for the hedge to be cut back by the seat on the Byes road.
- 2) Mr.Risdon has been asked to carry out the above work; we are waiting for his reply.

District Council Report

Mr.Rosamond included the following in his report:-

- 1) He thanked everyone who had attended the Civic Service in Hemyock Church.
- 2) Local Council Review – 6 District Councils have produced a leaflet – all local councils are now working closer together.
- 3) MDDC is working hard to develop good relationships with other local District and Parish Councils.
- 4) The Peer Review meeting had been successful; MDDC are still under Voluntary Engagement but they are hoping that this will be lifted soon.
- 5) A Chairman's Reception is coming up; Mr.Rosamond asked for nominations of people who do voluntary work in the community.
- 6) MDDC has been tested by the Audit Commission on how well they are doing for the Community.

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County Council Report

Mr.Radford was not able to be present.

Planning

Approvals

09/00641/FULL – Churchills Barn

09/00715/FULL – 2, Ellises Farm

09/00639/FULL – 3, Riverside.

Refusal

09/01003/CLP – 13, Pencross View.

Application

09/01157/LBC – Listed Building Consent for the erection of a sunroom/conservatory at Holcombe Cottage.

After careful inspection of the plans it was proposed by Mr.Hart, seconded by Mr.Brooke that approval be recommended – all agreed.

Millhayes – Hall & Garages

Hall

- Still waiting for the lease before the funding will be released.

Garages

- Progress has been made regarding the Building Regulations.
- 2 meetings have been held with children and parents.
- The grown-ups have set up a working party of 11 people – all very keen.
- A meeting had been held last night with youths, 11 – 17 year olds; it was all lads, no girls had attended. One had been nominated to act as chairman and another had taken the minutes. They had decided to call the complex “The Garages” and had come up with a long list of activities. They are going to do a “Car Wash” at the monthly market, calling themselves “Hemyock Youth Action” – they are all very enthusiastic.

Mrs.Stallard proposed that we have a meeting in a couple of weeks time to discuss specifically how we are going to take The Garages project forward.

Notice-boards

It was decided that a larger notice-board is needed on the end of the hall; the present one is often over full with notices pinned along the bottom.

Two new notice-boards are needed - one at the entrance to Longmead, opposite the one already there; the other one to be sited at Millhayes.

Mr.Calcraft said that his brother-in-law is a retired carpenter and might be willing to make them for us. Councillors agreed for him to give us a quote for three notice boards 4' x 3', one wall mounted and 2 free standing.

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Calor Village of the Year Competition

Mrs.Stallard had consulted several people who were all keen for us to enter this competition again this year; so she has submitted the entry form.
The first round of judging will be in August, the regional finals in September and the national finals in October.

Finance

The clerk reported that the audit had been completed successfully and the statutory notices had been put on the notice-board for the necessary length of time.

Income

£203.45 – Collection taken at the Annual Civic Service – Mr.Rosamond has donated this to the Millhayes Garages Project.

£151.20 – Pring & Son – cemetery fees.

Payments

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

£460.00 – Audit Commission fee

£12.38 – EDF Energy – Millhayes Hall

£6.01 – SWW – cemetery water rates

£72.00 – Mr.A.Taylor – strimming and tidying BMX area

£35.00 – Hemyock PHMC – rent of the Forbes Lounge for P.C. meetings

£4,059.73 – A1 Gates & Securities – Longmead Field drainage

£265.90 – Brookridge Timber – Longmead Field drainage

£135.00 – Mr.I.Pike – cemetery grass cutting

£25.50 – Mr.P.Steed – Millhayes expenses

£530.71 – Fensec – fencing on the Recreation Field

Following concern about the safety of the cemetery records (old books, maps etc) the clerk had been looking at prices for a fire-proof container. A company called Safelines Ltd does a range of fire-proof filing cabinets; a one drawer cabinet would be sufficient to hold the cemetery records and would cost £346.96 + VAT.

It was proposed by Mrs.Stallard, seconded by Mr.Hart that a fire-proof, one drawer filing cabinet is purchased for the cemetery records kept at the clerk's home.

Highways

Potholes were reported on the road from Hemyock to Dunkeswell.

Cemetery

Nothing to report.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

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Correspondence

- 1) Boundary Commission – still waiting to hear the outcome.
- 2) DCC – 20mph zones & limits
- 3) DCC – Road closure notice, 12th - 15th October, Penn Cross House to Higher Culm Pyne Farm.
- 4) Communities & Local Government – Approach to decisions on proposals for unitary local government in Devon, Norfolk and Suffolk.
- 5) MDDC – Nominations for Civic Reception on 19th October.
- 6) MDDC – Extension of saved Local Plan Policies.
- 7) MDDC – Questionnaire – Mrs.Stallard to fill in and return.
- 8) Able Community Care – questionnaire to put in the pump – different questions and answers fore each edition.
- 9) Vitalise, Essential Breaks – asking for funding – councillors decided that we have enough expense at the moment with our own projects in the village.

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- Youth Meetings – “Hemyock Youth Action”
- Entering Calor Village of the Year,

Chairman’s Business

- 1) It was decided to hold a meeting to discuss the Millhayes garages on Wednesday August 19th at 7.30pmin the Forbes Lounge.
Youth to give a 10 minute presentation on what they would like to see happening at the garages.
Mr.Steed suggested we invite Mr.Purssell, also Mrs.Butt.
Mr.Steed to estimate some running costs to be circulated before the meeting.
- 2) Mrs.Stallard had attended a very good meeting recently – Devon Association Community Buildings, the speaker has consultancy - “Rural Click”, he explained how good savings can be obtained by working together.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed.....

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