

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**held at Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>            Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr T Barton, Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr S Ritchie (Vice Chair), Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public.  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Miss J Fouracre, Mr R Calcraft (accepted and approved) and County Councillor R Radford</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Agenda item 11 - Mr Ritchie &amp; Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee.</li> <li>• Agenda item 15 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons.</li> <li>• Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon and Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living &amp; Activity Centre.</li> </ul>	
<p>The following agenda items were dealt with:-            Longmead            11.3 Skatepark. Members of the skatepark team updated councillors following their recent site meeting with the parish council. The group is looking for a commitment from the pc to provide a site for the park. The group then intends to pursue grant funding opportunities.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> In principle, the parish council is in agreement to site the skatepark between the MUGA and the pavilion, subject to general acceptance of the immediate neighbours and tennis club. Clerk to contact all relevant households and tennis club and ask for comments.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Ritchie  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Russell  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Correspondence            22.8 Repair Café. The pc considered a request to site the repair café at Longmead.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> the pc is supportive of the aims and objectives of the repair café and the tool library. However, it does not believe that Longmead (a sports facility) is an appropriate location.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Ritchie  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Doble  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour). Mr Povah abstained from voting.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>3. <u>Public Participation</u></b></p> <p>3.1 A parishioner asked for clarification reference exactly what was being built on the Cavanna site adjacent to the cemetery. It was confirmed that the site will have to be built to the agreed planning consent.</p> <p>3.2 The problem of speeding on Station Road was reported. Speedwatch team will now monitor Station Road.</p> <p>3.3 The poor state of the pavement leading to the school was reported. Clerk had reported latest incident (injury to child) to Highways.</p> <p>3.4 It was reported that there was more litter in the Longmead football dugouts than the litter bins adjacent to them.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> May are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Ritchie</p>	

**SECONDED:** Mr Russell  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

**5. Planning**

The following applications were considered:-

- 5.1 21/00978//HOUSE. 11 Station Road, Hemyock. Conversion of loft to living accommodation with dormer window.  
**PROPOSAL:** the parish council is content with the application.  
**PROPOSED:** Mr Barton  
**SECONDED:** Mr Ritchie  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).
- 5.2 21/01203/HOUSE. 18 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension.  
**PROPOSAL:** the parish council is content with the application.  
**PROPOSED:** Mr Barton  
**SECONDED:** Mr Ritchie  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).
- 5.3 21/01270/HOUSE. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock. Erection of garage/workshop/store.  
**PROPOSAL:** the parish council is not content with the application. It believes it constitutes over-development of the site and the drawings and information provided are vague.  
**PROPOSED:** Mr Ritchie  
**SECONDED:** Mr Moon  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).
- 5.4 21/01282/HOUSE. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock. Erection of a 2-storey extension following demolition of existing extension.  
**PROPOSAL:** the parish council is not content with the application. It believes it constitutes over-development of the site and the drawings and information provided are vague.  
**PROPOSED:** Mr Ritchie  
**SECONDED:** Mr Moon  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).
- To note permission granted for:-
- 5.5 21/00315/FULL. Luggs Barn, Culm Davy. Removal of condition 1 of planning permission - change of use from holiday let.
- 5.6 21/00722/HOUSE. 20 Station Road, Hemyock. Erection of replacement porch, alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access, replacement of fence by increasing height of wall.
- 5.7 21/00430/HOUSE. 13 Redwood Close, Hemyock. Erection of a single-storey side extension.
- 5.8 21/00779/HOUSE. 8 Tedders Close, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory.
- 5.9 21/00564/HOUSE. Meadowcroft, Station Road. Raising roof to create first floor to bungalow and erection of single-storey extension to rear.
- To note refusal for:-
- 5.10 20/01537/HOUSE. 19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Retention of timber outbuilding to be used ancillary to house, retention of decking and proposed water supply and drainage.
- To note no objection, prior approval not required for:-
- 5.11 21/00759/PNAH. Conigar Farm, Hemyock. Prior notification of agricultural building.

**6. Matters Arising**

6.1 Appointments to committees. The pc is happy to leave the positions unchanged from last year.

**7. County Council Report**

Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-

Induction courses for new members are taking place. I am on the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Scrutiny (CIRS), the Devon & Somerset Fire Service, being the main committees, the smaller ones being the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC), the canal advisory, the Westleigh Quarry advisory and the Broadpath Advisory.

A programme of bids totalling more than £12.2 million has been submitted by Devon County Council to a new government funding scheme which aims to support communities and businesses to recover after the coronavirus pandemic.

Devon's bid is made up of 16 projects from across the county which have the potential to generate around 620 jobs, support the creation of 400 new businesses and help 3,000 people to retrain.

The Department for Education recently published school admissions data stating that Devon is a high performing local authority in meeting parental preference for school places.

**Devon primary schools**

Devon is ranked sixth out of 150 local authorities in the country (and first in the 14 local authorities in the south west) for meeting parental preference requests for primary school places.

- 97.6% first preference rate for Devon primary schools, up from 94.7% last year, significantly better than national (91.8%) and regional (93.8%)
- 99.6% top three preference rate for Devon primary schools, up from 98.2% last year, better than national (98.0%) and regional (98.7%)

**Devon secondary schools**

Devon is ranked 28<sup>th</sup> out of 150 local authorities in the country (and sixth in the 14 local authorities in the south west) for meeting parental preference requests for secondary school places.

- 91.2% first preference rate for Devon secondary schools, down slightly from 92.3% in the previous year, significantly better than national (81.1%) and regional (86.5%)
- 97.5% top three preference rate for Devon secondary schools, similar to 97.4% last year, better than national (93.4%) and regional (95.9%).

This year sees us celebrating 10 years of the Snow Wardens Scheme; a scheme that without committed volunteers would fail to complement our winter service. Without their support over the winter period there could be a significant impact on the network, affecting local communities, vulnerable people and the economy.

In February members were informed Devon County Council and NHS Devon CCG had agreed with North Devon Health Care Trust not to renew the Living Well at Home service contract at the end of its natural term. The service delivered by NDHT known as Devon Cares has been arranging care on behalf of DCC and CCG to people in those areas but does not directly deliver the care itself. This decision means that Devon County Council will take back the day to day direct management of those care arrangements, working in close partnership with the same local care providers. People who are currently receiving domiciliary care arranged by Devon Cares on our behalf will continue to receive their service from the same care provider, with the same care arrangements. We are working closely with Devon Cares and local care providers, and with individual clients and their families, to ensure that the transition is made without disruption to the service. This change in arrangement commenced on 21st June 2021.

In 2021/22 our principal term contractor has changed from Skanska to Milestone Infrastructure Ltd (MI) a subsidiary company of M Group Services. The expectation is there will be no noticeable change in the delivery of the services formerly provided by Skanska.

**8. District Councillor Report**

Councillor Clist reported:-

Changes have taken place at MDDC. Councillor Ray Radford was elected as the new Chairman of Mid Devon District Council at its annual meeting. Councillor Ray Radford who was previously Vice-Chairman is taking on the role held by Cllr Les Cruwys who was the Chairman for 2019/20. Apart from the traditional legal duties such as chairing the meetings of full council, the Chairman also represents the Council and the whole of the district at civic functions.

Councillor Ron Dolley was appointed as the Vice Chairman of Mid Devon District Council.

Councillor Clist remains a member of the planning committee. The council recently voted to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill.

**9. Finance**

9.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

**INCOME**

No	Amount	From
1	732.48	Skipton Building Society, interest
2	0.78	Interest, HSBC
3	1,000.00	DCC, P3 grant
4	650.00	Pring & Son
5	200.00	Fine Memorials
6	.80	Interest, HSBC
7	150.00	Redwoods
8	130.00	Fine Memorials
9	200.00	AG Real & Son

**EXPENDITURE**

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	8.21	South West Water	Cemetery, water bill
2.	135.00	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
3.	166.00	SLCC	Subscription
4.	297.00	I Pike	Village maintenance
5.	44.42	Npower	Electricity, toilets
6.	259.35	S Aldworth	Internal audit and payroll
7.	100.50	R Taylor	Village maintenance
8.	250.56	Glasdon	Dog bags
9.	1010.04	D Evans	Wages and expenses
10.	8.99	HMRC	PAYE
11.	493.00	Freeline Graphics	Longmead Enviro Area – grant monies paid
12.	904.78	D Evans	Wages and expenses
13.	0.62	HMRC	PAYE
14.	8,160.00	South Western Ambulance	Defibrillators
15.	95.00	S Ritchie	Village maintenance (bin, Longmead)
16.	36.00	DALC	Training, chairman
17.	45.78	Npower	Electricity, toilets
18.	107.94	MAT Electrics	Annual service, air ambulance lights
19.	123.75	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
20.	496.00	I Pike	Village maintenance
21.	106.00	R Taylor	Village maintenance
22.	18.00	Unity Trust Bank	Service charge
23.	15,600.00	J Stevens	Interim payment, Trim Trail, Longmead
24.	50.00	K Amor	Ex gratia payment, toilets
25.	112.56	J Moon	Reimbursement of seeds, CMG

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	477.72
HSBC Deposit	94,340.35
Unity Trust Bank current	82.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	38,237.88
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	300,420.63

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

**PROPOSED:** Mr Clist

<b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Russell <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).		
<b>10. Clerk Report</b>		
10.1 Pump refurbishment – clerk is hoping to meet with the conservation officer later this month to obtain advice on best way to maintain the pump.		
10.2 Station Road Pavements – nothing to report.		
10.3 Play Area, Lower Greenfield – to note MDDC’s confirmation that the play area is not public open space.		
10.4 Parish Hall – clerk is waiting to hear from Parish Hall committee with regard to Purple Peril and basketball hoop.		Clerk
10.5 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) – clerk reported that she was disappointed that MDDC had not included the areas that the pc had asked to be included in the new 3-year PSPO. Clerk was asked to write to MDDC asking for further explanation.		
10.6 Castle Hill – speed limit. Concerns with regard to the speed limit on Castle Hill have been reported to Highways. Highways confirmed that to consider traffic calming or a reduced speed limit on a road it would look at details of speed-related injury collisions when there is a cluster of incidents and this would form part of an annual review. Any incident needs to be reported to 101 in order to help build a case.		
10.7 Catherine Wheel – The pub has been hit numerous times by HGVs turning from Culmstock. The landlord has asked what might be done about it. Clerk to report to Highways and ask for advice from the neighbourhood officer.		Clerk
<b>11. Longmead</b>		
11.1 South West Water – a claim has been submitted to SWW for the reinstatement works.		
11.2 Trim Trail – work will begin on 19 <sup>th</sup> July to resurface the trim trail.		
11.4 Bridge - the new bridge has been ordered and an amended price has been received from the contractor for the abutments. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council approves the new quote. Clerk will circulate the quote and specification. <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Barton <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Russell <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour). Mr Ritchie abstained from voting.		
11.5 Anti-social behaviour – Longmead Management Group is looking at ways to reduce antisocial behaviour, including installing CCTV. The pc awaits any recommendations from the group.		
<b>12. Highways</b>		
Castle Park – it was noted that the date for resurfacing continues to be put back. The latest date is end of July/early August. Clerk to ask Highways for an update.		Clerk
<b>13. Cemetery</b> Nothing to report.		
<b>14. Footpaths</b>		
A bridge on footpath 19 is in need of repair. DCC need to consider how best to repair as the usual method of repair may disturb the crayfish on site.		
<b>15. Commons Management Group</b> Nothing to report.		
<b>16. Village Maintenance</b>		
16.1 Maintenance person will be asked to strim around dog bin on industrial estate.		Clerk
<b>17. Garages Youth Project</b> Nothing to report.		
<b>18. Blackdown Hills Parish Network</b> Nothing to report.		
<b>19. Blackdown Healthy Living &amp; Activities Centre</b>		
19.1 Crash Barrier – Mr Povah and Mr Ritchie will meet on site to and discuss and agree specification for works to protect wall. They will report back to council.		LP/SR
19.2 River – maintenance work may be required in the river near to the building. Clerk to arrange a site visit.		Clerk
<b>20. Asset Management</b> Nothing to report.		
<b>21. Community Land</b>		

<p>21.1 The working group met to discuss the community land. This item will be covered at the end of the meeting under part 2, where the public will be excluded due to the commercially sensitive nature of the item being discussed.</p>	
<p><b>22. Correspondence</b>                  22.1 Open Spaces Summer edition noted.                  22.2 Gigaclear – network access agreement noted.                  22.3 Devon CPRE – Spring newsletter noted.                  22.4 Assets of community value – pub and post office 5-year asset of community value – right to bid has expired.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> re-nominate the pub and post office as assets of community value.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Povah  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour). Clerk to check what procedure to follow.                  22.5 Email with regard to a tree that has fallen at Lickham – Mr Moon is obtaining quotations for the necessary works and liaising with Devon Wildlife Trust and will report back to council.                  22.6 Email from parishioner with regard to waste and litter at Turbary – this was referred to the CMG to investigate.                  22.7 Email from Gigaclear with regard to land adjacent to brook near castle/church. Carry forward.</p>	<p>Clerk NM</p>
<p><b>23. Items raised by chairman</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>24. Items raised by councillors</b>                  24.1 Donations to charity. Mr Ritchie explained that when canvassing recently some parishioners had remarked about the level of the pc’s precept and charitable giving. The donations the pc makes to charity are carefully considered and the pc ensures that the charity benefits a number of parishioners. Around 5% of the precept is allocated to donations. The main bulk of the precept is spent on the many assets of the parish, namely: toilets, car park, Healthy Living Centre, Longmead, cemetery, etc.</p>	
<p><b>25. Public Participation</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>26. PR</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>27. Date of next Meeting</b> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm, Parish Hall, Hemyock</p>	
<p><b>28. Exclusion of public &amp; press – Chair to move</b> that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential /sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.                  28.1 Emails of complaint from parishioners with regard to conduct of contractor working for council. The chair and clerk were asked to discuss the matter with the contractor and document the incident. Clerk to write apology to the member of the public.                  28.2 Community Land – Mr Barton was asked to continue his discussions with landowners with regard to possible access routes to the community land from the north.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Mr Barton to continue discussion with interested parties and report back to council.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Clist  <b>SECONDED:</b> Miss Lawrence  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).                  28.3 Planning permission has been granted at the Old Station Yard site. The parish council has an overage clause on this site and awaits an approach from the new owner.</p>	<p>Clerk/ PD</p>

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