

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held at Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 3rd November 2021

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr S Ritchie (Vice Chair), Mr T Barton, Mr R Calcraft, Mrs P Dayus-Jones, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr A Russell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public. <u>Apologies</u> County Councillor R Radford and District & Parish Councillor S Clist</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 5.2 – Mr Barton has a personal interest as he is a friend of the applicant. • Agenda item 8 - Mr Ritchie & Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. • Agenda item 9.1 – Mrs P Dayus-Jones has a personal interest as she lives close to the proposed access point. • Agenda item 17 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. • Agenda item 19 - Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages Committee. • Agenda item 21 - 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></p> <p>3.1 A member of the public asked when the installation of the new bridge at Longmead would be completed. The clerk confirmed that the contractor had assured her it would be completed within the next week.</p> <p>3.2 It was reported that vehicles (possibly from the Cavanna Homes construction site) have been parking outside the cemetery gates for long periods. Clerk was instructed to contact Cavanna and ask that their contractors refrain from parking outside the cemetery. The clerk was asked to purchase a 'Parking for cemetery visitors only' sign.</p>	Clerk
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 6th October are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 21/01914/HOUSE. Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 18/01377/HOUSE to allow the substitution of previously approved plans. Erection of an extension, Whitehall View, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is not content with the application unless a solution is found that is acceptable to neighbour and applicant. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>5.2 21/01944/FULL. Alterations and erection of two-storey extension to dwelling following demolition of conservatory, conversion of agricultural/equestrian building to create holiday accommodation and home office. Horwood Farm, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Permission granted noted for:-</p>	

5.3 21/01668/HOUSE. Conversion of part of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation and installation of solar panels on south facing roof. Barnfield, Madford Farm, Hemyock.

Appeal noted for:-

5.4 19 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock. Retention of timber outbuilding to be used ancillary to the main house, retention of decking and proposed installation of water supply and drainage pipes underground. Appeal Ref No. APP/Y1138/D/21/3280155. Application No: 20/01537/HOUSE. Appeal starting date: 20th October 2021.

6. Finance

Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

INCOME

No	Amount	From
1	462.00	DCC p3 grant
2	130.00	A G Real

EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	120.00	I Govier	Toilet, plumbing
2.	14,520.00	JS Engineering	Bridge, Longmead
3.	120.00	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
4.	418.95	I Pike	Village maintenance
5.	983.74	D Evans	Wages and expenses
6.	33.45	HMRC	PAYE
7.	43.60	Npower	Electricity, toilets
8.	3020.28	Symonds & Sampson	Professional fees, overage
9.	16.08	South West Water	Water, cemetery
10	16.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire
11	73.73	Spot On	Village maintenance, consumables
12	9.61	Spot On	Toilet, consumables
13	100.00	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	477.72
HSBC Deposit	94,345.11
Unity Trust Bank current	100.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	75650.08
Unity Trust Bank GF	710.97
Unity Trust Bank P3	2,224.21
Skipton 1-year Bond	86,906.18
United Trust Bank	79,613.87
Total	340,028.14

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

PROPOSED: Mr Doble

SECONDED: Mr Calcraft

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

7. Longmead

7.1 Skatepark. Daniel Rance, MDDC Planning Officer, has confirmed that planning permission is not necessary for the skatepark. This is allowable under permitted development. Mr A Brooke from the skatepark team is speaking to various skatepark companies and will report back to the council when he has 3 quotations.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Overage reference Old Station Yard Site – the clerk has circulated the opinion of Richard Miller from Symonds and Sampson with regard to the overage valuation.

Clerk

<p>PROPOSAL: the council agrees to appoint Mr Miller to deal with the negotiation on its behalf. However, it needs more information with regard to the likely hours that will be spent before it decides whether to appoint the expert on an hourly rate or percentage of overage clause. Clerk to ask for clarity on this point.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>8.2 Defibrillator training will be held on Saturday 8th January 10am-12 noon Parish Hall.</p> <p>8.3 Fast food pitches at Longmead - the clerk has informed Reef & Beef of the terms. She is waiting to hear from them. Exe Valley Pizza has suggested an alternative monthly contribution.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: the council requests £40 per month. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Ritchie DECISION: failed (3 for, 6 against).</p> <p>PROPOSAL: the council requests £20 per month. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (7 for, 2 against).</p>	
<p>9. <u>Community Land</u> The working group put the following recommendations to the council :-</p> <p>9.1 If possible the pc enters into a legal agreement now to secure a land swap in order to provide access to the community land. PROPOSAL: the council accepts the recommendation. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (6 for, 1 against). 2 abstentions.</p> <p>9.2 The working group asks that the following project objective is agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create and maintain a space that brings families and communities of all ages together • Develop the space around sustainable and green values • Encourage people to spend time in nature through a good design of the space <p>PROPOSAL: the council agrees with the objectives. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all agreed).</p>	
<p>10. <u>Matters Arising</u> 10.1 Pump – the clerk had circulated details of the company recommended by the conservation officer at MDDC. PROPOSAL: the clerk instructs the company to inspect the Pump and provide advice on what has gone wrong with the previous refurbishment and what it recommends for its future upkeep. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all agreed). Mr Russell agreed to attend the site meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk AR</p>
<p>11. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-</p> <p>There has been significant change to school provision over the past few years with the Local Authority's role changing but its statutory duty remains to ensure the sufficiency of school places in its area, championing high standards in all schools, supporting the most vulnerable children and acting as champions for all parents and families.</p> <p>Over the past year, Devon County Council has invested nearly £3.5million in providing over 100,000 supermarket vouchers for families who qualify for free school meals so their children don't go hungry over the school holidays. The financial challenges faced by some families can be intensified during the school holidays because of the increased costs such as food and reduced incomes due</p>	

to childcare. These vouchers have become a lifeline for many families in Devon. We are seeing applications for free school meals continuing to rise as families struggle with their finances as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. In fact, the number of children in the county now eligible for this support is at a record high, having increased by 3,300 over the last year to a total of nearly 18,000 during the last term – that's close to 18% of all school children in Devon!

If a family's income has recently reduced or stopped they could qualify for free school meals for their child or children, please encourage them to apply on line through the DCC website (devon.cc/freeschoolmeals) or contact the education helpline on 0345 155 1019 to check if they are eligible for this support as soon as possible.

The shortage of care workers in England now is greater than it was pre-pandemic, according to national charity, Skills for Care. Care providers everywhere are struggling to find enough staff. Many are turning down new requests for help, and juggling rotas and home visits while doing the best they can to care for vulnerable clients. In Devon, around 2,000 additional care workers are needed to fill growing numbers of vacancies, and demand for care is rising. People needing care are finding it very difficult to source; and people already getting help are seeing changes to their visits while their care providers respond to higher demand without having the staff numbers they need.

Devon first achieved a 50% recycling rate (National Indicator NI192) in 2008/09 and by 2010/11 was the highest performing Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) in England at 55%. Since this accolade the authority has remained within the top six highest performing WDAs, and in 2019/20 achieved its highest ever recycling rate at 56.6% placing the authority in second place nationally. In 2020/21, whilst Devon's performance reduced to 55.3% (NI192), provisional national data indicates that the authority remains the second highest performing WDA against a backdrop of reducing performance for other leading authorities

Waste Analysis 2022 The Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon notes that an audit of dustbin waste was carried out in 2017 and that this should be carried out at 5 yearly intervals. This gives an invaluable insight into the contents of residents' bins and therefore an understanding of which materials are being placed by residents in the wrong bin. The authorities can then measure progress from previous years but most importantly target their communications appropriately. The 2017 analysis showed that for Devon 40.8% more could be recycled with collection services at the time (51,245 tonnes) and 58.6% more could be recycled with a district wide aligned option (73,600 tonnes). The net costs of this missed recycling are approximately £3 million and £4.4 million respectively, plus the loss of income of £1 – 1.5 million. If all residents put the right waste in the right bin in the above scenarios, the recycling rates would increase to 70.4% and 76.7% respectively.

12. District Council Report

Councillor Clist sent his apologies.

13. Clerk Update

13.1 the clerk will obtain quotes for maintenance work for the trees at BHLAC and the floodbridge.

Clerk

14. Highways

14.1 Fly tipping of trees outside Scotland Farm. Clerk to report.

14.2 Clerk was asked to report pot holes on Castle Hill.

14.3 Clerk was asked to report poor state of road at Culm Pyne.

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15. Cemetery

Nothing to report.

16. Footpaths

16.1 Miss Lawrence reported that the footpath from Dixcroft to Millhayes is very boggy in places. Mr Povah will assess the situation.

LP

17. Commons Management Group

17.1 Mr Moon suggested a site visit to Hemyock Turbary to discuss his proposed ditch clearing works. Councillors who are available to meet at the Turbary at 11am on Sunday 21st November.

18. <u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.	
19. <u>Garages Youth Project</u> Nothing to report.	
20. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.	
21. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u> 21.1 Crash Barrier. Mr Ritchie will obtain 3 quotes (labour only) for the crash barrier with the pc purchasing the materials directly. 21.2 The Cameo and Brightside have merged to become the 'Riverside Club'. Numbers are down compared to pre-Covid. The centre is promoting the club to potential new members.	SR
22. <u>Asset Management</u> 22.1 Mr Povah is obtaining quotations for new boards on the floodbridge.	LP
23. <u>Items raised by chairman</u> 23.1 The chair confirmed that the council will not meet in January, unless there are planning applications to consider.	
24. <u>Items raised by councillors</u> 24.1 A parishioner's request for support in his campaign for traffic calming was discussed. PROPOSAL: the clerk informs the parishioner that the pc supports his attempt to persuade Devon County Highways to install traffic calming on Culmstock Road. The clerk will ask Cavanna Homes if it will install a traffic calming hump, if and when the parishioner is successful and obtains permission from Devon County Highways. PROPOSED: Mr Ritchie SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all agreed). 24.2 Mr Moon asked for update on access issues at Shuttleton Common. Clerk will circulate latest information. 24.3 New District Councillor Jamie Bartlett was suggested as the judge of the Christmas decorations competition. 24.4 Noticeboards. The village has several notice boards that need replacing (BHLAC and Longmead). Mrs Dayus-Jones will approach the community Shed Group to see if they might be able to assist.	Clerk Clerk Clerk PDJ
25. <u>Public Participation</u> 25.1 A member of the public asked if Hemyock could have a river level indicator similar to the one in Culmstock. Clerk will contact the Environment Agency.	Clerk
26. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.	
27. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 1 st December 2021 at 7.30pm, Parish Hall, Hemyock.	

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