

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held at Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 2nd February 2022

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr T Barton, Mr S Clist, Mrs P Dayus-Jones, 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. <u>Apologies</u> Mr R Calcraft, received and approved.</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 chooses not to participate in any planning application consultation. • Agenda item 7 - Mrs Dayus-Jones & Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee. • Agenda item 10 - Mr Moon & Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. • Agenda item 10 – Mrs Dayus-Jones has a personal interest as she is an employee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. • Agenda item 19- Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. 	
<p>3. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>3.1 The Parish Hall committee confirmed that it does not wish to take control of the Purple Peril and basketball hoop.</p> <p>3.2 The Parish Hall committee intends to refurbish the play area and asked the parish council for financial assistance. This is to be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.</p> <p>3.3 The church would like to be involved in any Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration. The clerk to organise a meeting for a working group to discuss. Meeting booked for Monday 28th February @ 7.30pm Parish Hall.</p> <p>3.4 The ‘no parking’ signs outside the cemetery are being ignored by some parents picking up from /dropping off at school. The clerk to ask the school to include this in its weekly newsletter. This will also be mentioned to Cavanna at the next site visit.</p> <p>3.5 The road at Lyndesign needs attention. Mr Clist will follow up when he meets with the highway neighbourhood officer to discuss problem areas in the parish.</p> <p>3.6 It was reported that a new sewerage pipe recently installed across St Margaret’s Brook, Longmead, is bending. Clerk to report to South West Water. <i>Post meeting the parish council’s maintenance person reported that he had cleared the debris and will keep an eye on the pipe. No further action necessary at this time.</i></p>	<p>Finance committee</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>4. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 5th January 2022 are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>5.1 21/02522/HOUSE. Construction of a front dormer loft conversion to provide additional accommodation. 4 Longmead, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: the council is not content with the application. It believes this development is overwhelming and would have a negative impact on the existing street scene. It suggests a rear loft conversion would be more acceptable. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Ritchie DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Barton declared a personal interest as he knows the applicants and chose not to vote on the matter.</p>	

Permission granted noted for:-

- 5.2 21/02160/HOUSE. Erection of a conservatory to rear. 7 Higher Millhayes, Hemyock.
 5.3 21/02249/FULL. Erection of an agricultural storage barn. Rodleigh Farm, Hemyock.
 5.4 21/02303/FULL. Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. Land at NGR 314111 111293 (Moorhayes) Hemyock.

6. Finance

6.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

INCOME

No	Amount	From
1	15.00	Skatepark donation
2	20.00	Exe Valley Pizza donation, Longmead
3	240.00	Skatepark donations
4	10.00	Skatepark donations
5	1,289.19	Skatepark donations

EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	26.85	Classy Glass	Bus shelter, glass
2.	650.00	Tom Johnston	Skate Jam (Grant money received)
3.	122.08	Blackdown Clothing	Skate Jam (Grant money received)
4.	120.00	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
5.	207.00	I Pike	Village maintenance
6.	825.39	D Evans	Clerk wages and expenses
7.	56.32	Npower	Electricity, toilets
8.	340.00	N Page	Footpath P3
9.	191.00	Woodquist	Website hosting
10	73.82	N Thompson	Reimbursement, chainsaw costs
11	156.85	South West Water	Public conveniences
12	12.54	South West Water	Cemetery
13	179.20	Spot On	Consumables, public conveniences

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	477.72
HSBC Deposit	94,347.47
Unity Trust Bank current	350.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	59,647.05
Unity Trust Bank GF	711.01
Unity Trust Bank P3	1762.32
Skipton 1-year Bond	86,906.18
United Trust Bank	79,613.87
Total	323,815.62

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

PROPOSED: Mr Clist

SECONDED: Mr Ritchie

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

7. Longmead

7.1 Overflow car park area – Mr Russell and Mr Povah had met on site and mapped out an area to be revamped. It was agreed that they would meet again on site together with Mr Moon to discuss the matter further and come back to the parish council with some

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	<p>quotations to consider. The clerk was asked to seek clarification on whether any planning permission would be necessary.</p>	
7.2	<p>Longmead Management Group (LMG) – Mr Russell update the pc following the latest LMG meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV – in September last year the council agreed in principle to the installation of CCTV at Longmead but asked for full costings and more information. The quotations have now been provided. It was suggested that the quality of images will be too poor to be of use , that images cannot be published on social media to help identify wrongdoers, and be that some areas won't be covered by the CCTV. It was suggested that dummy cameras might be an alternative option. Mr Russell was asked to go back to LMG for further investigation and clarification. • Grant and letter confirming freehold use – required to secure a grant to purchase an Aeroquick. It was suggested that this equipment might not work on Hemyock's pitches due to its clay content. It was suggested that the football club carry out percolation tests to establish if this equipment will be effective. Clerk to establish exactly what the football club need the pc to confirm in its letter. PROPOSAL: the pc agrees in principle to give a grant of £1,200 towards the 'aeroquick' piece of equipment as long as percolation tests beforehand prove that it will work. Clerk to contact the football club for clarity on exactly what is necessary in the letter of support. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour). • Temporary Flood Lights PROPOSAL: the pc gives the football club permission to use temporary floodlights (in line with existing rules with regard to timing of lights). PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Ritchie DECISION: passed (all in favour). • Ditch clearance Mr Russell will obtain a quotation from Jamie Stevens for the work • Defibrillator The football club has its own defibrillator and has suggested it could replace the council-managed defibrillator at Longmead. The pc requires more information from the football club. What package have they got with the defib? Is it leased? Who will maintain it? It was suggested that the pc will mention to Cavanna when it meets with them later in the week about the possibility of providing a wall/area with electricity to house another defibrillator and noticeboard. Mr Doble will speak to the school to see what equipment they have. 	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AR</p>
7.3	<p>Play Area – the problems identified at the annual safety check have been put right by Sutcliffe, the play area equipment provider.</p>	
7.4	<p>Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) MDDC wishes to amend its Public Spaces Protection Order and is now consulting on the amendments. The consultation period will run from the end of January to 25th February. The amendments include keeping dogs on leads at Higher Millhayes grass area and Longmead. These were missed off the original order. The parish council supports these amendments. Dogs should not be allowed to run onto the football playing pitches and if dogs are kept on leads this will prevent that from happening. The pc is keen to provide an alternative dog walking area on the new community land.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Clerk Update</u></p>	
8.1	<p>HSBC – the bank has changed its charging structure. Clerk to refer to finance committee to discuss internet banking.</p>	<p>Finance Committee</p>
8.2	<p>Committees PROPOSAL: the membership of all committees etc., remain unchanged. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
8.3	<p>Overage at the Old Station Yard/Old BMX site – nothing to report.</p>	

8.4 Seddons – has offered to provide/sponsor ‘20 is plenty’ signs for the village. It was agreed to ask Seddons for 6 signs.	
9. Cemetery 9.1 Moles PROPOSAL: Nick Williams is instructed to deal with the moles at the cemetery and grass areas at BHLAC. Although not the cheapest quotation, he comes recommended. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour).	
10. Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre 10.1 Crash Barrier in car park – Mr Ritchie reported that the new design (reduce height of wall, install tubular railings and concrete) would cost over £13,000. Mr Moon suggested installing kerbstones as a cheaper alternative solution. Mr Russell suggested galvanised posts and timber rails. PROPOSAL: the pc goes ahead with the new design using tubular rails etc. Mr Ritchie and Mr Povah to obtain 3 quotations. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Russell DECISION: passed (all in favour). 10.2 Tree Works at BHLAC and floodbridge PROPOSAL: Ashculme Tree Surgeons are instructed to go ahead with the work providing that there are no honeybees present in the trees. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mrs Dayus-Jones DECISION: passed (8 for/1 against). 10.3 Request for financial funding – consider letter from BHLAC for funding PROPOSAL: the pc makes a grant of £1,000 to BHLAC. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Clist and Mr Ritchie abstained from voting.	
11. Correspondence 11.1 letter of thanks from Royal British Legion noted.	
12. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 12.1 The clerk will organise a meeting to establish a working group. <i>Post meeting – working group meeting organised for Monday 28th February at 7.30.pm, Parish Hall – anyone interested in helping organise an event should attend.</i>	
13. Community Land Nothing to report.	
14. Matters Arising Nothing to report.	
15. County Council Report This time of year DCC is preparing its budget for April 2022/23. I have set out some of the budgets/issues we have had to grapple with. The draft budget complies with the targets set by Cabinet on 8th December which total £629.4 million. The total includes funding for budget pressures of £87.4 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 £38.7 million are required to set a balanced budget. The table below shows the 2022/23 Budget Targets by service area. Adult Care & Health £312.928m increase of 10.5% Children Services £17.112m “ “ 10.8% Communities, Public Health £41.243m “ “ 2.4%	

Corporate Services	£41.793m	“	“	1.9%
Highways Infrastructure	£57.324m	“	“	0.4%

Totals for this year’s budget £629.362m increase of 8.4%

We will see an increase in our Council Tax

Devon Elevation Fund

New Funding – Devon Elevation Fund to be launched in January 2022

There will be a new funding opportunity for businesses and community organisations across Devon starting in January 2022.

The Devon Elevation Fund, being part of the Community Renewal Fund, will provide grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 for projects that help businesses and community organisations to do any of the following:

- Respond to the different trading environment resulting from COVID-19
- Plan for future growth and development
- Develop new products and services
- Improve infrastructure
- Assess the feasibility of future initiatives

The funding is mostly revenue, to buy in help, advice and expertise to achieve these objectives, and there may be an opportunity to include small items of equipment in support of this. This funding cannot be used to pay for your own staff time or for your running costs. For grants above £5,000 you will also need to make a contribution to the costs of the project. Details of this new fund will be available from January 2022.

To benefit from this opportunity, you will have to be quick as the money must all be spent by June 2022.

NOTE: THE DEVON ELEVATION FUND IS PART OF THE COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND, MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES AND DELIVERED LOCALLY BY DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL AND NORTH DEVON +, BUSINESS INFORMATION POINT AND THE DIVERSE REGENERATION COMPANY CIC.

Devon County Council (DCC) has a large road network of nearly 8000 miles, 7000 miles of which is rural. Over 6000 miles of the rural network are comprised of the more minor C-Class (C) and Unclassified (UC) roads. Within DCC more road deaths, serious injuries and slight injuries occur on our rural roads than on our urban routes.

4610 or 63% of injuries occurred on our rural roads compared to 2694 or 37% on our urban routes. Furthermore, 1,108 fatal & serious (approx. 70%) accidents occurred on rural roads compared to 528 (approx. 30%) on the urban areas. The highest proportion of rural road injuries occurred on our A-Road network.

DCC’s A-Roads only comprise a small proportion of our total rural road network length, but it should be noted that our A-Road routes carry significantly higher volumes of vehicular traffic. (80% of traffic use 20% of roads)

The urban roads generally carry higher traffic flows with a larger number of vulnerable road users such as pedestrian and cyclists.

Another indicator for the condition of the road network is the number of recorded potholes. In general, the number of potholes recorded each month in 2021 has been below the five year average. In addition to the general improvement in the condition of the network discussed above the relatively benign weather throughout autumn and the start of winter has been a benefit. The above average figures recorded for June and August were due to the wet weather experienced in May and June and the reprogramming of annual inspections to the summer months.

The gully cleaning gangs are slightly behind programme but are confident of addressing this gap by dedicating some ‘hand clean’ gangs to some problem areas and increasing resources if necessary.

<p>The start to the winter season has been relatively quiet with below average levels of salt spread in both November and December. The forecast for the start of 2022 is indicating milder, damper conditions. The risk of a short, sharp winter event has not been discounted.</p>	
<p>16. <u>District Council Report</u> Mid Devon Local Plan - consultation period is 21st January – 28th March.</p>	
<p>17. <u>Highways</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>18. <u>Footpaths</u> Annual surveys have been completed.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Commons Management Group</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>20. <u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>21. <u>The Garages</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>22. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>23. <u>Asset Management</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>24. <u>Items raised by chairman</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>25. <u>Items raised by councillors</u> 25.1 Mr Moon asked for an update on enforcement matters. Mr Clist assured councillors that he is liaising directly with the enforcement officers at MDDC over several matters in the parish. 25.2 Mrs Dayus-Jones asked for confirmation regarding what kind of posts the pc wants to use for its new noticeboards at Longmead and BHLAC. It was agreed that galvanised posts should be used.</p>	
<p>26. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>27. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>28. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm, Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock.</p>	

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