

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**held at Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

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, Mrs C Matthews, Mr N Moon, Mr A Russell and members of the public.  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Mrs P Dayus-Jones, Mr L Povah, Councillor R Radford, Clerk</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda item 7 – 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.</li> <li>• Agenda item 9 - Mr Russell has a personal interest as he is a member of Longmead Management Committee.</li> <li>• Agenda item 12 - Mr Moon &amp; Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living &amp; Activity Centre.</li> <li>• Agenda item 21 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate.</li> <li>• Agenda item 23 - Mr Calcraft and Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of The Garages Committee.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. <u>Co-option of Councillor</u></b>            Following the resignation of Mr S Ritchie, the council received one application from a parishioner wanting to be considered for co-option on to the council.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Mrs C Matthews is co-opted to the council.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Clist  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Lucy Jefferson – Connecting the Culm project</u></b>            Lucy distributed details and maps of the “Managing big problems in small areas” project for the Culm. £400,000 from the EA/DEFRA will be spent across six catchments, one of which is the Lickham/Castle Hill catchment. Funds are available for trees and fencing, to help reduce flooding, and flood prevention measures for susceptible properties. St Margaret’s Brook presents particular challenges as it is unable to spread out and thus gouges a deeper channel. Further information is available from the AONB office.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Public Participation</u></b></p> <p>5.1 Works are due to be carried out in Parklands, with limited information on exactly what will be affected.</p> <p>5.2 Despite reports that the roads are getting better there are numerous problems, the most notable being Station Road, Lydensign, corner above Oxenpark, and past Brookridge.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council minutes of the 4th May are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>Planning</u></b>            The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>7.1 22/00838/HOUSE. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 21/00006/HOUSE (Erection of two-storey rear extension) to allow substitute plans. Churchills Barn, High Street, Hemyock.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The council is content with the application  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Russell  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	

- 7.2 22/00687/HOUSE. Retention of building for use as additional living accommodation. Old Parsonage Cottage, High Street, Hemyock. (revised scheme).  
Noted that this is the same application as considered in May, with slightly revised site boundaries and a fence added; the building is unchanged.  
**PROPOSAL:** The parish council is not content with the application. This building has been erected without planning permission and exceeds the height and area allowable under permitted development. It has concerns with regard to the surface water discharging onto a neighbour's land and also concurs with the comments made by both the neighbouring properties  
**PROPOSED:** Miss Lawrence  
**SECONDED:** Mr Moon  
**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).  
Mr Clist reported that he has called-in this application and asked that a councillor attend the MDDC planning meeting to present the pc's views.
- Prior approval noted for-
- 7.3 22/00553/PNSOL. Prior Notification for the installation of 26 Solar Photovoltaics (PV) panels with a capacity of 9500 kW (solar). Burrow Hill Farm, Hemyock  
Planning permission granted noted for:-
- 7.4 22/00438/HOUSE. Retention of a replacement outbuilding for use as a garage and garden store with studio space above. Northcote, Hemyock.  
Refusal noted for
- 7.5 22/00444/FULL. Conversion of redundant workshop building to dwelling. Land and Buildings at NGR 314595 115085 (Studleys) Hemyock.  
Noted that the refusal referred to DM9: permitting conversion of redundant buildings of substantial and permanent construction which positively contribute to an area's rural character.

## 8. Finance

### 8.1 Income and expenditure

#### INCOME

No	Amount	From
1.	304.17	Skipton Building Society, Interest
2.	15,417.00	VAT reclaim
3.	140.00	Longmead Environmental Area (grant from St Mary's charity Shop)
4.	1,595.14	Skatejam fundraising
5.	119.00	Skatejam fundraising
6.	20.00	Skatejam fundraising
7.	3.88	HSBC Interest

#### EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	1,988.00	A Millard	Guttering, BHLAC
2.	3,540.00	Ashculme Ltd	BHLAC, tree work
3.	641.04	Skatewarehouse	Skate jam
4.	8.00	Unity trust bank	Bank charge
5.	1,401.68	D EVANS	Clerk wages and expenses (4G, MS Office, APM)
6.	71.61	HMRC	PAYE
7.	313.10	S Aldworth	audit
8.	28.00	BHLAC	Room hire
9.	1,635.60	Ashfords	Legal advice, CMG
10.	21.98	FW3 Ltd	Toilet, consumables
11.	72.08	FW3 Ltd	Toilet, consumables
12.	39.99	Npower	Electricity, toilets
13.	43.24	Brookridge timber	Noticeboard materials
14.	127.50	K AMOR	Toilets, cleaning
15.	430.50	I Pike	Village maintenance, cemetery and grass

16.	4,140.00	Metcalfe Allen	CCTV installation, Longmead
17.	400.00	St Mary's Hemyock	Pump donation (2 years)
18.	79.89	R Hawkes	Reimbursement, QPJ Banner
19.	171.00	SLCC	Subscriptions
20.	120.00	R Taylor	BMX, flood bridge maintenance
21.	160.00	S A Buttle	Skatejam coaching
22.	306.57	R Tomlinson	Reimbursement skatejam costs
23.	45.68	S Root	Reimbursement skatejam costs
24.	102.60	E Essex	Reimbursement skatejam costs
25.	519.60	Jamie Stevens	Longmead ditch/pipe repair
26.	8.00	HSBC	Bank charges

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

**PROPOSED:** Mr Barton

**SECONDED:** Mr Calcraft

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

8.2 Finance Committee recommendations:-

8.2.1 The pc vires the following:- £1,000 from maintenance person to CMG, £200 from Maintenance person to Pump.

The pc adds the following expenditure to the budget:- parking area Longmead - £10,000, Pavilion maintenance £5,000, BHLAC fire doors and guttering £10,000, BHLAC wall £15,000. P Hall purchase of equipment for play area £5,000, CCTV Longmead £4,140, Queen's Jubilee £2,000.

**PROPOSAL:** the above proposals are accepted and agreed.

**PROPOSED:** Mr Moon

**SECONDED:** Mr Russell

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

8.2.2 The pc makes a donation of £400.00 for this year's and last year's Pump articles

**PROPOSAL:** the above proposals are accepted and agreed.

**PROPOSED:** Mrs Matthews

**SECONDED:** Mr Barton

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

Mr Clist highlighted that the council has some funds over the £85,000 Financial Services limit; Mr Barton said the finance committee would consider this again.

Finance Committee

## 9. Longmead

9.1 Skatepark. The preferred contractor, Maverick, have advised that full planning permission is needed due to the proposed size of the site

**PROPOSAL:** that the pc applies for full planning permission and Maverick commence their surveys at a cost of £1,200.

**PROPOSED:** Mr Clist

**SECONDED:** Mr Barton

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour)

9.2 Car park area and pavement. Some additions are needed to the drawings for the car park, to include drains. Mr Russell recommended going ahead now with improving the path between the MUGA and tennis courts, with Jamie Stevens doing the digger work and the pc paying for materials. Mr Russell will project manage. Miss Lawrence reported that the clerk considers that three tenders are not required in this case.

**PROPOSAL:** that the pc asks Jamie Stevens to do the work for the path

**PROPOSED:** Mr Moon

**SECONDED:** Mr Barton

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour)

9.3 Pavilion gutters: Mr Pike agreed that Jamie Stevens should jet wash the gutters and he would then be able to do the necessary work to seal the joints and treat the fascia.

Clerk

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## 10. Clerk Update

Nothing to report.

## 11. Cemetery

Nothing to report.

<p><b>12. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living &amp; Activities Centre</u></b> Crash Barrier – Mr Povah has circulated details and quotations for the agreed design. Mr Povah will come back to the council when he has completed the details of a further design.</p>	LP
<p><b>13. <u>Correspondence</u></b> 13.1 Email from Peter Holway trustees – Several of the long-standing trustees wish to retire; the charity has been in existence since the 1600s and its objectives include help for people with financial hardship. This is a very sensitive subject requiring careful consideration. Jacquie Redwood will attend the July meeting to give further details.</p>	
<p><b>14. <u>The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</u></b> 14.1 The working group would be grateful for help in clearing up after Saturday’s event; Longmead 8am to 10am Sunday.</p>	
<p><b>15. <u>Community Land</u></b> Mr Clist said he had asked for a report on the state of the two community fields. The carbon footprint of vehicular movements across the two community fields must be more than outweigh their use for depositing sub-soil. Property boundaries appear to be very close to the cemetery hedge with no access, as had been previously understood.</p>	
<p><b>16. <u>Matters Arising</u></b> 16.1 Speeding ‘20 is plenty’ signs. Sites need to be found for the signs; they cannot be put on existing lamp posts, etc. One needs to be near the school. 16.2 War memorial – nothing to report 16.3 Overage – to date only Ashfords have quoted. <b>PROPOSAL:</b> that the pc appoints Ashfords to act on the pc’s behalf <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Clist <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Barton <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p><b>17. <u>County Council Report</u></b> <b>Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-</b> The Government’s Levelling Up Fund (LUF) was announced at the 2020 Spending Review to support communities in order to regenerate town centres, enable investment in cultural facilities or upgrade local transport infrastructure. The LUF will focus on capital investment in local infrastructure thereby building on and consolidating prior funding programmes. Each District Council and the County Council can submit one bid as long as it is supported/prioritised by the MP. Where the MPs are supporting District Council bids we have been working closely with the Districts to help them develop their proposals, where there are transport related elements. The County Council can only bid for one transport scheme. Members of Parliament are allowed to back one bid that they see as a priority.  Mid Devon District Council has secured £10 million in funding from the government’s Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF), but it is insufficient taking into account the high cost of land acquisition, mitigation work related to relocation of sports facilities, pedestrian/cycle facilities and construction costs. Whilst the District has been successful in its bid for HIF funding, it may not be recognised under the LUF as local matched funding. DCC are therefore contributing match funding to support this scheme.  Annual CPI inflation rose from 7.0% in March to 9.0% in April (the highest for 40 years) compared to just 1.5% back in April 2021. Year-on-year electricity prices are up 54%; gas prices up 96%; heating oil prices up 114%; petrol &amp; diesel prices up 31%; clothing &amp; footwear prices up 8%; and food prices up 7%. The Bank of England currently expects inflation to peak close to 10% in Q4 of 2022. Real household disposable incomes are forecast on average to fall by 3.3% in 2022, the most for 60 years. The squeeze on incomes is likely to be felt most by low-income households dependent solely on benefits or state pensions; rural households with higher transport and heating oil costs; single parent families with 3 or more children; and those households with poor energy efficiency or higher essential energy use. Drops in discretionary spending by households are expected as a result, which will impact some businesses, with Asda already reporting customer spending down by 9.2% in May 2022.</p>	

<p><b>18. <u>District Council Report</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>19. <u>Highways</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>20. <u>Footpaths</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>21. <u>Commons Management Group</u></b> Mr Moon reported that there is a lot of wood on the Turbary; it could be advertised on social media and he would arrange access.</p>	Clerk/NM
<p><b>22. <u>Village Maintenance</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>23. <u>The Garages</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>24. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>25. <u>Asset Management</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>26. <u>Items raised by chairman</u></b> 26.1 Agreed to contact Nicola Werner about a memento for Mrs Stallard. 26.2 Thanks to the clerk, Mrs Dayus-Jones and Miss Lawrence for help with the Chairman's speech at the annual parish meeting. 26.3 Thanks to the group organising the jubilee celebrations. 26.4 Thanks to Miss Lawrence for standing in for the clerk.</p>	
<p><b>27. <u>Items raised by councillors</u></b> 27.1 Agreed to decide on the purchase of benches at the next meeting, with information on prices available.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>28. <u>Public Participation</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>29. <u>PR</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>30. <u>Date of next Meeting</u></b> Wednesday 6th July at 7.30pm, Blackdown Healthy Living &amp; Activities Centre, Hemyock.</p>	

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