

Crediton Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 June 2011

Present: Councillors Mr F Letch (Chairman)

Miss J Harris Mr R Adams Mr J Downes Mr T Connell Mr M Szabo

In Attendance: Clerk

MDDC ward member

Public

Mr M Maggs Mr M Binks

4 (co-option candidates)

Press

AGENDA ITEMS

21. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Hughes (illhealth), Brookes-Hocking and Way (both personal).

22. Declarations of Interest

Code of	Councillor Downes	As a member of more than one authority, declared that
Conduct		any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would
		be provisional and would not prejudice any views
		expressed at a meeting of another authority.

23. Meeting Management

It was agreed to advance agenda item 12 (Councillor Vacancies) to before item 10 (Planning).

24. Public Question Time

District Councillor Binks reported that he had been approached by a member of the public requesting the installation of a dog litter bin on the Town Square. Councillor Binks enquired whether this was something the Town Council would consider providing. The Clerk explained that the installation of litter bins involved both the district and town councils contributing to the costs and maintenance. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

There were no other questions.

25. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Chairman reported that the Crediton Branch of the Royal British Legion had thanked the Town Council for purchasing an Armed Forces Day flag and for organising a flag-flying event for Armed Forces Day.

Members were asked to take away at least two entry forms for this year's Floral Crediton Competition and encourage members of the public to enter.

The Chairman had received a reply from the County Association Secretary with a suggestion for professional assistance with the proposed Council review. The Administration & Personnel Sub Committee would need to consider suitable terms of reference.

26. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17 May 2011 were received and approved as a correct record.

27. Matters Arising

None.

28. Finance & General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) Minutes

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 June 2011 were received and noted.

Councillor Adams stated that he disagreed with the comments made by members of the Boniface Allotments Association (Minute 12c).

b) Recommendations

The recommendations of the committee were approved as minuted.

29. Vacancies in the Office of Town Councillor

Following two paper ballots the following candidates were appointed by co-option to fill the vacancies in the office of Town Councillor for Crediton:

Mr Bill Dixon (Lawrence)

Mrs Laura Conyngham (Lawrence)

Mr Ashley Leighton Plom (Boniface)

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, thanked the unsuccessful candidates for standing for co-option.

30. Planning

a) Planning Decisions

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) Planning Applications

Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.

c) Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 21 June 2011 None.

31. Finance

a) Schedule of Accounts

The Schedule of Accounts, numbers 3288 to 3299 totalling £2,787.66, was approved.

b) Donation Requests

None.

32. Meeting Dates & Mayor's Surgeries

It was confirmed that surgeries would take place at the monthly Saturday produce markets only.

33. Future of Local Public Audit

The Clerk provided a brief summary of the consultation paper, outlining the main issues for consideration.

It was agreed that, if the proposals detailed in the consultation paper were to proceed, the Council's preference for the appointment of an independent examiner would be through the county or unitary authority and not a separate audit committee.

34. Town Council Annual Report & Newsletter 2011

The draft documentation and the Chairman's report for the Annual Report and Newsletter 2011 were approved for publication.

35. Pay & Display Report

The Chairman read out the recommendations contained in the MDDC Pay & Display Working Group report which had been circulated by the Clerk.

It was agreed to refer the report to the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to allow more time for consideration and consultation with traders/Chamber of Commerce.

36. Parking & Pedestrian Issues

Following receipt of two letters from members of the Crediton Traffic Action Group and the Crediton & District Access Group, the Clerk was asked to respond by confirming that the appropriate authorities are progressing both the inconsiderate parking problem and the specific issue relating to Mill Street (lack of pavement adjacent to Mole Avon).

37. IT Replacement

The Clerk had circulated details of the revised proposals for the replacement and maintenance of the council's IT systems. The proposals were approved with the option to spread the cost over three years.

38. DALC County Committee Representative

Councillor Anne Hughes was confirmed as the Council's nominated representative.

39. Councillor Reports

a) Chamber of Commerce/CAMM Meeting

It was reported that, at a recent Chamber of Commerce/CAMM meeting, it was decided to review the need for a dedicated website and the provision of Christmas trees and lights. Stronger communications with the Town Council would be developed.

b) Air Quality

A member considered that the problem with overgrown hedges on Exeter Road could be a cause for an increase in air pollution. The Clerk provided an explanation about the responsible authority's current and proposed actions in relation to the hedges.

40. Correspondence Received and Items of Information

Correspondence

- 1. MDDC Press Release on Crediton "Clean Zone" initiative
- 2. Sandra Chalton letter on decision to defer planting of central area of Scout Memorial Gardens with trees
- 3. Mid Devon Transport Group meeting notes for 6 June
- 4. DCC P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) Spring/Summer Newsletter with details of training courses and staff changes
- 5. Mrs M E White letter on town bus service following question at ATM
- 6. Investment Management Statement: People's Park Charity Income
- 7. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership e-mail: Strategy For Revenue Spend for 2011; Invitation for Project bids
- 8. SW In Bloom Sub-Group Meeting Notes: Informal meeting of SW In Bloom Sub-Group of Floral Crediton Working Group

Information

- 1. CCD Summer edition of Village Green
- 2. NHS advice on "looking after yourself and others during hot weather"
- 3. LCR Local Council Review Summer edition
- 4. OS Ordnance Survey PSMA (Public Sector Mapping) First Newsletter

Business Brought Forward

41. Allotment Inspection

Following a question from a member it was confirmed that an allotment inspection would take place at the usual time (July/August).

42. Dog Litter Bin

An agenda item was requested at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the provision of dog litter bins.

43. Youth Council

Consideration would be given to setting up a Youth Council at a future meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The meeting closed at approximately 8:35pm

Signed: (F Letch, Chairman)
Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 JUNE 2011

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

Type - Decision

Reference: 11/00564/FULL Full planning application
Address: 25 Fairfield Road Crediton Devon EX17 2EQ

Description: Erection of first floor extension

Decision: Refuse permission

Web link: <u>11/00564/FULL</u>

Type - Decision

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Reference: 11/00596/LBC Listed Building Consent

Address: The Old Palace Church Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2AH

Description: Listed Building Consent for installation of rooflight

Decision: Grant permission

Web link: <u>11/00596/LBC</u>

Planning Applications -

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Type - Application

Reference: 11/00813/FULL Full planning application, registered 31/05/2011

Address: West Park Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DH

Description: Retention of partially constructed garden wall and its completion in a modified form on the southern boundary

Web link: 11/00813/FULL

Approved – Subject to an appropriate plant and shrub planting scheme.

Type - Application

Reference: 11/00835/FULL Full planning application, registered 03/06/2011

Address: 12 George Hill Crediton Devon EX17 2DT

Description: Erection of single storey extension and insertion of roofspace window to south west elevation

Web link: <u>11/00835/FULL</u>

No Objections -

Type - Application

Reference: 11/00821/LBC Listed Building Consent, registered 08/06/2011 Address: Gothic Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP

Description: Listed Building Consent for the replacement of existing first floor veranda and replacement of existing windows

on south elevation with painted timber double glazed casement windows

Web link: 11/00821/LBC

Approved – Providing the plans are in keeping with the existing building and are tasteful.

APPLICATION

Type - Application

Reference: 11/00854/FULL Full planning application, registered 06/06/2011

Address: Redlands 16 George Hill Crediton Devon EX17 2DT

Description: Erection of 2 porticos, porch, and sun room

Web link: <u>11/00854/FULL</u>

No Objections -