

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 4th March 2020

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| <p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist (Parish & District Councillor), Mr P Doble (Vice Chair), Miss J Fouracre, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> County Councillor R Radford</p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 11 - Mr Ritchie and Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. • Agenda item 15 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. • Agenda item 17 – Miss Fouracre and Mr Calcraft each has a personal interest as they are members of The Garages Committee. • Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon and Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. • Agenda item 5.1 – Miss Lawrence has a personal interest as she is a friend of the applicants. • Agenda item 5.2 – Mr Russell has a personal interest as he is a friend of the applicants. | |
| <p>3. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>3.1 Many drains in the parish need jetting. Clerk to report to Highways.</p> <p>3.2 The car that has been parked in the village car park for many months needs to be moved. Clerk to contact owner.</p> <p>3.3 Longmead Environmental Area – a compost bin and a raised bed have been constructed on site. A grant application has been submitted to AONB for funding for pond clearance, information board and hedge laying. Mrs Slater will liaise with clerk with regard to Facebook pages. Mrs Slater to liaise with Mr Pike with regard to installing picnic benches/benches in the area.</p> | <p>Clerk Clerk</p> <p>PS/IP</p> |
| <p>It was agreed to bring forward the following agenda item</p> <p>11.5 Man Shed – the pc has agreed in principle to support this group, suggesting a possible site at Longmead. As requested by the pc, the group gave details of two possible buildings from Blackdown Buildings, as a more attractive option than a porta cabin/container. There followed a lengthy debate about how the group would operate, membership and funding. It was agreed that the pc would seek pre-application planning advice from MDDC in the first instance. Councillor Clist was asked to seek this advice. It was also suggested that the group promote itself at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May to gauge what level of interest/support there may be. Finally, alternative venues were suggested utilising some existing premises, namely the area attached to the garages currently used for storage by the Scouts. The group will meet with Mr Calcraft to view the premises. It may be a more cost effective option to relocate this storage to the Parish Store and use this space for the Man Shed group.</p> | <p>SC</p> <p>RC</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 5th February 2020 are approved.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr Povah</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> | |
| <p>5. <u>Planning</u></p> <p><i>Councillor Clist chose not to participate in any discussion with regard to the following planning applications because of his membership of the district council's planning committee.</i></p> <p>The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 20/00222/HOUSE. Erection of side extension, porch and extension to garage. 6 Redwood Close, Hemyock.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Calcraft</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr Moon</p> | |

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| <p>5.2 DECISION: passed (all in favour). 20/00260/CLU. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of barn and stables as residential dwelling and associated use of land as residential garden for a period in excess of 4 years. Land and Buildings at NGR 312879 112218 (Fairwater) Hemyock. PROPOSAL: the parish council is not content with the application. If there has been habitation then this has been conducted in a surreptitious manner. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Miss Fouracre DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>5.3 20/00015/FULL. Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing garage. 29 Station Road, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application subject to the legal paperwork being completed with regard to the transfer of land at the front in exchange for vehicular access at the rear. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Miss Fouracre DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Approval noted for:-</p> <p>5.4 19/02062/HOUSE. 16 Logan Way, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.</p> | |
| <p>6. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>6.1 Parish Pump – the clerk has written to the company which carried out the remedial works asking for reimbursement of consequential costs and is waiting for a response.</p> <p>6.2 Doors & electricity, The Parish Store – to be carried forward</p> <p>6.3 Finger posts – clerk will circulate Miss Lawrence’s report.</p> <p>6.4 Dog poo bags/grit bins – the clerk asked for clarification with regard to fixings for the dog bag dispensers. It was confirmed they would be fixed to metal posts. Clerk was instructed to obtain prices and dimensions for grit bins and refer to finance committee.</p> <p>6.5 Field at rear of cemetery – clerk was instructed to write to tenant confirming licence to graze is as per agreement for the remainder of the field.</p> <p>6.6 South West Water – access to community land – Mr Russell will approach South West Water with regard to possible access to community land.</p> | <p>PL Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk AR</p> |
| <p>7. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford sent the following report:- Devon County Council has set the budget with a 1.99% increase plus a 2% increase because of the pressure on Social Care. This is the limit set by the Government to avoid triggering a referendum. I have set out below some of the more interesting points that you may be interested in.</p> <p>The County Council’s Cabinet is proposing to invest over £43 million of additional funding into front line public services in Devon in 2020/21. The full Council approved the proposals on February 20, Devon’s non-schools budget will rise to £541 million for 2020/2021, an increase of 8.7 per cent on the current year. The Cabinet proposals include additional investment in social care and health, children’s services, roads and drainage. If approved, the proposals will mean an extra £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children’s services and £2.7 million for highways including £1 million to help deal with drainage issues on the County’s 8,000-mile road network. In total the County Council’s spending will rise by £43.1 million from £498 million in the current 2019/20 financial year. The budget proposals are a response to increasing demand on front-line services driven by a range of external factors including demographic and climate change impacts.</p> <p>Context The Government’s reaffirmed commitment to a fair funding review of local government is welcome. The continuing wide disparity in funding between counties and metropolitan areas requires tackling. Current Government funding per head of population is £258 for Devon compared to an average £421 for metropolitan councils and £556 for inner London boroughs. There has been a 72% real terms reduction in Government funding for Devon between 2010 and 2019/20. During that period of austerity, the County Council has reduced its spending by nearly £300 million and staff numbers by nearly 3,000. Through a combination of efficiencies, innovation and collaboration with other councils, Devon has managed</p> | |

to protect many important public services during this time. All of Devon’s 50 libraries remain open, some with longer opening hours. The County has maintained a universal youth service and provided targeted support for the most vulnerable youngsters, and working ever more closely with health partners, the County has maintained services for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
 However, the demand-led pressures on all Devon’s front-line services continue to rise, exacerbated by demographic and climate change.

Devon County Council is one of 26 County Councils in England. The authority, which has 60 elected County Councillors, represents 795,000 residents and administers an area spanning 2,534 square miles, the third largest in England.

The Council is led by a Cabinet of nine senior councillors, chaired by the Leader of the Council, John Hart. The County Council works in partnership with eight District Councils, over 300 Town and Parish Councils, the Great South West region’s LEPs and neighbouring County and Unitary councils.

Our services

The County Council has a total budget of £1.1 billion and provides a wide range of public services – some directly and some commissioned from other organisations. The County Council’s main service groups are:

Adult care and health including services for older people and adults with physical or learning disabilities.

- care at home for 10,000 people a year
- 13,000 people with dementia

Children’s services including education and learning; services for vulnerable children and families; safeguarding; looked after children and care leavers.

- supporting 16,500 children with special needs or disabilities
- over 200 children adopted or fostered a year
- 97,000 pupils
- 365 schools

Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity including planning, transportation and environment; economy, enterprise and skills; trading standards; libraries; community safety and emergency planning.

- 50 libraries and four mobile libraries
- free school transport for 14,500 pupils a day
- funding for 185 bus services, 60 voluntary car schemes and 16 community ring and ride schemes
- nine new primary schools built or due to be completed in 2020

Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste including road and bridge maintenance; waste disposal and recycling; and the County Council’s capital programme.

- 8,000 miles of road (England’s largest local network)
- 62,000 potholes filled a year
- managing 357,000 tonnes of domestic waste a year
- 19 recycling centres
- £114 million invested every year on major infrastructure projects.

8. District Council Report

Councillor Clist gave a brief report:-

MDDC’s governance review is ongoing. The budget has been agreed. The planning department has confirmed there is plenty of scope for the development of the community open space (car parks, planting etc.) which would not require planning permission. However any structures would require planning. The gypsy and traveller site at Castle Hill was refused by the Planning Department and enforcement officers will be visiting the site shortly.

9. Finance

9.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

INCOME

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| 1. | 15.00 | Tree donation |
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| 6. | 9,659.21 | Vat reclaim |

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| 7. | 15.00 | Tree donation |
| 8. | 45.00 | Tree donation |
| 9. | 15.00 | Tree donation |
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EXPENDITURE

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| 1. | 942.05 | D Evans | Clerk's wages and expenses |
| 2. | 68.15 | HMRC | PAYE |
| 3. | 120.00 | K Amor | Cleaning, toilets |
| 4. | 120.00 | I Pike | Village and cemetery maintenance |
| 5. | 31.76 | Hemyock Parish Hall | Room hire |
| 6. | 50.47 | S Ritchie | Reimbursement of costs of BMX surface material |
| 7. | 840.00 | Ashfords Solicitors | Pavement, legal costs |
| 8. | 1,200.00 | Inspired Partnership | Station Road pavements, drawings |
| 9. | 530.00 | Roger Beaver | Longmead, ground maintenance |
| 10. | 161.99 | C & P Champion | Trees, stakes and root treatment, trees at Shuttleton |

BANK RECONCILIATION

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| HSBC Community a/c | 19,476.41 |
| HSBC Deposit | 75,291.95 |
| HSBC P3 | 0.04 |
| HSBC Longmead | 1.27 |
| Unity Trust Bank current | 100.00 |
| Unity Trust Bank deposit | 56871.98 |
| Unity Trust Bank GF | 709.55 |
| Unity Trust Bank P3 | 1684.81 |
| Skipton 1-year Bond | 85,000.00 |
| United Trust Bank | 77,191.78 |
| Total | 316,327.79 |

PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed.

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Miss Fouracre

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

10. Clerk Update

10.1 Annual Parish Meeting – it was agreed the format would be: chairman's summary, presentations from Connecting the Culm, The Mans Shed project and the Calf Club Centenary Project. Cheese and wine as usual.

10.2 Bowls Club – the club has asked for a letter of support to assist them with their applications for grants. A request for financial assistance has been passed to the finance committee.

PROPOSAL: that the pc sends a letter of support to the bowls club.

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Povah

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

Clerk

11. Longmead

11.1 Bridge – Mr Povah has sent out tenders.

11.2 Play Area – Mr Ritchie is awaiting quotations for replacement equipment.

11.3 Site visit – the overflow car park adjacent to MUGA is in a poor state. It has been used as a turning circle/race track and is churned up. Mr Povah suggested it be resurfaced with stone and some form of barrier erected so that access in and out is only from one point. He will measure area and obtain quotations. Mr Russell confirmed he has inspected the area which has become muddy adjacent to the tennis courts and will resolve shortly with assistance from Mr Ritchie. The drains within Longmead beyond the public highway need attention. Clerk to obtain quotations.

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| <p>11.4 BMX track- carry forward</p> <p>11.5 Man Shed – update from Mr Russell – already discussed see above.</p> <p>11.6 Longmead Management Group – request to agree expenditure for tree works and planting. Before agreeing to expenditure, the clerk was instructed to ask for further information including a planting schedule. Mr Povah to inspect the tree mentioned in the works.</p> <p>11.7 Longmead Environmental Area – pond clearance PROPOSAL: that the pc agrees to expenditure of £350 for clearance of one third of the pond. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> | Clerk LP |
| <p>12. <u>Highways</u></p> <p>12.1 Station Road, new pavement – Mr Povah confirmed the project is progressing. As a result of a planning application (see 5.3 above) the owners of No 29 require a larger rear access than previously agreed. PROPOSAL: that the pc agrees to give rear vehicular access for the proposed parking spaces. The owners of No 29 to resurface, at their own cost, the additional sections of pc land (Mr Povah to ensure this is included in the legal documentation). PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>12.2 Snow Warden, grit/salt – nothing to report.</p> <p>12.3 Catherine Wheel, road closure. New dates noted.</p> <p>12.4 New Hemyock road sign – PROPOSAL: that the pc agrees to purchase a replacement Hemyock road sign to replace the existing damaged sign. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>12.5 The chair mentioned a letter he had received about the state of Withy Lane, suggesting a meeting with Neil Parish MP, to resolve. It was agreed that the pc would continue to report all pot holes and problems to Highways and that it was not felt necessary to meet with Neil Parish at this time.</p> | LP |
| <p>13. <u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>14. <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>15. <u>Commons Management Group</u></p> <p>15.1 Shuttleton Common – Tree Planting Weekend – thanks to everyone involved in the tree planting event at Shuttleton Common.</p> <p>15.2 Landmark Tree – the pc has been successful in its application and has obtained a small-leaved lime tree. It was agreed that the tree will be planted in the cemetery.</p> | IP |
| <p>16. <u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>17. <u>Garages Youth Project</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>18. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>19. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u></p> <p>19.1 Request from BHLAC for permission to erect a bike rack to right hand side of the building. After discussion it was agreed that the preferred option would be to use the existing concrete slab to the front left of the building. PROPOSAL: that the pc agrees to the erection of a bike rack, its preferred location being the front left (on existing slab) but in the event that this is not viable then it agrees to the proposed front right side of the building. Mr Moon & Mr Doble to seek clarification/explanation. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble</p> | NM/PD |

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| <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour). 19.2 The clerk was asked to obtain a start date from the contractor with regard to the wind barriers.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>20. <u>Asset Management</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>21. <u>Community Land</u> 21.1 Following the recent open meeting, the pc will meet on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm Parish Hall to consider its next steps. Clerk was asked to invite Martin Lee to meeting. 21.2 Cavanna Homes, play area. The pc considered its preferred location for a play area. PROPOSAL: the pc's preferred location for the play area is within the development, where originally proposed, to cater for younger primary school aged children. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Ritchie DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Clist abstained from voting.</p> | |
| <p>22. <u>Correspondence</u> 22.1 Email from botanist concerning tree planting at Shuttleton Common noted. No further action required. 22.2 Letter from Blackdown Support Group requesting financial support – referred to finance committee.</p> | |
| <p>23. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>24. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.</p> | |
| <p>25. <u>Date of next Meetings</u> Open Space Meeting on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm Parish Hall and the usual monthly council meeting on Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7.30pm, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall</p> | |

Meeting ended 10.25pm

Signed.....Dated.....