

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held at Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 7th December 2022

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mrs C Matthews, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (parish clerk) and members of the public. Parish & District Councillor Mr S Clist. Apologies: County Councillor Mr R Radford and Mr T Barton (Vice chair)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Co-option of councillors</u> Following the recent resignations of Mr R Calcraft, Mrs P Dayus-Jones and Mr A Russell the council considered the co-option of new councillors. PROPOSAL: The pc co-opts Mrs K Talbot and Mr S Ward to the council. PROPOSED: Mr Clist SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). They will sign their declarations of acceptance of office at the end of the meeting.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 6.3 – Miss Lawrence declared a personal interest as she is a family friend. • Agenda item 11 - Mr Moon & Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees 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 common. 	
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>4.1 It was reported that the maps on MDDC's website are incorrect with regard to the recent Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). The clerk confirmed she has already reported this to MDDC.</p> <p>4.2 A representative from the Parish Hall committee requested funding to assist with the purchase of materials for a cricket net/fence and gates. He was asked to send costings and more details to the clerk who will then forward to the finance committee for consideration.</p> <p>4.3 The Repair Café has secured premises from which to operate. A representative gave an update. See agenda item 8.2.2.</p> <p>4.4 It was reported that MDDC is holding an online open meeting on 8th December to discuss the proposed development at Eastlands. Neither the pc nor District Councillor Clist had been made aware of this meeting. District Councillor Clist will take the matter up with MDDC.</p> <p>4.5 A large pothole on Parklands has been repaired.</p>	SC
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 2nd of November are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>6. <u>Planning</u> The following applications were considered:-</p> <p>6.1 22/02028/TPO. Application to cut back overhanging and broken limbs of 3 Oak trees and 5 Beech trees and lopping of small growth from 1 Sycamore and 1 Ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 93/00003/TPO. Conigar Knob, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.2 22/01600/HOUSE. Erection of single-storey extension. The Old Chapel, Hemyock.</p>	

<p>PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.3 22/02165/FULL. Erection of garage/carport and workshop. Whitehall, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.4 22/02245/HOUSE. Erection of garden room and replacement porch; removal of conservatory; raising level of adjacent terrace; alterations to the North, South and West fenestrations; repairs and alterations to barn to include partial conversion to form ancillary accommodation and formation of swimming pool. Whitehall Manor, Whitehall, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.5 22/02246/LBC. Listed Building Consent for erection of garden room and replacement porch; removal of conservatory; raising level of adjacent terrace; alterations to the North, South and West fenestrations; internal and external repairs and alterations; repairs and alterations to barn to include partial conversion to form ancillary accommodation. Whitehall Manor, Whitehall, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>6.6 22/00852/MFUL. Erection of a poultry building (2878.93 sqm) and associated works Goodalls Farm, Hemyock. PROPOSAL: The council is content with the application providing that it meets local plan policy with particular regard to the size and scale of the development, high quality design and architectural style, and landscaping, etc. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mrs Matthews DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Permission granted noted for:-</p> <p>6.7 22/01754/FULL. Erection of agricultural general purpose storage building. Culmbridge Farm, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock.</p> <p>6.8 22/01645/FULL. Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of a shepherd's hut for use as holiday let. Oxenpark, Castle Hill, Hemyock.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Longmead</u></p> <p>7.1 Skatepark – flood risk assessment – Mr Povah is liaising with MEC, the company that has prepared the flood risk assessment. He will provide them with a plan of the northern part of Longmead where it is hoped an alternative flood compensation area can be found.</p> <p>7.2 Drainage works, additional work required PROPOSAL: The council agrees to additional drainage works, the need for which became apparent when work was underway to clear the existing drains on the service road at the back of Station Road to the containers at Longmead. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>7.3 Repair work to toilets at Longmead. The council considered three quotations to do the work. PROPOSAL: The council agrees to appoint Bunyan Plumbing to repair the toilets. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>7.4 Longmead Management Group – the pc needs to appoint two new representatives following the resignations of Mrs Dayus-Jones and Mr Russell. In the absence of any other offers, Mr</p>	<p>LP</p>

Doble volunteered to be a representative. Other councillors will consider their position. The clerk to provide more information about Longmead Management Group to councillors.

Clerk

8. Finance

8.1 Income and expenditure

INCOME

No	Amount	From
1.	200,000.00	Overage payment, Old BMW track
2.	20.00	Exe Valley Pizza, donation
3.	42.56	HSBC, interest
4.	130.00	Fine Memorials

EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	226.00	Event Insurance	Hemyock Big Visit, grant for insurance
2.	1,542.00	Ashford's	Legal fees, overage
3.	8.00	HSBC	Bank charge
4.	170.58	Spot On	Toilets, consumables
5.	78.00	Bunyan Plumbing	Toilets, plumbing work
6.	78.00	Bunyan Plumbing	Toilets, repairs following vandalism
7.	67.50	K Amor	Toilets, cleaning
8.	45.00	Open Spaces	subscription
9.	1,310.24	MDDC	Grass cutting
10.	2,214.00	Argos Fire Protection	Fire door, BHLAC
11.	53.28	The Sign Shed	Sign, Turbary
12.	1,520.94	D Evans	Wages and expenses
13.	241.94	HMRC	PAYE
14.	112.50	E Ingledew	Toilet cleaning
15.	277.50	I Pike	Village maintenance
16.	4,962.00	Symonds & Sampson	Professional fees, overage
17.	894.60	Ashfords	Legal advice, commons
18.	60.00	BHLAC	Room hire

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	389.72
HSBC Deposit	94,469.83
Unity Trust Bank current	100.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	286,399.25
Unity Trust Bank GF	713.09
Unity Trust Bank P3	1,636.45
Skipton 1-year Bond	87,210.35
United Trust Bank	80,452.46
Total	551,501.15

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Moon

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

8.2 Finance Committee recommendations

8.2.1 The following virements are made:- CMG budget increased by £2,400 to £5,400 due to legal costs. Donations budget increased by £1,800 to £4,800. £500 to come from

	<p>training budget and £700 to come from maintenance person budget, £2,000 to come from The Garages budget and £1,000 from insurance budget.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: that the above proposal is agreed.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Clist</p> <p>SECONDED: Mrs Matthews</p> <p>DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>8.2.2 The following grants are made:- Blackdown Support Group £500.00. Repair Café £500.00. Following a lengthy discussion and a number of suggestions, the following was proposed:- PROPOSAL: a donation of £1,000 is made to the Blackdown Support Group and £1,500 to the Repair Café. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (6 for, 2 against).</p> <p>8.2.3 Precept 2023 PROPOSAL: the precept for 2023 is reduced from £87,037 to £84,890 leaving the band D annual rate unchanged at £97.31 PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>8.2.4 It was noted, as per the Local Government Association new rates of pay applicable, that the clerk's wages increased with effect from 1 April 2022.</p>	
<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p>	<p><u>Clerk Update</u></p> <p>It was agreed to hold meetings next year on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Healthy Living Centre. (there will only be a meeting in August if there are planning applications to discuss)</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>11.</p> <p>11.1</p>	<p><u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u></p> <p>Front Doors - the front doors at the centre need mending and it is proposed that a different type of opening mechanism is fitted to prevent a recurrence of the damage. PROPOSAL: The council agrees to mend the doors and fit a new mechanism at a cost of £640 plus VAT. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>13.</p> <p>13.1</p>	<p><u>Community Land</u></p> <p>The council needs to form a community land committee to take forward this ongoing project. PROPOSAL: a community land committee is formed, consisting of Mrs Matthews, Mr Clist, Mrs Talbot, Mr Moon and Mr Ward. The committee to be chaired by Mrs Matthews. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>14.</p> <p>14.1</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Peter Holway Trust – Mrs Matthews updated the council on her findings with regard to the options for the charity, including winding the trust up, merging with another charity, and selling the assets. However, the pc is responsible for appointing trustees so in the short term the most suitable option would be to appoint 5 new trustees and then consider the long-term future.</p>	

<p>PROPOSAL: The pc appoints Mrs Evans, Mr Clist, Mrs Matthews, Mr Moon and Miss Lawrence as trustees PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>14.2 Benches – application has been submitted to MDCC to withdraw money from 106 for benches.</p> <p>14.3 Station Road pavements – There have been some developments with the project to install pavements on Station Road. One of the residents has had a change of heart and is no longer willing to give up a small piece of land at the front of the property in exchange for rear vehicular access. A meeting has been organised for January with the resident and Highways to establish if there is any workable solution.</p> <p>14.4 Flood bridge decking. Mr Povah has obtained 3 quotations for replacement decking. PROPOSAL: The council selects Brookridge Timber to provide the decking. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>15 <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford sent the following report:- We are working away to be able to produce a balanced budget for next year, at its worse, we were facing a black hole of £75m but this has been reduced.</p> <p>Devon remained one of the highest performing Waste Disposal Authorities in England achieving a recycling rate of 55.3% in 2020/21.</p> <p>There are some new faces at DCC. Following an intense and robust interview process, Donna Manson has been offered and has accepted the post of Chief Executive. Subject to ratification at Full Council on 8 December 2022, Donna will join the Council in February. Donna has been Chief Executive at Scotland’s largest rural authority, The Highland Council, since 2018 where she led the authority in developing an ambitious, sustainable, and connected vision for Highland during a time of immense change and challenge. As well as delivering numerous UK, Scottish Government and local authority elections as Returning Officer, Donna has a track record of improvement, best value and successful budget delivery, rebuilding substantial reserves and resilience within The Highland Council, while implementing significant investment projects. Her background is in Education and Children’s Services in three Scottish councils, having started her career in teaching. We are also very pleased to confirm that Julian Wooster has been appointed as interim Director of Children’s Services (DCS) at the Council, pending a more permanent appointment to this vital role. Julian, who recently retired as DCS at Somerset County Council having successfully guided them from an inadequate Ofsted rating to good, will start with Devon from January. Maria Price, our new Director of Legal and Democratic Services, joined Devon County Council on 24 October 2022. Maria has had a few weeks settling in and finding her way around the County Hall. She would like to introduce herself to the rest of the DCC family and will hopefully be meeting more of us in person soon. Maria is responsible for legal services; registration of births, marriages and deaths; HM Coroners, democratic support and scrutiny.</p> <p>DCC has 11 new EV vans. The vans will prevent more than 28 tonnes of carbon dioxide from going into the atmosphere. It’s estimated that the vans, which were delivered last week, will each save 2.6 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year. They are replacing diesel vans that had come to the end of their lives – they will now be sold at auction. This forms part of the activity to achieve our ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030. Between 2013 and 2020/2021 DCC’s carbon emissions fell by 53 per cent. DCC’s target is to reduce carbon emissions by 70 per cent and the remaining 30 per cent will be offset through projects including tree planting. We have committed to converting half of its vehicle fleet to electric</p>	

<p>by 2030. Currently five of 31 cars and 13 of 111 vans are electric, and we will continue to look for opportunities to further add to the fleet.</p> <p>We are coming to the end of another year, they seem to go quicker now and I would like to wish you and all the councillors a happy Xmas and a happy and healthy new year.</p>	
<p>16 <u>District Council Report</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>17 <u>Highways</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>18 <u>Footpaths</u> Mr Povah reported that the annual surveys are underway to inspect the state/condition of our footpaths. This information is sent to Devon County which will then calculate the grant necessary to maintain them.</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> 23.1 Miss Lawrence has created an asset list and has identified some maintenance tasks for the council's maintenance person to complete. The list of tasks will be forwarded to Mr Pike for action.</p>	PL/Clerk
<p>24 <u>Items raised by chairman</u> 24.1 Mr Doble suggested that at the next meeting, to be held in in January (which will just be a short planning meeting), there be an induction session for the new councillors to give them background information with regard to ongoing projects, etc.</p>	
<p>25 <u>Items raised by councillors</u> 25.1 GRIN (Grants Resources Information News) PROPOSAL: The council subscribes to this grant information service at a cost of £100 for 24 months. PROPOSED: Mrs Matthews SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour). 25.2 Mr Povah reported that a gully on High Street needs clearing. Clerk will ask Clayhidon's lengthsmen if he is prepared to do some work for Hemyock. Miss Lawrence confirmed that a gully at Byes also needs clearing. <i>Post meeting Mr Povah clarified that the gully just needs clearing with a brush but that it needs to be checked regularly and no rodding is required, Perhaps the pc should revisit this at its next meeting?</i> 25.3 It was reported that the post office has been sold. Mr Povah suggested the asset is one of community value and the pc should have been informed of this sale. Clerk will make enquiries. 25.4 Mr Clist asked for letters of thanks to be sent to Mr Russell and Mrs Clist who helped erect road signs for the lights parade. 25.5 Pot holes reported at Collard Hill Farm. Clerk to report. 25.6 Mr Pike was asked to sweep some pavements in the village that have become covered in leaves and are slippery.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
<p>26 <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>27 <u>PR</u></p>	

Nothing to report.	
28 <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Monday 4 th January at 7.30pm, Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Riverside, Hemyock.	

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