

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>  Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist (Parish &amp; District Councillor), Mr P Doble (Vice Chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), Councillor Ray Radford (County Councillor) and 4 members of the public.</p> <p><b><u>Apologies</u></b>  Miss J Fouracre (received and accepted).</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda item 10 - Mr Ritchie &amp; Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee.</li> <li>• Agenda item 14 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons.</li> <li>• Agenda item 16 - Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee.</li> <li>• Agenda item 18 - Mr Moon and Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living &amp; Activity Centre.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. <u>Public Participation</u></b>  Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Blackdown Hills AONB Connecting the Culm Project</u></b>  Tim Youngs, AONB, gave an overview of the 3-year project working to tackle some of the challenges faced by the River Culm, including flooding, water quality, providing habitats, protecting leats and water mills. Mr Youngs asked for feedback from the parish: what are the relevant issues, who should the project be working with (community groups, landowners, etc.)</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meetings</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> December &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Miss Lawrence  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Russell  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Planning</u></b>  <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>  The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>6.1 19/02082/FUL. Way Close, Hemyock. Erection of stables, storage building and formation of new access track.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council is content with the application but would prefer to see a matt finish on the roof (green/grey).  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Russell  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.2 19/01985/FUL. 50 Station Road. Erection of two dwellings following demolition of outbuildings and alterations to vehicular access.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council is content with the application but would like to see the wall to the north of the entrance moved back sufficiently to create a new footway. It would also like to see the wall faced with flint.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Miss Lawrence  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Calcraft  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.3 20/00014/HOUSE. Windover Cottage, Madford. Erection of first-floor extension.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council is content with the application.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Doble  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Russell  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	

- 6.4 20/00022/HOUSE. 31 Hollingarth Way, Hemyock. Erection of a two-storey side extension.  
**PROPOSAL:** The council is not content with the application. It believes it to be over-development of the site, building to the boundary with no access to the rear. It will dominate and overshadow the neighbouring property.  
**PROPOSED:** Miss Lawrence  
**SECONDED:** Mr Doble  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).
- 6.5 19/02105/FUL. Highwood Farm, Hemyock. Conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling.  
**PROPOSAL:** The council is content with the application.  
**PROPOSED:** Mr Doble  
**SECONDED:** Mr Russell  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).  
 Councillor Clist was asked to call the application to committee if planning officer is minded to refuse it.
- 6.6 20/00125/FUL. Erection of a ground-mounted 4.55kW solar PV array. Land at NGR 316366 113958 Bollhayes Park Farm, Clayhidon.  
**PROPOSAL:** The council is not content with the application. It believes the panels should be on the roofs of buildings and not on agricultural land.  
**PROPOSED:** Mr Doble  
**SECONDED:** Mr Moon  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).
- Approval noted for:-
- 6.7 19/01751/HOUSE. 21 Logan Way, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey extension.
- 6.8 19/01779/HOUSE. 2 Blackdown View, Hemyock. Erection of a single-storey extension.
- 6.9 19/01469/FULL. West of Elmdene. Erection of a dwelling, garage and formation of new access (revised scheme)
- Refusal noted for:-
- 6.10 19/01664/FULL. Land at Cornhill, Hemyock. Erection of two dwellings and associated parking.

## 7. Matters Arising

- 7.1 Parish Pump – clerk to write to company who completed the remedial works to ask for reimbursement of additional costs associated with the remedial works. . Clerk
- 7.2 Doors & electricity, The Parish Store – nothing to report.
- 7.3 Finger posts – Miss Lawrence has commenced a survey. More information to follow. PL
- 7.4 Dog poo bags – clerk to purchase two dog poo bag dispensers and bags to be located around village. Clerk

## 8. Finance

- 8.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

### INCOME

1.	71.37	Interest, Unity Trust
2.	.71	Interest, Unity Trust g/f
3.	1.70	Interest, Unity Trust p3
4.	650.00	Pring & Son, cemetery
5.	12.78	Interest, HSBC

### EXPENDITURE

1.	*	95.00	Carly Press	Flyer for public open space
2.	*	18.00	Unity Trust	Bank charge
3.		212.75	I Pike	Grass cutting and maintenance
4.		1,221.02	D Evans	Wages and expenses
5.		127.50	K Amor	Cleaning, public conveniences
6.		25.40	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
7.		1,188.45	R & W Brooke	Insurance, The Garages
8.		40.00	ICO	Data Protection fee
9.		179.00	Woodquist Associates	Website hosting
10.		77.60	Npower	Electricity, toilets
11.		151.92	South West Water	Water, toilets
12.		14.91	South West Water	Water, cemetery

13.	79.20	Perrie Hale	Guards for trees
14.	430.00	N Page	Footpaths P3 work

*\*already paid, to be ratified*

### **BANK RECONCILIATION**

HSBC Community a/c	19,476.41
HSBC Deposit	75,279.16
HSBC P3	0.04
HSBC Longmead	1.27
Unity Trust Bank current	100.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	51,182.19
Unity Trust Bank GF	709.55
Unity Trust Bank P3	1,684.81
Skipton 1-year Bond	85,000.00
United Trust Bank	77,191.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,625.21</b>

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

**PROPOSED:** Miss Lawrence

**SECONDED:** Mr Povah

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

#### 8.2 Finance Committee recommendations:-

8.2.1 the pc makes a donation of £100 to Mid Devon Mobility.

8.2.2 the pc requests that the Christmas Club attends a parish council meeting to update councillors on last year's event and the pc makes a donation of £160 to the Christmas Club.

8.2.3 Due to overspends in some budget headings money needs to be moved (vired) from one budget heading to another. Expenditure – maintenance person budget is reduced by £115 and general village maintenance increased by £115. Poppy appeal is increased by £25 and other donations reduced by £25. The elections budget is reduced by £171.50 and audit and accountancy is increased by £171.50.

8.2.4 the pc reimburses the costs of the paint and materials to refurbish the metal finger post by Hemyock Turbary.

**PROPOSAL:** that the four recommendations are agreed.

**PROPOSED:** Mr Moon

**SECONDED:** Mr Russell

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

### **9. Clerk Update**

9.1 The clerk enquired if the pc was happy to continue to allow sheep to graze its land behind the cemetery, following the change of ownership of the adjoining field. The clerk was instructed to inform the new owner that the pc is happy to continue the grazing but that for at least one month every year the field must be emptied of all equipment and livestock to prevent a tenancy from being created.

9.2 Catherine Wheel – closure of road whilst refurbishment occurs. The organisers of the Skills of the Hills event believe a road closure will not be a problem for them. The pc instructed the clerk to inform Highways that the job would be better completed over a weekend and the detour route needs to be carefully thought out.

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### **10. Longmead**

10.1 Bridge – Mr Povah will attempt to obtain quotations for abutments.

10.2 Brookridge Timber has confirmed it will no longer refurbish the play area. The clerk has sent a letter of thanks for its support over the years.

10.3 Play Area – Mr Ritchie has received several quotations for new equipment. In view of Brookridge Timber no longer maintaining the equipment, Mr Ritchie was asked to seek advice and quotations for a complete refurbishment.

10.4 A site meeting has been arranged for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10am to meet with representatives of Longmead Management Group, the pc, the man shed group and a resident of Station Road. The

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10.5	meeting is to discuss:- the state of the overflow car park, location of man shed, etc. BMX Track – Mr Ritchie has delivered some additional stone for resurfacing as and when needed. He will send invoice to clerk. The clerk has made contact with a parent to attempt to establish a working group of users/children to resurface the track when needed.	SR Clerk
10.6	Man Shed – Mr Russell updated the meeting on the intentions of the man shed group. It was agreed that the pc is supportive of the concept and may be willing to help part-fund the right project (it was felt that a wooden structure would be more suitable than a portacabin).	AR
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>Highways</u></b>	
11.1	Station Road pavements - Nothing to report.	
11.2	Snow Warden – Mr Russell and Mr Doble will deposit grit in several locations around the village for parishioners to use on communal areas. Clerk to obtain price for grit bins.	AR/PD Clerk
<b>12.</b>	<b><u>Cemetery</u></b>	
	Nothing to report.	
<b>13.</b>	<b><u>Footpaths</u></b>	
13.1	The wooden walkway at Lickham is rotten. Clerk to report to Devon Wildlife Trust.	Clerk
13.2	A member of the public hurt themselves climbing over a tied-up gate on a public footpath. The landowner has been informed and it has been agreed that new 2 in 1 gates will be installed with a self-close pedestrian gate.	
13.3	Owleycombe Common – Mr Povah believes that there is no right of access to this common.	
<b>14.</b>	<b><u>Commons Management Group</u></b>	
14.1	Shuttleton Common tree-planting weekend – Mr Moon is coordinating the tree-planting weekend 22/23 February 11am-1pm. Please pay any donations of £15 per tree into the parish council bank account and let the clerk know. Councillors to let Mr Moon know if they are able to help.	All Clerk
14.2	Clerk was asked to approach South West Water with regard to access from Longmead to potential community land.	
14.3	Devon County Council Landmark Tree Scheme – nothing to report.	
<b>15.</b>	<b><u>Village Maintenance</u></b>	
15.1	Tree maintenance – clerk discussed the two quotes she had received. Clerk to clarify some information on one of the quotations.	
<b>16.</b>	<b><u>Garages Youth Project</u></b>	
	Nothing to report.	
<b>17.</b>	<b><u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u></b>	
	Nothing to report.	
<b>18.</b>	<b><u>Blackdown Healthy Living &amp; Activities Centre</u></b>	
18.1	Repairs to Fencing – Mr Russell suggested the pc waits until the work to the trees has been completed when the area will be more accessible.	
18.2	Wall –damage to the wall adjacent to the BHLAC and car park has been there for some time and is not compromising the structural integrity of the wall. It was agreed that no action will be taken at this time.	
<b>19.</b>	<b><u>Asset Management</u></b>	
	Nothing to report.	
<b>20.</b>	<b><u>County Council Update</u></b>	
	Councillor Radford sent the following report:-  The most pressing issue for County is the forthcoming revenue budget which has been provisionally put forward at £541m and this is to be agreed by full council on 20 <sup>th</sup> February. The total includes funding of £59.6m relating to additional expenditure to allow for service growth to cater for demographic changes such as increased children and adult service users. It is worth noting that in the last 10 years County has seen core funding reduced by just over £180m in cash terms which equals a 72% reduction in real terms. This has required savings, efficiencies and additional income generation of just over £272m. Full time equivalent staff, excluding school based staff, have decreased from 6,600 to 4,300 staff. The last 10 years has seen us consolidate and put us in a strong position. County is making good progress towards neutral carbon by 2030, while working with the District Councils and many other agencies, headed by Exeter University. A full analysis of the carbon footprint of waste in Devon is being undertaken. The results will be integral to the	

<p>development of our own new Resources and Waste Strategy. The research will also factor in the need to meet a 65% recycling target by 2035 at the latest. We are making good savings on our winter service by not having to salt the roads, but that has been more than swallowed up by the amount of rain we have had in the last few months. It has played havoc with the roads and the extra repair costs will add at least another £500k to the road programme. County needs to reduce the amount of water lying on the roads and an extra £1m has been set aside for that purpose.</p> <p>Finally, a reminder about the locality budget that I have, there is still money available. Local Clubs/Organisations should contact me for more information.</p>	
<p><b>21. <u>District Council Update</u></b> Councillor Clist reported:- The district council has revisited car parking charges following receipt of a petition. Cabinet has elected a new member, Elizabeth Wainwright, who has the portfolio for climate change. Councillor Clist has asked the planning department to review several issues including:- a loophole with regard to the change of use of redundant buildings to hotels; applicants misleading planning officers with regard to the availability of mains water, electric, gas, etc.; the submission of a series of applications, one after another, where it would seem that the true intentions of the applicant were not made obvious at the outset. During late spring the district should receive the first update on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) - watch this space.</p>	
<p><b>22. <u>Community Land</u></b> Flyers informing parishioners of an open meeting to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm were distributed for delivery throughout the parish and copies will be left in the post office and doctors' surgery. Mr Calcraft will produce signs for river and pump.</p>	
<p><b>23. <u>Correspondence</u></b> 23.1 Request from Calf Club Committee requesting £64 funding to pay for room hire for the showing of The Amazing Film of Hemyock. To be referred to Finance Committee. 23.2 Request from Parish Hall Committee for funding towards new play area equipment. To be referred to Finance Committee. 23.3 Email from Parish Hall Committee about Purple Peril. The pc confirmed that the structure had always had a lean to it and therefore no action needs to be taken. 23.4 Grant application from Hemyock Bowls Club to be referred to Finance Committee. 23.2 Thank you letter from Citizens Advice Bureau for recent donation noted.</p>	
<p><b>24. <u>Public Participation</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>25. <u>PR</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>26. <u>Date of next Meetings</u></b> Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm Parish Hall to discuss Public Open Space &amp; the usual monthly council meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall</p>	

Meeting ended 10.06pm

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