

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held via Zoom at 7.30pm on 3rd March 2021

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, 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>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 5 – Planning – Mr Clist is a member of the planning committee of Mid Devon District Council and therefore chooses not to participate in any planning application consultation. • Agenda item 5.2 – Mr Doble has a pecuniary interest as he is the applicant and will therefore not take part in this agenda item. • Agenda item 11 - Mr Ritchie & 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 & 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 	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u> 3.1 Mr Pike asked that the clerk purchases bin liners for the new bins installed at Longmead. He will provide the clerk with the necessary measurements.</p>	Clerk/ IP
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 3rd February are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 21/00195/HOUSE. Studleys, Hemyock. Variation of condition 2 and 3 to allow revised and additional plans. PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Ritchie SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). <i>Mr Doble left the meeting whilst the following application was discussed.</i></p> <p>5.2 21/00252/FULL. Collard Hill Farm. Erection of an agricultural worker's dwelling. PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application providing that MDDC is happy that the necessary criteria are met. PROPOSED: Mr Russell SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Moon abstained from voting. <i>Mr Doble returned to the meeting.</i></p> <p>5.3 21/00315/FULL. Luggs Barn, Culm Davy. Removal of condition 3, change of use to holiday let. PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Ritchie SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour). Permission granted noted for:-</p>	

5.4	20/02068/FULL. 29 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing garage.20/01537/HOUSE	
6.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
6.1	New bin at Byes – the clerk has chased MDDC and hopes it will be installed shortly.	
7.	<p><u>County Council Report</u></p> <p>Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-</p> <p>DCC has announced its budget for 2021/22 an increase of 4.99%, 3% for the adult services which is agreed by Government and 1.99% which is the maximum increase level set by Government.</p> <p>Over and above the figures stated below, there will be an additional £600k going into road maintenance. We will be putting £300k into Climate Change over the next two years, to help, together with District Councils to help bring about zero carbon by 2030.</p> <p>The tremendous effort to fight coronavirus, support Devon's communities and keep the county operating has cost the authority significantly. At the outset of the pandemic, the Government provided local authorities in England with £500 million of grant funding to help economically vulnerable people to pay their Council Tax and the authority has provided funding of £1m towards a Covid-19 Hardship Fund, providing a vital safety net for those struggling financially. The increased number of people eligible for help with Council Tax, coupled with more firms being forced to go out of business and leaving properties empty, is contributing to a financial shortfall for authorities at a time when spending demands are increasing. Moving forward, the Government published the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2021/22 on 17 December confirming that, excluding Government assumptions about Council Tax nationally, the increase in Government funding for the authority is £3.7 million or 2.2%. The Government has also announced Devon's share of national Covid funding for 2021/22 is £14.823 million. In total, our spending in 2021/22 is due to rise by 6.6%, an overall increase of just under £35.7 million from 2020/21. We will continue to do all we can to support all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, and work closely with our colleagues in the NHS on the rollout of the vaccine as well as supporting local testing and contact tracing initiatives. We will take what we've learnt from our response so far to continue with our ongoing response and recovery work, in the knowledge that we will come out of this pandemic with new and innovative ways of working to ensure we continue on our journey as a learning organisation.</p> <p>It was hard to imagine that a return to normal would happen quickly. The rapidly changing circumstances led to a review of the Targets. Some savings previously identified did not seem feasible and the other areas needed bolstering to increase the resilience of the authority. The detailed budgets on pages 39 to 89 comply with the targets set by Cabinet on 13th January which total £578.5 million. The total includes funding for budget pressures of £47.3 million that mainly relates to additional expenditure to allow for service growth to cater for demographic changes such as increased children and adult service users and unavoidable cost pressures. Savings and income initiatives of £11.6 million are required to set a balanced budget. The targets set for each service area have been subject to different pressures and influences. We have achieved this budget, without dipping into any reserves.</p> <p>The table below shows the 2021/22 Budget Targets by service area, of course there are masses of figures to support the budget process, this just heading figures and departments.</p> <p>Adult Care & Health 20/21 year - £260,757m, Inflation £26,235m (£4,557m) 21/22year - Budget £282,435m, Net change £21,678m +8.3%</p>	

Children's Services

20/21 year - £146,869m, Inflation £13,787m (£2,389m)

21/22 year - Budget £158,267m, Net change £11,398m + 7.8%

Community Health

20/21year - £39,792m, Inflation £1,039m (£958k)

21/22 year - Budget £39,873 81m Net change + 0.2%

Corporate Services

20/21 year - £37,566m, Inflation £4,436m (£1,615m)

21/22 year - Budget £40,387m Net Change £2,821m + 7.5%

Highways, Infrastructure, Development & Waste

20/21year - £57,827m. Inflation £1,804m (£2,111)

21/22year - Budget £57,520m Nett change £307k -0.5%

All Totals;

20/21 - £542,811m Inflation £47,301m (£11,630)

21/22 year £578,482m Nett change £35,671 + 6.6%

Just a few statistics you might be interested in of infrastructure we operate;

Service/ Activity Unit of Measurement 2020/21

Estimate Size of Network Km 12,978.

Bridges No. 3,340

Structural retaining walls (>1.35m height) No. 1,749.

Structural retaining walls (>1.35m height) Km 125

Street lights total No. 80,244.

Street lights to have been converted to part night lighting No. 53,886.

Rights of way Km 5,012

Length of road salted Km 2,664.

Illuminated road markings and signs 10,694

Gullies emptied No. 165,000

Total grass area cut m2 7.6 million.

Surface dressed Km 443.

Resurfacing / reconstruction Km 126.

Another interesting fact, we have 65 farms, it was 100 but some have been amalgamated and others made bigger, totalling 9,965 acres, we have not sold any farms to raise revenue like some County Councils have had to do, we are very financially stable, and we have ample reserves .

Councillor Radford was asked to confirm when Castle Park might be resurfaced.

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8. District Councillor Report

Councillor Clist reported:-

The responsibility for Climate Change within the Council's Cabinet will cease to be an individual portfolio and will be accommodated within the broader Environment portfolio alongside other key strategic issues such as recycling, waste reduction and broader sustainability. Councillor Clist has voted in support of an equality, fairness and diversity motion. Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP) is being looked at again. This may mean many more homes for the district. Councillor Clist is progressing several enforcement matters in the parish and hopes to increase his community engagement. He suggested the

parish council may wish to do the same and look at possible live streaming of future meetings.

9. Finance

9.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

INCOME

No	Amount	From
1	150.00	Pring & Son

EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	1,111.60	D Evans	Wages and expenses
2.	31.57	HMRC	PAYE
3.	120.00	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
4.	217.50	I Pike	Village maintenance
5.	46.19	Npower	Electricity, toilets
6.	191.87	Viking	Stationery
7.	180.00	R Beaver	Longmead, maintenance
8.	40.37	Spot On	Toilet, consumables
9.	62.09	Spot On	Toilet, consumables
10.	150.00	S Ritchie	Village maintenance

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	477.72
HSBC Deposit	94,338.83
Unity Trust Bank current	100.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	42,127.27
Unity Trust Bank GF	710.97
Unity Trust Bank P3	1,688.21
Skipton 1-year Bond	86,173.70
United Trust Bank	78,709.80
Total	304,227.30

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Doble

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

10. Clerk Report

- 10.1 Pump refurb – the clerk had sought legal advice from NALC. NALC was unable to give specific advice. It was agreed that the clerk would seek advice from the Conservation Officer at MDDC with regard to the issues with the pump, their causes and how they may be rectified.
- 10.2 Station Road Pavement – the mapping problem has been resolved by the developer agreeing to transfer a small parcel of land to the pc. There will be additional legal costs involved (approx. £1,400) but this is necessary to enable the pc to grant the easement over the land and in turn install a pavement on Station Road.
- 10.3 Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) - the clerk has submitted maps of those areas in the village where the pc would like dogs to be kept on leads for inclusion in the new draft PSPO.

Clerk

11. Longmead

- 11.1 Bridge – Brookridge Timber will remove the bridge during the last week of April and BK Construction will build the necessary abutments during the first week of May. During this time members of the public will be able to walk around the outside of the football fields. Clerk to mention in PR.

11.2 11.3	<p>Bins – 3 new bins have been installed at Longmead. Unfortunately, they were moved before the concrete had fully set and now need to be reset. One of the bins has already been vandalised. Whilst working at Longmead Mr Ritchie observed many empty cans of alcohol. Clerk was asked to approach PCSO for a possible patrol/visit.</p> <p>Maintenance of borders by car park as proposed by Longmead Management Group PROPOSAL: the council agrees to the maintenance work to the borders by car park. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	Clerk
12.	<p><u>Highways</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
14.	<p><u>Footpaths</u> Miss Fouracre has walked several footpaths and has identified some problems that need attention. She will provide Mr Povah with the information to coordinate the repairs/improvements.</p>	JF/LP
15.	<p><u>Commons Management Group</u> Mr Moon will plant new trees to replace those that failed to take.</p>	NM
16.	<p><u>Village Maintenance</u> A parishioner has kindly offered to paint some metal finger posts in the village. Clerk to establish health and safety implications and report back.</p>	Clerk
17.	<p><u>Garages Youth Project</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
18.	<p><u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
19.	<p><u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u> Crash Barrier in car park – Mr Barton has inspected the wall. It was agreed at the last meeting to postpone the matter until the pc can meet on-site and fully explore all options. Mr Moon suggested a kerb stone may be installed in addition to any work to the wall.</p>	
20.	<p><u>Asset Management</u> Asset transfer to Parish Hall – the clerk has informed the secretary of the parish hall committee and awaits an update following a parish hall committee meeting.</p>	
21. 21.1 21.2	<p><u>Community Land</u> Legal adviser to act on behalf of the pc with regard to the transfer of the land. PROPOSAL: the council appoints Foot Anstey to act on its behalf. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>The pc agreed to create a working group to take the community land project forward. Mr Russell, Mr Barton, Mr Clist, Mr Moon and Mr Doble will be members of the working group. They will agree at the next meeting when they will hold a site visit.</p>	AR/TB SC/NM PD
22.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> 22.1 The clerk has reported to MDCC enforcement a newly created lake at Byes Farm which may need planning permission.</p>	
23.	<p><u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report</p>	
24.	<p><u>PR</u> The bridge at Longmead (north end) will be removed for refurbishment at the end April – early May. During this time members of the public are asked to use the outside of the football field.</p>	
25.	<p><u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm (via Zoom)</p>	

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