

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held at The Parish Hall, Hemyock at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st March 2023

Subject	Action									
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr T Barton (Vice chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mrs C Matthews, Mr L Povah, Mrs K Talbot, Mr S Ward, Parish & District Councillor Mr S Clist, County Councillor R Radford, Mrs D Evans (Clerk) and members of the public. <u>Apologies:</u> Mr N Moon.</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 Doble has a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. 										
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>4.1 A member of the public asked why Highways had resurfaced the entrance to Hollingarth twice in the last 7 months.</p> <p>4.2 It was reported that MDDC had not erected the correct signs to reflect the recent Public Open Space Protection Orders (PSPO) for dogs on leads, dogs banned, etc. Clerk to follow up with MDDC.</p>	RR Clerk									
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 1st February are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Miss Lawrence DECISION: passed (all in favour). The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 20th February 2023 were noted.</p>										
<p>6. <u>Planning</u> The following applications in Culmstock were considered:-</p> <p>6.1 23/00128/FULL. Erection of a replacement dwelling with vehicular access following demolition of existing dwelling and 2 greenhouses. Blackwater Nursery, Blackwater Road, Culmstock.</p> <p>6.2 23/00227/MFUL. Erection of extensions to create new dairy, handling facilities and cubicle housing 1042sqm. Dalwood Farm, Culmstock. The pc has no comment to make on either application.</p> <p>Permission granted noted for:-</p> <p>6.3 22/02302/FULL. Extension to existing covered yard, enclosure over manure store and creation of an earth-banked dirty water store. Simonsburrow Farm, Hemyock.</p> <p>6.4 22/02390/HOUSE. Installation of 6 solar panels to rear of property. 2 Lower Millhayes, Hemyock.</p> <p>The following applications that have been appealed were noted:-</p> <p>6.5 22/00444/FULL. Conversion of redundant workshop building to dwelling. Studleys, Hemyock.</p> <p>6.6 22/00687/HOUSE. Retention of building for use as additional living accommodation. Old Parsonage Cottage, High Street, Hemyock.</p>										
<p>7. <u>Finance</u></p> <p>7.1 Income and expenditure</p> <p>INCOME</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">No</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> <th style="width: 70%;">From</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">350.00</td> <td>Pring & Son</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20.00</td> <td>Exe Valley Pizza, donation</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Amount	From	1.	350.00	Pring & Son	2.	20.00	Exe Valley Pizza, donation	
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EXPENDITURE			
No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	394.30	D Evans	Reimbursement, litter-picking equipment
2.	29.16	EDF	Electricity, toilets (paid by direct debit)
3.	288.00	N Page	P3 footpath work
4.	1,279.27	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
5.	115.17	HMRC	PAYE
6.	337.50	I Pike	Village maintenance
7.	120.00	E Ingledew	Cleaning, toilets
8.	28.00	BHLAC	Room hire
9.	240.00	BHLAC	Community Shed, bird boxes

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	373.72
HSBC Deposit	94,595.79
Unity Trust Bank current	100.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	272,233.58
Unity Trust Bank GF	715.40
Unity Trust Bank P3	2007.86
Skipton 1-year Bond	87,210.35
United Trust Bank	80,452.46
Total	537,689.16

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Clist

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

7.2 Recommendations from Finance Committee:-

7.2.1 To balance the budget sheets, the following adjustments need to be made to the budgeted figures:- increase clerk's wages by £1800, increase village maintenance by £50, increase donations by £3000, increase subscriptions by £155, merge Longmead car park and pavilion budgets together and increase by £1500, reduce chairman's allowance by £200, reduce councillors' allowance by £100, reduce computer IT by £1000, reduce sundry expenditure by £100, reduce training by £400, reduce maintenance person by £1500.

PROPOSAL: that the above virements are made.

PROPOSED: Mr Barton

SECONDED: Miss Lawrence

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

7.2.2 BHLAC - The pc makes a donation of £2,000 and asks the BHLAC to provide details of its expenditure this year on building maintenance. It also suggests that there is regular liaison with the pc before any expenditure so that it might be discussed and agreed who will pay for such expenditure.

PROPOSAL: a donation of £2,000 is paid to the BHLAC and a liaison is established to discuss and agree future expenditure on building maintenance.

PROPOSED: Mr Barton

SECONDED: Miss Lawrence

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

7.2.3 Mid Devon Mobility - The pc makes a donation of £100.

PROPOSAL: a donation of £100 is made to Mid Devon Mobility.

PROPOSED: Mr Barton

SECONDED: Miss Lawrence

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

<p>7.2.4</p>	<p>King's Coronation - The pc makes a donation of £2,000. The working group to be asked to come back if more funds are needed up to an additional £1000. PROPOSAL: that £2,000 will be made available to the King's Coronation working group and a further £1,000 may be available if needed. PROPOSED: Mrs K Talbot SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence 8.1 8.2</p>	<p>AONB – request to erect permanent information sign about Connecting The Culm on the grass area adjacent to the BHLAC. PROPOSAL: the pc gives permission (subject to any necessary planning consent) to erect the information board by the river. PROPOSED: Mrs Matthews SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Clist abstained from voting.</p> <p>Cricket Club – donation request. A representative will be asked to attend the next council meeting to discuss what other grants the club may have applied for.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>9. County Council Report Councillor Radford circulated the following report:-</p>	<p>Cabinet has proposed a 10.5 per cent increase in budget to fund vital services for the most vulnerable children and adults, as well as more cash to tackle potholes. There will be increases of 18.4 per cent in spending on children's services and 8.8 per cent on adult services to keep up with a rocketing rise in demand. Since the target budget was set last month, we have allocated an extra £2 million to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's icy spells and torrential rainfall. "We fully recognise the strain that household budgets are under with soaring inflation and big rises in the cost of living," said Councillor Hart. "But we must look after the young, the old and the vulnerable and they account for some 79 per cent of this budget." "It has been a very difficult budget to deliver but we've asked how can we make council taxpayers' money work better for them and cut wastage in the system, and the savings strategies are tough but realistic." The budget has been finalised by the full council on 16th Feb, we will all be getting our Council Tax bills in the next couple of weeks from MDDC.</p> <p>Sorry I have given you a lot of figures, but County do deal with large amounts of money, and needs to be taken in context.</p> <p>The Adult Social Services Budget is £336m per year and the Children and Young People Budget is £233m per year, these are all mandatory, we have to supply the service.</p> <p>The underlying forecast position for Integrated Adult Social Care services at month 10 is an overspend of £7.8 million, a deterioration of £765,000 from the month 8 position. The forecast overspend continues to be driven by risk around delivery of planned savings which form part of this year's budget and a worsening position in Older People service budgets, particularly within residential and nursing care and personal care.</p> <p>The reported position assumes that of the £18.2 million budgeted savings and additional income, £12.3 million will be achieved by year end, including £8 million one off additional income agreed with health partners. As at month 10, £12 million has been delivered with a further £350,000 due to be delivered before the end of March.</p> <p>Children and Young People's Futures is forecasting an overspend of £19.5 million and an overspend of £41.1 million on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The underlying forecast position for Children and Young People's Futures services at month 10 is an overspend of £23 million. The month 10 position assumes that of the £11.7 million of planned budget savings £3.8 million is deliverable (the £7.9 million of savings considered undeliverable contributes to the forecast overspend).</p> <p>The rest of the overspend forecast continues to be driven by volume and cost pressures relating to placements for children in care and cost pressures within School Transport.</p>	

<p>Children’s Social Care is now forecasting to overspend by £12.3 million by year end, an increase of £805,000 versus month 8.</p> <p>Latest figures show that the recycling rate for the district has risen to 56.56%, compared to 52.02% during the same period in 2021/22. The major contributor to the change has been food waste. More food waste has been stored correctly in food caddies instead of with non-recyclable waste meaning the amount of food waste collected has increased by 6.81%. On top of this, the amount of household non-recyclable waste has decreased by 14.46% meaning the total waste the Council collects has decreased.</p> <p>Highways for maintenance of Devon roads had gradually fallen from around £35 million in 2012/13 to approximately £25 million in 2022/23. Coupled with inflationary change, in particular the rapid increase in inflation seen in 2022/23, this meant that the maintenance budget had halved in real terms compared to a decade ago. This also has the knock-on impact of forcing change in priorities with safety taking higher consideration and proactive works being stopped, leading to rapid deterioration of roads.</p> <p>Councillor Radford was asked about the process for reporting potholes. It was suggested that no consideration is given to the location of the pothole and whether, to avoid it, motorists are driving on the wrong side of the road, etc. Councillor Radford was also asked how much money Devon Highways had paid out in damages to tyres, etc.</p>	RR
<p>10. <u>District Council Report</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Items raised by chairman</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>12. <u>Items raised by councillors</u></p> <p>12.1 Mrs Matthews asked if it was possible to share the Grants Resources Information News (GRIN) spreadsheets on the village website. Clerk will check about copyright and membership rights and report back.</p> <p>12.2 Mr Povah asked that MDDC erect the correct signs for the Public Open Spaces Protection Orders (dogs on leads, etc.)</p> <p>12.3 It was reported that lorry loads of soil are being removed from the Cavanna site. Clerk to clarify what type of soil it is and why it’s being removed from site.</p>	Clerk Clerk clerk
<p>13. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>14. <u>PR</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>15. <u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm, Healthy Living Centre</p>	

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