



Minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee meeting of the Democratic Services held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 19:00 in the Old Landscore School, Greenway, Credition, EX17 3LP

Present:	Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, J Harris, G Fawssett, N Letch, P Perriman and S Huxtable
Apologies:	Cllr G Cochran
In Attendance:	One member of the public
Minute Taker:	Rachel Avery

MINUTES

37 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked Credition Town Council to support the '20 is plenty' campaign.

There was a brief discussion regarding the request, and it was **noted** that this would be added as agenda item to Full Council on Tuesday 19 September.

38 APOLOGIES

It was **resolved** to approve apologies from Cllr Cochran. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable).

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr N Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

40 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

This was **noted**.



41 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no changes to the order of business.

42 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

43 PLANNING AND TOWN STRATEGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

44 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

44.1 REF: 23/01196/FULL

It was **resolved** that Cllrs N Letch, Fawssett and Harris would visit the site, with a view to holding an additional meeting to consider the application. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

It was **noted** that Cllr N Letch would arrange this and confirm with attendees. It was **noted** that the Administrative Officer would request an extension for comments to be provided by Wednesday 20 September.

44.2 REF: 23/01309/CAT

It was **resolved** to recommend no objection. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

45 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

The decision was **noted**.

46 CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL

The Town Clerk explained that the Chair of the Credition Food Festival Committee had explained that there was currently no intention of running the event in 2024 and was approaching Credition Town Council to ask if they would be interested in taking



on the event. The Town Clerk suggested that this event could incorporate the Boniface Day celebrations. There was consideration given to the idea, which was met with interest. However, it was recognised that the office team was small, and the town council could not continue to take on events without looking to obtain additional volunteer support. It was agreed that consideration needs to go into the running of such a large event.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would continue conversations with the current Food Festival Committee, with the view to support more strongly rather than taking on the event in its entirety. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking). It was **agreed** that a meeting would be arranged in October to discuss with a wider group.

47 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL VISITOR BOARD:

It was **resolved** that:

- A location at Market Street car park, similar to St Saviours Way, would be acceptable with additional information regarding the Town Square and the Boniface Trail
- Credition Town Council would not approve an information board directly on the Town Square due to cluttering the location
- That a visitor board should be located near the Railway Station. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

48 BUS SHELTERS

The Town Clerk explained that she was investigating the possible relocation of one of the redundant bus shelters on Exeter Road. It was **noted** that information regarding who owns the land.

49 CREDITON HIGH STREET ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES PROPOSALS:

The Town Clerk outlined the outcomes of the meeting she and County Cllr F Letch had with DCC Officers:

- Existing limited waiting bay to East adjacent to North View Cottage to be made unrestricted, assisting parking for local residents
- Any new pay and display restrictions will not apply on Sundays or Bank Holidays



- Since the beginning of June to early July, 15 attendances were within normal working hours, only one was conducted as a “late”, with a total of 105 penalty charge notices being issued (including 7 issued during the late attendance)
- Monies for grass cutting subsidies were being investigated.

The issue was considered and debated, with members highlighting concerns around the climate, pay and display enforcement and lack of economic development within the town.

It was **resolved** that the Town Clerk would collaborate with the other towns being considered for pay and display implementation. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable).

50 CREDITON MASTERPLAN:

The Town Clerk provided a brief update on the Town Centre Masterplan, which will provide a framework to set key regeneration priorities and identify a range of projects to enhance the town centre.

The Masterplan will build upon the existing foundations and principles set within the adopted MDDC Local Plan, Credition Neighbourhood Plan and Credition Traffic & Urban Realm Feasibility Study as well as drawing upon other current best practice guidance.

The topics that the masterplan will cover include:

- Traffic, parking & Highways
- Walking and Cycling
- Public realm and green spaces
- Community Infrastructure
- Development Opportunities
- Legibility and Wayfinding
- Adaption and resilience to Climate Change

It was **noted** that the Town Clerk:

- Is attending bi-weekly meetings with MDDC and LHC (chosen consultants)
- Awaiting a full initial draft document for circulation to members
- Attended a meeting with MDDC and DCC Highways to discuss active travel and transport.

Concerns were raised regarding the implementation of the document and whether the exercise was a good use of money.



51 **A377 CYCLE ROUTE:**

The was no update.

52 **LORDS MEADOW SKATEPARK:**

It was noted that the town council led consultation had received 92 responses. The Projects Officer would collate the data for presentation at the Diversity Festival on Saturday 09 September and to pass on to MDDC.

53 **CHRISTMAS IN CREDITON:**

The Christmas light infrastructure requirements were **noted**.

54 **JOCKEY HILL:**

The Administrative Officer had met with DCC Highways Officer and he had explained any additional signage including electricity would be cost prohibitive. DCC have stated that the current signage is sufficient and meets highway requirements. Vehicle speed was assessed for a week with mechanical tracker and the average speed recorded was 29.9mph. DCC only record accidents that include injury and not damage to vehicles, therefore only one incident has been recorded in the last 5 years.

On average, it was **noted** that there is not an average speeding issue, but 15% of vehicles are speeding. It was **agreed** that the Administrative Officer would ask:

- Whether DCC were liaising with community speed watchers, who have data regarding this location
- Why larger signs would not work and to ask for a quote for this.

It was **noted** that Credition Town Council is doing all it can to deal with the issue and would continue to liaise with DCC.

55 **NEWCOMBES MEADOW BENCHES:**

There was no update.



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56 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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The date of the next meeting was noted - Tuesday 03 October 2023 at 19.00.
The meeting closed at 20.37.

57 REPORTS PACK

Signed

Dated.....

