

Hemyock Parish Council
Monthly Meeting
held at The Parish Hall, Hemyock at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr T Barton (Vice chair), Miss P Lawrence, Mrs C Matthews, Mr N Moon, Mrs K Talbot, Mr S Ward, Parish & District Councillor Mr S Clist, Mrs D Evans (Clerk) and members of the public. Apologies: Mr L Povah</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 20 & 31 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons. 	
<p>13.3 Cricket Club The cricket club has requested financial support towards the purchase of a roller to maintain the pitch. They intend to fund raise (quiz night, Saturday 15th April) and require an additional £4,500.00. They are ineligible for many grants as they do not have a junior or girls' team. The existing committee has no plans to introduce further teams. PROPOSAL: The pc makes a donation of £4,500.00. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour), 2 abstentions.</p>	
<p>7. <u>King's Coronation (part)</u> Sue Scantlebury summarised the planned events. Saturday - street party (Culmbridge Road), Sunday – music, bar, food (Longmead), Monday – Big Help Out (Longmead) stalls for clubs promoting their organisation, litter pick, 2pm whole village photo.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>4.1 The grass area at BHLAC will be inspected for presence of moles. 4.2 It was noted that Highways have received £9.4m for potholes and road repairs. It is hoped that the roads in the parish will receive attention. 4.3 A parishioner mentioned the Highway Community Enhancement Fund. He suggested that Highways will provide pothole repair kits under the Road Warden Scheme. The pc is aware of the scheme but needs volunteers who are prepared to be trained and licenced to carry out the work. 4.4 The tennis club asked if a brown sign might be erected opposite the entrance to Longmead. The clerk advised that a previous request had been refused by Highways, but she will ask again.</p>	Clerk
<p>5. <u>Minutes from Previous Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 1st March are approved. PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>6. <u>Planning</u> Permission granted noted for:- 6.1 23/00141/HOUSE. Erection of two-storey extension. Lemons Hill Farm, Hemyock. 6.2 23/00112/HOUSE. Replacement of rear windows with bi-fold doors and oriel window. 5 Higher Mead, Hemyock.</p>	

6.3 21/02312/MFUL. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/00423/MFUL - Erection of 11 dwellings with garages - to allow substitution of previously approved plans. Former St Ivel Station, Hemyock.

7. King's Coronation (part)

PROPOSAL: The council purchases a pop-up promotional sign and traffic cones for the event. Mrs Matthews will obtain quote for sign. Clerk to order cones.

PROPOSED: Mr Clist

SECONDED: Miss Lawrence

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

Mrs Talbot has offered her gazebo to the council to use on Monday 8th May.

CM/
Clerk

8. Longmead

8.1 Skatepark – Maverick is redesigning the layout so that it will not need planning permission.

8.2 Longmead Management Group (LMG) – the group has requested that the £7,000.00 (held by the pc) from the claim with SWW is ringfenced for LMG to use for future pitch and grounds maintenance/enhancement.

PROPOSAL: The £7,000.00 from SWW claim is held for LMG to use for pitch/grounds maintenance/enhancement.

PROPOSED: Mrs K Talbot

SECONDED: Miss Lawrence

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

9. Finance

9.1 Income and expenditure

INCOME

No	Amount	From
1.	84.36	Interest, HSBC
2.	150.00	Culm Vale Gun Club
3.	20.00	Exe Valley Pizza, Donation
4.	9,892.40	MDDC, 106 monies
5.	85.99	HSBC, Interest
6.	1,178.76	Unity, Interest
7.	365.00	DCC, p3 grant
8.	3.36	Unity, GF interest
9.	8.84	Unity, Interest P3
10.	350.00	Mrs Dyke, funeral

EXPENDITURE

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	8.00	HSBC	Bank charge
2.	8.00	HSBC	Bank charge
3.	187.69	D Evans	Reimbursement, Annual Parish Meeting expenses
4.	5,000.00	Nationwide	Instant access account
5.	80,000.00	Nationwide	Notice account
6.	18.00	Unity	Bank charges
7.	30.67	EDF	Electricity, toilets
8.	1,166.80	D Evans	Clerk's wages and expenses
9.	53.02	HMRC	PAYE
10.	225.00	I Pike	Village maintenance
11.	135.00	E Ingledew	Cleaning, toilets
12.	200.00	R Beaver	Longmead, maintenance
13.	80,000.00	Cambridge Building Society	Council account
14.	3,187.50	South Coast Insulation	BHLAC, cavity wall insulation
15.	427.00	N Page	P3 footpath work
16.	636.23	MDDC	Car park rates
17.	405.12	Glasdon	Dog poo bags.

18.	600.00	Ashfords	Legal fees, Commons	
19.	250.00	Blackdown Parish Network	Subscription	
20.	70.80	I & Y Pike	Reimbursement, handrail for toilets	
21.	87.54	The Play Inspection Company	Longmead play area inspection	
22.	214.50	C Houghton	Lengthsman work	
23.	422.00	N Page	Footpath work	
24.	4,228.80	RPC Plaswood	Benches	
25.	60.00	Hemyock Parish Hall	Room hire, APM	
26.	534.24	DALC	Subscription	

BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	357.72
HSBC Deposit	94,766.14
Unity Trust Bank current	100.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	104,752.50
Unity Trust Bank GF	718.76
Unity Trust Bank P3	1244.70
Skipton 1-year Bond	87,210.35
United Trust Bank	80,452.46
Nationwide Inst Acc	5,000.00
Nationwide Notice Acc	80,000.00
Cambridge Building Society	80,000.00
Total	534,602.63

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

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Barton

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

10. Clerk Update

10.1 The Parish Store – This needs a tidy up and reorganisation. Miss Lawrence and clerk will liaise and ask the Community Shed to make some suitable racking/shelving to house the road signs and other material. The Lights Brigade will be asked to sort through their items and reduce what is kept at the store.

Clerk
PL**11. Cemetery**

Nothing to report.

12. Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre

Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence

13.1 Soil Samples

PROPOSAL: the council gives permission for samples to be taken from the commons for the AONB soil carbon project.

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Moon

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

13.2 Poppy Club

PROPOSAL: the council gives permission for bunting to be draped on pump during the king's coronation celebrations.

PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence

SECONDED: Mr Moon

DECISION: passed (all in favour).

14. Community Land

14.1 The pc noted that lorries have removed soil from site. Cavanna has confirmed this was subsoil. It was noted that the remaining pile of topsoil has been spread on the two community land fields, with the exception of the car park and compound areas. The pc has concerns about the soil that has been removed (topsoil?); what will happen to car park and compound areas; where is the surveyor's report on land ref drainage; and the ongoing legal fees. Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Cavanna. Mr Clist suggested Building Control be asked to inspect site with regard to the removal of soil.

15. Matters Arising

15.1 MDDC Dogs on Leads Signs – the clerk has reported to MDDC that the signs are wrong and incomplete. They will investigate.

15.2 106 – the 106 money has been received from MDDC: £9,892.40 for benches and reimbursement of trim trail works.

16. County Council Report

Councillor Radford circulated the following report:-

All that are standing for election, I wish you all success, most Parish Councils find it difficult to attract members, I hope you get a full compliment.

County are proposing to cut the Mobile Library service, which will affect Hemyock, it is out for consultation, so please have your say and respond, because you have not got a permanent library and it is a good point of contact as well as book choices.

Our Cabinet has proposed a 10.5 per cent increase in our 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.

And 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.

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.

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.

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.

17. District Council Report

Councillor Clist reported that:-

MDDC has a new leader, Councillor Barry Warren. The Bin-it 123 - since waste collections changed to three-weekly, the district's recycling rate has risen to 57%, compared to 52% the previous year.

The Council has also sent out several hundred extra recycling containers, showing the public's desire to recycle more. The change to the collection service was introduced to benefit the district in the following ways: to reduce its carbon footprint, increase recycling rates, increase the amount of food waste collected and decrease the amount of non-recyclable waste collected. The number of homeless people in the district has increased. MDDC has completed its comments on the National Planning Policy Framework consultation. The section 515 officer is lobbying government for extra funding to ensure the books are balanced.

18. Highways

18.1	Dartline, which operates the bus in the village, is experiencing problems driving down the High Street. It politely requests that residents ensure they are parked as near to the cottages as possible, to ensure that the buses can get through. A resident on the High Street has had their porch damaged numerous times in the last 12 months. Clerk was asked to mention in PR. During the King's Coronation event on the Saturday, Culmbridge Road will be closed and the diversion route will include High Street. The King's Coronation committee will invite High Street residents to the event and ask that they bear this in mind when parking. A suggestion was made that Highways might be asked to look at installing double yellow lines.	SS
19.	<u>Footpaths</u> Nothing to report.	
20.	<u>Commons Management Group</u> 20.1 20 bird boxes have been installed at Shuttleton. Thanks to Mr Moon for installing them.	
21.	<u>Village Maintenance</u> 21.1 Mr Pike was asked to look at some trees and the mole situation at BHLAC.	
22.	<u>The Garages Youth Centre</u> Miss Lawrence has heard that the Garages committee is no longer running youth sessions and that the youth centre has closed. The pc is disappointed that the committee has not communicated this to the pc, which leases the building on its behalf. Mrs Matthews will meet with Mrs Pinder for a fuller understanding. She will also speak with a contact involved in running youth clubs.	CM
23.	<u>Blackdown Hills Parish Network</u> Nothing to report.	
24.	<u>Asset Management</u> Miss Lawrence is working on this. She hopes to persuade Mr Povah to join her and inspect all pc assets over the coming months and identify work required.	LP/PL
25.	<u>Items raised by chairman</u> Nothing to report.	
26.	<u>Items raised by councillors</u> 26.1 Miss Lawrence asked if Highways are asking parishes for their top three priorities as in previous years. 26.2 Mr Moon thanked Highways for the new grit bin at Ruggs Moor. He did however note the very poor state of the roads at Ruggs Moor and Lydensign.	
27.	<u>Public Participation</u> 27.1 It was reported that, at the annual parish meeting, some parishioners struggled to hear the councillors. The council did suggest at the time that parishioners may wish to move closer. 27.2 Mr Hawkes from the tennis club suggested that the club would be prepared to do minor works at Longmead if required. Mr Hawkes was thanked for the offer.	
28.	<u>PR</u> Nothing to report.	
29.	<u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 3 rd May at 7.30pm, Healthy Living Centre.	
30.	<u>Exclusion of public & press</u> The chair moved that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting 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.	
31.	<u>Access over Common Land</u> 31.1 The pc has an ongoing dispute with a landowner about access over the common land. The pc does not need to take any further action currently.	

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