

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held in the Forbes Lounge at 7.30pm on 6th November 2019

Subject	Action
<p>1. Present Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr P Doble (Vice Chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 15 members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies Councillor S Clist (Parish & District Councillor), Councillor Ray Radford (County Councillor), Miss J Fouracre and Mr S Ritchie (received and accepted).</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations Agenda item 11 - Mr Russell has a personal interest as he is a member 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 – Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee. Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon & Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. Agenda item 5.6 – Miss Lawrence has a personal interest as she is a neighbour of the applicant.</p>	
<p>3. Public Participation The following were reported/raised:-</p> <p>3.1 Mrs Slater thanked the pc for its support with the scarecrow competition. She has had a few volunteers helping with planting bulbs at the environmental area but would welcome more help. Mrs Slater wishes to plant some bulbs along the grass adjacent to the path by St Margaret's Brook/church and also on edge of grass by BMX track. Mrs Slater will liaise with Mr Taylor reference location of bulbs by BMX to establish where he strims.</p> <p>3.2 The road at Ashculme and Wheelbarrow Lane needs attention.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes from Previous Meetings PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 2nd & 10th October are approved and the minutes of the finance committee meeting of 15th October are noted. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. Planning The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 19/01591/FULL. Erection of roof over existing dung store and associated hardstanding. Land at NGR 314590 110874 Windover Farm, Madford, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>5.2 19/00244/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land to allow the siting of 5 residential pitches, 1 transit gypsy and traveller pitch comprising 6 touring caravans, 3 day rooms, sewage treatment plant, hardstanding with new access and associated works. Lot 3, Shuttleton Farm, Castle Hill, Hemyock. Revised drawings and additional information. PROPOSAL: The parish council is not content with the application. The revised plans do not alter the comments previously made by the pc. Questions and concerns have not been answered. In addition to the previous comments made, the pc cannot see how any drainage system could be made to work on this site. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p> <p>5.3 19/01702/HOUSE. Erection of a single-storey extension. Corunna, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence</p>	

<p>5.4</p>	<p>SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour). 19/01664/FULL. Erection of two dwellings and associated parking. Land at NGR 313436 113036 (Cornhill) Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The parish council is not content with the application. The site is outside the defined settlement limit. The application form states there are no trees or hedges on the development site, this is incorrect. The proposed development would remove a large section of native hedgerow. The proposed development does not provide a turning area for cars and this is unacceptable, given the narrow and dangerous road. Local knowledge means that we are aware that the site is prone to flooding - see photographs sent to you separately. The road is narrow and unsafe for pedestrians and access. It is believed that the electricity supply in the area is at maximum capacity. Any development on the site will have an adverse effect on neighbouring dwellings with regard to flooding. In summary, this site is completely unsuitable for any development. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>5.5 19/01751/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extension following removal of existing conservatory. 21 Logan Way, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Russell SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>5.6 19/01779/HOUSE. Erection of a single-storey extension. 2 Blackdown View, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Calcraft SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>To note approval for:-</p> <p>5.7 19/01370/HOUSE. Way Close, Hemyock. Erection of two storey-side and rear single-storey extension.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u> Parish Pump - nothing to report. Doors & electricity, The Parish Store – nothing to report. Finger posts – Mr Povah has obtained prices for replacement metal finger posts (approximately £300). Miss Lawrence will survey the parish and produce a list of metal and wooden finger posts and the current state of each. It was suggested that any missing metal ‘fingers’ might be in the locality of their post and might be found using a metal detector. Joint project with Culmstock/Clayhidon – noticeboards – Mr Russell has spoken to Mr Bass from Culmstock. It was agreed not to move forward with this project at this time.</p>	<p>PL</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Ray Radford sent the following report:-</p> <p>Devon County Council budgets are struggling. The county has not borrowed any money for the last 10 years. During the last 10 years budgets have been cut, the county has been able to pick-up several grants and handouts that were available to bolster the budgets. DCC has historical loans and is unable to re-pay because of the penalties that would be incurred. Government has given DCC an extra £18m for roads/potholes, it will help, but that will soon disappear, because DCC has 8000 miles of roads to maintain.</p> <p>The Devon Children and Family Partnership (DCFP) has launched an ambitious new vision, to help support children and their families, bringing together Councils, Health Services, Police, Schools and Voluntary Sector. At the heart of ‘The Devon Children and Young People Plan,’ is to recognise that there are many issues facing children and families that are complex and inter-related and that problems in early life can have a huge impact on public services later in life, and that frontline staff to local community organisations and volunteer groups, to consider themselves a part of the plan. You can join the campaign by using; #WeAreDevon.</p>	

Devon could see an extra £20m for education over the next two years. Initial calculations suggest DCC could receive an extra £11.7m next year and £9.5m in 2021/22. In addition there could be an extra £8.6m to help support children with special needs next year, intending to level up funding for historical under-spend areas.

Over the years there has been a difficulty in attracting Care Workers. `Proud to Care Devon` is currently running a marketing recruitment campaign to support the recruitment of Care Workers in Devon. The campaign is focusing on recruiting people to roles in domiciliary care, residential and nursing homes using a range of different media to attract people aged 20 -39.

County has committed itself to Zero Carbon, including a £250k contribution. The Devon Climate Emergency Response Group, chaired by Phil Norrey, Devon County Chief Executive, and comprising of public and private sector organisations, has appointed a Net-Zero Task Force to deliver a Devon Carbon Plan. The Net-Zero Task Force is chaired by Professor Patrick Devine-Wright, a leading climate expert, and it includes experts drawn from environmental, economic, health and academic organisations. The Task Force has issued a `call for evidence` to all Devon residents to submit their ideas about how Devon can reduce carbon emissions as quickly as possible. It will be conducting a series of hearings to help gather views, evidence and data that will be used to develop recommendations to Devon Carbon Plan. You can get more information by going to; www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devo-carbon-plan.

8. District Council Report

Nothing to report.

9. Finance

9.1 Recommendations from Finance Committee

- 9.1.1 Citizens Advice Bureau - the pc makes a donation of £250 to the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- 9.1.2 Hemyock Lights Brigade - the pc makes a donation of £500 to the Lights Brigade.
- 9.1.3 Virements –
Expenditure - election budget is reduced from £3,000 to £1,925
BHLAC increased from £25,000 to £40,000 (£13,075 to be funded from project pot).
- 9.1.4 Precept 2020 - On the assumption that the number of band D properties at 98% increases, then the pc sets the band D precept at the same level as last year i.e. £97.31.
- 9.1.5 The pc has a safe in the parish hall it is no longer using. It was suggested the safe be offered to the parish hall – as it is difficult to move!
- 9.1.6 The pc has two very large maps stored in the parish hall. It was suggested these may be mounted and displayed at the BHLAC.
- PROPOSAL:** that the above recommendations are accepted.
PROPOSED: Mr Moon
SECONDED: Miss Lawrence
DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9.2 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation

INCOME

1.	1,464.71	Insurance contribution, BHLAC
2.	12.37	Interest, HSBC
3.	.71	Interest, unity gf
4.	1.70	Interest, unity p3
5.	68.46	Interest, unity dep
6.	40,350	Precept, MDCC

EXPENDITURE

1.	293.50	I Pike	Grass cutting and maintenance
2.	1,100.29	D Evans	Wages and expenses
3.	125.33	HMRC	PAYE

4.	142.50	K Amor	Cleaning, public conveniences
5.	37.76	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
6.	<i>18.00</i>	<i>Unity Bank</i>	<i>Bank charge</i>
7.	50.00	British Legion	Poppy appeal
8.	<i>21,000</i>	<i>Nuvision</i>	<i>Deposit heating system and solar PV, BHLAC</i>
9.	<i>52.30</i>	<i>SLCC</i>	<i>Clerk's Book</i>
10.	152.98	L Povah	Reimbursement of costs – The Parish Store
11.	36.00	CPRE	Membership
12.	831.00	Inspired Partnership	Station Road pavements drawings
13.	71.35	Spot-on Supplies	Public conveniences consumables
14.	166.08	S Machin	Maps for planning applications, turbary & BHLAC
15.	1,075.64	MDDC	Election costs
16.	206.50	S Aldworth	Internal audit and payroll
17.	500.00	Hemyock Lights Brigade	Donation
18.	250.00	Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation
19.	93.99	South West Water	Toilets
20.	10.50	South West Water	Cemetery
21.	71.00	NPower	Toilets
22.	50.00	R Taylor	BMX strim & tidy

Figures in italic have already been paid

BANK RECONCILIATION

HSBC Community a/c	19,476.41
HSBC Deposit	75,241.23
HSBC P3	0.04
HSBC Longmead	1.27
Unity Trust Bank current	32.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	70,574.20
Unity Trust Bank GF	708.84
Unity Trust Bank P3	1,683.11
Skipton 1-year Bond	85,000.00
United Trust Bank	77,191.78
Total	329,908.88

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Russell

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

10. Clerk Update

- 10.1 The clerk is researching Public Spaces Protection Orders with MDDC with regard to dogs at Longmead.
- 10.2 Waddeton Park has exchanged contracts with Cavanna Homes on the land adjacent to the cemetery. Cavanna Homes has asked to meet with the parish council. Clerk to arrange a meeting on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm, everyone welcome.
- 10.3 The Mary Waldron Trust – is looking for a new trustee. Mr Calcraft would be interested in becoming a trustee. Clerk to contact Ron White.

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11. Longmead

- 11.1 Bridge – the clerk has only received one tender, therefore carry forward to next month.
- 11.2 Play Area – Feedback has suggested that there is a desire to replace the equipment with something similar to what was there before. Clerk to ask Mr Ritchie to liaise directly with Mrs Pinder to agree on replacement equipment.
- 11.3 Clerk to inspect the damaged sign at the BMX track and report back to council.

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12. Highways

12.1	Water is emerging from under the road at Lydensign. Clerk to report (again).	Clerk
12.2	The camper van regularly parked and obstructing the entrance to Prowses is having an effect on the road by forcing vehicles on to bank. Clerk to report to Highways.	Clerk
12.3	Clerk to report damage to stone wall at side of road at junction to Byes.	Clerk
13.	<u>Cemetery</u> The cemetery representatives met on site to inspect the state of the railings and to decide on any necessary works. They will consider and report back to council.	
14.	<u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.	
15.	<u>Commons Management Group</u> Nothing to report.	
16.	<u>Village Maintenance</u> 16.1 Trees are overhanging the raised footbridge, making it dark. Fallen leaves are making the bridge slippery. Clerk to ask permission of landowner to trim back a few branches. 16.2 Quotations have been received for work to hornbeam opposite the castle. PROPOSAL: that the tree is removed and a new hornbeam is planted to replace it. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: failed (3 for, 4 against) PROPOSAL: Countrywide are instructed to trim the tree back as per the quotation at a cost of £293 plus VAT PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). 2 abstained from the vote.	Clerk
17.	<u>Garages Youth Project</u> Nothing to report.	
18.	<u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.	
19.	<u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u> 19.1 Loft insulation – the pc considered several quotations. PROPOSAL: Warmcare is instructed to insulate the loft at a cost of £4,439 PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). 19.2 Concrete slab – a new concrete slab is required at the centre for the new oil tank to sit on. This needs to be completed as soon as possible so as not to delay the installation of the new heating system. Despite requesting quotations, the clerk has received none in time for the meeting. PROPOSAL: Mr Doble and Mr Russell will lay the slab with materials being paid for by the parish council. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).	
20.	<u>Asset Management</u> Mr Doble suggested that in the future, as and when bulbs need replacing in parish council-owned assets, LED bulbs should be considered.	
21.	<u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Nothing to report.	
22.	<u>Items raised by Councillors</u> 22.1 Miss Lawrence has met with Steve Hooper with regard to the Culm Catchment Project. 22.2 The BHLAC has asked if the pc has any land on which to site a shed for a potential new men's group. Miss Lawrence will ask the BHLAC to provide more information. 22.3 The brambles at the rear of the Garages need clearing. Clerk to refer to Mr Taylor for action. 22.4 Station Road pavements – Whilst Mr Povah is happy to manage certain aspects of the project (finance) he recommends that the pc instructs Inspired Partnership to manage the rest of the	PL Clerk

<p>contract to install the pavement on its behalf. PROPOSAL: Inspired Partnership to manage the station road pavement project on behalf of the pc. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour). 22.5 Mr Calcraft will no longer cut the grass at Millhayes from next spring. Mr Pike will include this as part of his maintenance contract.</p>	
<p>23. Correspondence 23.1 MDDC – grass cutting proposal for 2020. PROPOSAL: continue to use MDDC to cut certain areas of grass in the village at a cost of £1,029.47 for 7 cuts PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour). 23.2 Open Spaces Magazine – Autumn edition noted. 23.3 DALC Annual Report noted.</p>	
<p>24. Public Participation Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>25. PR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting weekend in February </p>	
<p>26. Date of next Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 4th December, Forbes Lounge, Parish Hall.</p>	

Meeting ended 10.20pm

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