

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held at Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 6th October 2021

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr S Ritchie (Vice Chair), Mr T Barton, Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), District Councillor James Bartlett and members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr L Povah (accepted and approved) and County Councillor R Radford.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 3 – co-option – Mr Clist is the partner of one of the applicants and will leave the room whilst this is being discussed. • Agenda item 6 – Planning – Mr Clist is a member of the planning committee of Mid Devon District Council and chooses not to participate in any planning application consultation. • Agenda item 8 - Mr Ritchie & Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. • Agenda item 18 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. • Agenda item 20 - Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee. • Agenda item 22 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. 	
<p>3. <u>Co-option of councillor</u> Following the resignation of Miss J Fouracre, the council received two applications from parishioners wanting to be considered for co-option on to the council. Both were excellent candidates who introduced themselves and informed the council why they wanted to join and what skills they would bring. After a secret ballot Mrs P Dayus-Jones was co-opted on to the council.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>4.1 Road signs and cones have been left half way up Penn Cross Hill. Clerk to report to Highways</p> <p>4.2 Gigaclear has left the green area at Parklands unfinished after its latest installation. Clerk to report to Gigaclear.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>The following agenda items were dealt with:- Longmead 8.1 Skatepark. Bob Hawkes, Chairman of Hemyock Tennis Club, read out a statement outlining the club's concerns. Andy Brooke, Skatepark team, read out a statement outlining the reasons why the proposed site had been chosen. <i>Mrs Dayus-Jones declared a personal interest as she lives close to the proposed site and chose not to take part in the following vote.</i> PROPOSAL: The parish council gives its consent to a skatepark being installed on the site identified adjacent to the MUGA. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Clist asked that it was minuted that all 8 councillors voted to support this motion. 8.2 Skateboarding Event - the group wants to put on an event, possibly at The Garages, to promote skateboarding and will invite other groups in the village to participate and promote their own club. The group asked that the pc pay for the insurance for the event. PROPOSAL: The parish council will cover the insurance for the event up to a cost of £100. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Russell</p>	

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

8.3 Bridge – there has been a 3-week delay at the company that is galvanising the bridge. It is hoped that the bridge will be fitted next month.

A member of the public asked to speak about access to his land. He purchased land in the parish and claimed that he had a right to access his land over parish council registered common land. The parish council had previously been advised that no such right existed and asked the member of the public to provide evidence. The member of the public has this week provided some evidence. The member of the public suggested the parish council was refusing access due to personal reasons. The pc confirmed it was a legal matter and would not comment further until legal advice has been sought.

PROPOSAL: The council seeks further legal advice on the matter.

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Calcraft.

DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Russell abstained from the vote.

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 1st September are approved.

PROPOSED: Mr Clist

SECONDED: Mr Moon

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

6. Planning

The following applications were considered:-

6.1 21/01731/HOUSE. Erection of a detached granny annexe, Parkview, Withy Lane, Hemyock.

PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application.

PROPOSED: Mr Russell

SECONDED: Mr Barton

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

6.2 21/01316/FULL. Erection of an agricultural building, greenhouse, irrigation pond, ground mounted solar PV panels and associated works. Land at NGR 313009 111929, Castle Hill, Hemyock.

PROPOSAL: The council is not content with the application. It considers this to be sporadic development on agricultural green field land in an AONB. It suggests the planning officer might wish to visit the site to check if work has already commenced.

PROPOSED: Mr Moon

SECONDED: Miss Lawrence

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

6.3 21/01708/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extensions and porch. Scotland Farm, Hemyock.

PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application.

PROPOSED: Mr Moon

SECONDED: Mr Ritchie

DECISION: passed (all in favour). Miss Lawrence noted that some of the drawings did not show the direction of north.

Permission granted noted for:-

6.4 19/00609/FULL. Conversion of 13 flats to 5 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access. 1-13 Old School Court, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock.

6.5 21/01233/FULL. Change of use of barn to ancillary storage/office use and annexe/holiday let. Land and Buildings at NGR 315174 115780 Foxholes Farm, Clayhidon.

6.6 21/01282/HOUSE. Erection of a two-storey extension following demolition of existing extension. Pikes Cottage, Hemyock.

7. Finance

Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

INCOME

No	Amount	From
1	41,382.50	MDDC precept final instalment
2	100.00	Gigaclear
3	150.00	Tredwin, cemetery
4	650.00	Pring & Son, cemetery
5	1000.00	Contribution towards tree works (Lickham)
6	.80	Interest, HSBC
7	500.00	Redwoods, cemetery

EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	201.00	N Page	P3 work
2.	91.56	P Moon & Sons	Reimbursement, pipe for tree clearance, Lickham
3.	142.50	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
4.	636.88	I Pike	Village maintenance
5.	1,087.31	D Evans	Wages and expenses
6.	66.50	HMRC	PAYE
7.	44.73	Npower	Electricity, toilets
8.	50.00	R Taylor	Village maintenance
9.	3,000.00	J Stevens	Tree clearance, Lickham
10.	120.00	J Stevens	Topping, Shuttleton Common
11.	40.43	Spot On	Toilet, consumables
12.	115.00	R Taylor	Village maintenance (footbridge, BMX)
13.	18.00	Unity Trust	Banking charge

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	477.72
HSBC Deposit	94,345.11
Unity Trust Bank current	3801.41
Unity Trust Bank deposit	93,063.11
Unity Trust Bank GF	710.97
Unity Trust Bank P3	893.21
Skipton 1-year Bond	86,906.18
United Trust Bank	79,613.87
Total	359,869.51

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).

9. Correspondence

9.1 Reef & Beef – The clerk has sought advice with regard to a pitch fee.

PROPOSAL: the council gives permission to Reef and Beef to have a weekly pitch at Longmead for a donation of £15 per week. This will also apply to Exe Valley Pizza Company. Clerk to coordinate.

PROPOSED: Mr Ritchie

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed (8 for, 1 against).

9.2 Hemyock's Big Visit

PROPOSAL: the council pays the insurance premium for this event.

PROPOSED: Mr Russell

SECONDED: Mr Moon

DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Ritchie abstained from voting.

9.3 Hemyock Lights Brigade

Clerk

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	<p>PROPOSAL: the council makes a donation of £1,000 on the proviso that the event organisers arrange for buckets for collections at the event and that they consider having a tree in the village with lights.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Ritchie</p> <p>SECONDED: Mr Russell</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	Clerk
9.4	Defibrillator Training – the clerk will arrange for an annual training session on a Saturday with South Western Ambulance Service.	Clerk
10.	<p><u>Community Land</u></p> <p>10.1 Miss Lawrence suggested the parish council might consider extending this project to take into account matters such as physical and mental health and include working with other interested parties i.e. BHLAC, doctors' surgery, churches, school, Blackdown Support Group, etc. The community land working group are due to meet later in the month and Miss Lawrence was invited to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>10.2 Miss Lawrence also reported that she had spoken with Paul Durman, Ashculme Tree Surgeons, about the ash tree near the BHLAC. The clerk was asked to follow-up with him for a quotation and advice with regard to the trees in that area.</p>	PL Clerk
11.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>11.1 Pump – the clerk explained that MDDC's conservation officer recommended the pc take advice from a company from Bristol, Dorothea Restorations, on how best to restore the Pump. This advice will cost £380.00. The clerk was asked to circulate information about the company.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p><u>County Council Report</u></p> <p>Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-</p> <p>Waste</p> <p>The 2020/21 performance statistics have just been published and Devon's recycling rate reduced to 55.3% from the previous year's 56.6%. The reduction can be linked to the provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which closed for seven weeks during the first lockdown commencing end March 2020. Subsequent social distancing measures reduced site capacities, closure of resale shops and the introduction of booking systems also impacted on the amount of waste processed leading to a reduction in recycling performance.</p> <p>Key Public health messages:</p> <p>People should continue to be cautious and follow basic public health advice on regular testing, self-isolation if symptomatic, and hands, face, space, etc. and avoid close contact indoors where possible.</p> <p>The whole of the Highways and Traffic Management Service is experiencing real difficulties in recruiting staff. The team is currently operating with 33 vacancies from a total workforce of approximately 240. This reduction in staffing numbers is putting added pressure on the remaining workforce at a time when the team have been dealing with the added challenges of the different ways of working and reduced tolerance in our communities brought about by the pandemic. They continue to work with colleagues in HR and look for different ways to promote the opportunities that are available.</p> <p>This year's arboricultural surveys have seen a reduction in the number of actionable Ash Dieback reports and general tree defects across the county. The team are working with their legal colleagues around areas of landowner responsibility and promoting the need for land owners to do their bit in relation to trees, vegetation and drainage.</p> <p>Planning is underway for a virtual Parish and Town Council conference, held via Teams, before the end of the year. Parishes were asked for feedback on what topics they would be interested in understanding more about. The aim is to create an interactive event for parish and town councillors as well as our own members. Attendees will be able to participate in the sessions that interest them.</p>	

<p>With the recent change in weather, I'm pleased to tell you that the Winter Service operations are well prepared for what this season has to offer. Over the summer all the equipment has been serviced with the gritters recalibrated to ensure the correct amount of salt is spread onto the network. Despite the HGV driver issues the salt barns are well stocked.</p> <p>Again, with a change in weather comes another set of challenges. The team have been looking at how they can manage the drainage cleaning budget in a different way. The challenge is ensuring all gullies, grips, easements and buddle holes are cleaned in line with our policy while maintaining the ability to deliver a reactive service as and when the need occurs. This challenge is even greater in the south west with a limited supply chain to cope with sudden increases in demand.</p> <p>As we look forward to next year there remains significant uncertainty with regard to future budgets in both capital and revenue. You can imagine this makes it very hard to manage forward programmes and provide commitments to communities about what work will be delivered when.</p> <p>Wellbeing DCC has been shortlisted for a 'Personal Today' award for our health and wellbeing provision to our workforce over the course of the Pandemic. The award ceremony will be in November.</p>	
<p>13. <u>District Councillor Report</u> Councillor Clist will send a report before the next meeting.</p>	
<p>23. <u>Items raised by councillors</u> 23.1 Mr Moon reported that following the tree works at Lickham he had taken possession of the large oak tree trunk. Mr Ritchie may know of a potential purchaser. 23.2 Mr Russell confirmed that Longmead Management Group had agreed to keep the MUGA open at weekends and school holidays. Clerk to report on social media.</p>	Clerk
<p>27. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>28. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 6th November 2021 at 7.30pm, Parish Hall, Hemyock.</p>	

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