

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting

held at Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st February 2023

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr T Barton (Vice chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mrs K Talbot, Mr S Ward, Parish & District Councillor Mr S Clist, Mrs D Evans (Clerk) and members of the public. <u>Apologies:</u> Mrs C Matthews, Mr L Povah and County Councillor R Radford</p>	
<p>2. <u>Co-option</u> Nothing to report.</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 12 - Mr Moon & Mr Doble each has a personal interest as they are trustees of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. • Agenda item 13.4 – Mr Barton declared a personal interest as he is a member of the Upper Culm Community Land Trust, a provider of affordable homes. • Agenda item 20 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the common. 	
<p>7. <u>King's Coronation</u> Sue Scantlebury updated the council on ideas for a series of events over the coronation weekend, including street party, Longmead open-air service and party and carnival-type event. Sue is heading up the working group on behalf of the parish council. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 16th February to discuss plans in more detail and she will report back to the council with an idea of budget required and any other assistance the pc may need to give with regard to road closures, event notices, etc.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>4.1 The cemetery caretaker thanked the pc for organising for the spoil heap to be tidied. 4.2 It was reported that the overflow car park at Longmead is a muddy mess. 4.3 Various potholes in the parish have been reported to Highways.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 4th January are approved subject to correcting 6.3 to Mr Povah, not Mrs. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Ward DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>6. <u>Planning</u> The following application was considered:-</p> <p>6.1 23/00112/HOUSE. Replacement of rear windows with bi-fold doors and oriel window. 5 Higher Mead, Hemyock PROPOSAL: The parish council is content with the application. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour). Permission granted noted for:-</p> <p>6.2 22/01888/FULL. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/02068/FULL (Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing garage) to allow substitute plans relating to the internal and external layout. 29 Station Road, Hemyock. 6.3 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. 6.4 22/02165/FULL. Erection of garage/carport and workshop. Whitehall, Hemyock.</p>	

6.5	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.																																																																																							
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Total	541,650.56				
<p>PROPOSAL: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>Mr Clist pointed out that some account balances are above the financial services compensation scheme limit and that the council could get better interest rates. This will be discussed at the February Finance meeting.</p>					
<p>10. <u>Clerk Update</u></p> <p>10.1 May meeting. It was recommended by the clerk that the usual meeting be held on 3rd May and then another on 17th May, following the election.</p> <p>10.2 Annual Parish Meeting (APM). It was agreed to hold the APM on 1st March at 8pm, straight after the council meeting, at the Parish Hall. Cheese and wine will be served, and a probable agenda will be summary of year (chairman), King's Coronation event, Parish Council elections, Skatepark and community land.</p> <p>10.3 Defibrillator Training – clerk will organise session for later in the year.</p> <p>10.4 Litter-picking equipment – the clerk requested more equipment is purchased. The cost will be approximately £400. PROPOSAL: that the clerk purchases new litter-picking equipment at a cost of approximately £400. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>			All	Clerk	Clerk
<p>11. <u>Cemetery</u> Nothing to report.</p>					
<p>12. <u>Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre</u> Nothing to report.</p>					
<p>13. <u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>13.1 Email from MDDC requesting funding for services or possible transfer of assets. A discussion ensued about how MDDC manages its budgets and concerns were raised about the ongoing and long-term financial impact on the parish council if the assets were transferred. PROPOSAL: that pc offers to contribute £1,000 towards the upkeep of the parish assets. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Ward DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Clist abstained from voting.</p> <p>13.2 Grass cutting MDDC. PROPOSAL: that pc appoints MDDC to continue to cut the grass areas of the parish at a cost of £1,186.64 plus VAT. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>13.3 Letter from Dartline about bus route being blocked by inconsiderate parking on High Street. It was suggested that the recent problem is due to a cottage being refurbished and a new kerbstone being installed, replacing a concrete gully, and meaning any car is now parked further out in road. Clerk was asked to report to PCSO for action.</p> <p>13.4 LiveWest letter asking if parish wished for more housing in the village. PROPOSAL: the clerk thanks LiveWest for its interest and informs that the pc believes there is enough housing in the village for the time being. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p> <p>13.5 Letter from parishioner about speed limit on top road (Somerset) to be carried forward.</p> <p>13.6 Cricket net/roller funding request.</p>					Clerk

<p>PROPOSAL: The pc makes a grant of £1,500 for the materials. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour). No decision was made with regard to the roller as the pc felt it requires more information. Mr Hurley to be invited to a future pc meeting to provide more information.</p> <p>13.7 Royal British Legion 'thank you' letter noted. 13.8 Power Allotment Devon to be passed to community land committee.</p>	
<p>14. <u>Community Land</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>15. <u>Matters Arising</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>16. <u>County Council Report</u> Councillor Radford circulated the following report:- In previous years, Cabinet has agreed target budgets for services in December, based on financial planning forecasts constructed in advance of the provisional settlement. However, this year, there has been much more uncertainty. In terms of central government funding to local government, combined with the most challenging budget round that the Authority has faced in recent decades. It has therefore been prudent to defer setting service budget targets until January/February, after the announcement of the provisional settlement. Nevertheless, we will finalise the budget at our Full Council on 16th February.</p> <p>The likely approved service revenue budget targets for the 2023/24 financial year are set out in the table below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Spending Power – The government has increased the Authority's overall Core Spending Power by 9.6% which provides some welcome additional flexibility to respond to national inflationary pressures and protect services that local people rely on as far as possible. • Council Tax – it is important to note that the provisional settlement confirms that the Core Spending Power includes the flexibility in setting Council Tax for 2023/24 by setting the referendum limit at 2.99% and that social care authorities may increase the adult social care precept by 2% - and therefore raise Council Tax by up to 4.99% overall without a referendum being required. • Business Rates – the business rates system and government compensation grant for under indexing will overall, increase in line with September CPI (which stood at 10.1%). <p>2022/23 Adjusted Base Budget</p> <p>Target Budget Net change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Adult Social Care, 22/23 £311.968m, 23/24 £339.302m, increase £27.334m, or 8.8%. • Children and Young Peoples Futures, 22/23 £176.205m, 23/24 £208.603m increase of £32.398m or 18.4% • Public Health, Communities & Prosperity, 22/23 £20.308m, 23/24 £21.395m increase of £1.087m or 5.4% • Corporate Services 22/23 £42.213m. 23/24 £44.848m. increase of £2.635m or 6.2%. • Climate Change, Environment & Transport 22/23 £79.117m, 23/24 £81.900m increase of £2.783m or 3.5% <p>Service budget totals 22/23 £629.811m, 23/24 £696.048m increase of £66.237m or 10.5%.</p>	

<p>I thought you might like some interesting information about some of what we manage. We have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,990Km Roads; • 3,434 Bridges; • 1,810 Structural retaining walls; • 80,914 Street Lights; 53,998 Street Lights to have been converted to part night lighting; • 5,017 Rights of way; • 11,403 illuminated road markings and signs; • 151,000 Gullies emptied; • 7.78 million metres of grass area; • 235km surface dressed; • 41km of Resurfacing/reconstruction; <p>This is just some of what we do. I will gather more information regarding number of employees, number of vehicles, bus and taxi trips per day etc, etc.</p>	
<p>17. <u>District Council Report</u> Councillor Clist reported that:- The Government is consulting on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Consultation runs for 10 weeks, closing on the 2nd March 2023. The topics of the consultation include: - 5-year housing supply and 106 monies funding NHS.</p>	
<p>18. <u>Highways</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>19. <u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>20. <u>Commons Management Group</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>21. <u>Village Maintenance</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>22. <u>Garages Youth Centre</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>23. <u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>24. <u>Asset Management</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>25. <u>Items raised by chairman</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>26. <u>Items raised by councillors</u> 26.1 The road surface at Ruggs Moor needs attention. 26.2 Mr Moon suggested Lickham and Shuttleton should be made county sites and dogs banned. He will take this forward with the Commons Management Group.</p>	
<p>27. <u>Public Participation</u> 27.1 It was noted that as well as potholes in roads, laybys are also in a poor state.</p>	
<p>28. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>29. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm, Parish Hall, Hemyock. With Annual Parish Meeting to follow at 8pm (cheese & wine available).</p>	
<p>30. <u>Exclusion of public & press</u> – Chair to move that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting</p>	

<p>for this item of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the commercially sensitive nature of the business to be transacted</p>	
<p>31. <u>Community Land</u> 31.1 The pc's solicitor had prepared legal paperwork relating to the community land. PROPOSAL: The pc signs the prepared paperwork. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>32. <u>Station Road Pavements</u> 32.1 The clerk updated councillors following her meeting with Highways. They are not prepared to create a pavement which is half-owned by them and half-owned by a private landowner. This puts the installation of a pavement from the industrial estate to the Spar shop in jeopardy. The clerk was instructed to ask Highways if they will accept a scheme to include the creation of a pavement from the industrial estate to outside 27 Station Road, which will stop before the hairdressers.</p>	

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