



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 10 January 2006

Present:

Councillors

- Miss J Harris (Chairman)**
- Mr R Edwards**
- Mr W Brown**
- Mr J Downes**
- Mr R Adams**
- Mr C Haydon**
- Mrs J Pitts**
- Mr D Nation**
- Mrs E Brown**

In Attendance:

- Councillor**
- Assistant Clerk**

- Mr D Nation**
- Mr P Dunn**
- Press and Members of the Public (9)**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Police Sergeant Andrew Lewis and PC Rob Curtis attended to allow councillors to put questions to them on various town issues. Issues discussed included car parking resulting in traffic congestion, anti-social behaviour, the initial impact of the new licensing regime and future arrangements for the police liaison meetings.

98. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr P Taylor (personal commitment).

99. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Pitts	Planning Application 05/02591/FULL
Code of Conduct	Councillor Haydon Councillor Nation	As members of more than one authority, declared that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

100. Chairman's Announcements

None.

101. Public Question Time

Ms Yvonne Schetter representing residents opposed to planning application 05/02591/FULL ('Treetops') addressed council.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and determination*)

102. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions and Applications*

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 for week ending 10 January*
As above.
Councillor Nation left.
- d) *Local Development Framework*
Consideration of the Core Strategy and Statement of Community Involvement documents was deferred to Town Council to allow more time to review their papers on the matter.

103. Allotments

- a) *Matters Reported by Tenants*
A dispute concerning the cutting of a boundary hedge by a tenant was reported. The clerk was investigating the matter.
Arrangements were in hand to install an additional tap during the winter months at Exhibition Road site.

104. Highways

A list of desired schemes was compiled and rated (attached to these minutes).

AGENDA ITEMS (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

105. Police Liaison

As agreed with Sergeant Lewis, he would compile a schedule of dates for the year for the police liaison meetings, and would distribute minutes to members once produced after meetings.

106. Royal Mail Service

It was agreed to lobby POSTCOMM outlining the reasons against the final letter box clearing time at Market Street being brought forward one hour. Councillors regarded the explanation from Royal Mail dated 25 November being inadequate.

107. Memorial Seat

It was agreed to progress siting the seat between the granite columns in the Square. The Chairman and Cllr Haydon agreed to liaise with the donor (regarding the funding required), and the district officers (regarding inclusion in the Town Square scheme. It was suggested the Council could fund any shortfall in installation costs, assuming the donor would cover the cost of the seat. There was no objection to this suggestion.

108. Code of Conduct

Councillor Walter Brown proposed lobbying the Government, to clarify that the statutory guidance on investigations by Monitoring Officers must be adhered to. Not being seconded the motion failed.

The review of the ODPM document Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future was deferred to Town Council to allow councillors more time. The clerk was requested to circulate the ODPM summary from the ODPM website to members by email with some requesting paper copy.

109. Upper Deck

A report was given on the preparation for works to commence on the restoration project now that a Heritage Lottery grant had been secured. A press release from the project group was tabled for information, together with MDDC correspondence.

The Council chairman congratulated all who had worked so hard on the project to bring it to fruition.

A post restoration maintenance schedule was tabled for consideration.

110. Graffiti

Various locations in Newcombes Meadow were reported. A request to the Community Safety Partnership to arrange removal had been made, however their equipment was currently awaiting repair. The clerk outlined an option to pay a commercial operative to remove the graffiti.

It was agreed to notify MDDC of the issues and request its removal as operators of the park, and to request they deal with the graffiti on the Town Band Stand at the same time.

111. Parking

Councillor Elizabeth Brown stated that the matter of illegal parking in the Lloyds Bank bus stop bay had been dealt with to her satisfaction during the earlier session with the police.

112. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Phillips Christmas circular.
2. DCC – Convictions under the new roads and street works act. *The clerk was requested to write and thank the Highways Authority for their actions.*
3. Police – Parking issues Lords Meadow.
4. MDDC – Update on the Square's progress.
5. Standards Board for England – press release responding to ministerial announcement concerning the local gov. ownership of process to improve ethical standards.
6. DCC – Notice of withdrawal of payroll services from 31/3/6 – *An agenda item was requested once the office had researched alternatives.*
7. MDDC – Funding Bricks – Fuel Poverty Awards
8. Stage Coach – Response to council concern on the cost of travel for young people.
9. DAPC – Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 consultation.
10. DAPC – Training courses info. – New Cllr (short course) / Moving Parish Plans forward.
11. Chamber of Commerce – Quiz & Buffet – now cancelled.
12. Cllr Walter Brown – War Memorial Bus Timetables.
13. DCC – Planning For Real – Confirmation of Dr Ian Harrison's attendance to report on the exercise – provisionally scheduled for 21/2/6 – *It was agreed to start the meeting at 18:15.*
14. Mid Devon Primary Care Trust (Credon Hospital) – Launch of a new rehabilitation service for sufferers of back pain at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre.
15. DCC – Road closure notice – 3/1-11/1 Bowden Hill for highway drainage works.
16. Credon MCTI – Notice from chairman seeking to wind up the process.
17. Mr D King – School New Build Funding Priorities – *The Council Chairman reported he had discussed the matters raised with Mr King to his satisfaction, and would pass on the information to the County Councillor.*

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

113. Flag

The options for the provision of a flag should be put back on the agenda, given the build out of the pavement at the Market Street offices, now meant it was likely this option was now a possibility. The clerk would liaise with the Planning Authority.

114. Devon Mediation Service

The organisation was looking for a new committee member, anyone interested should contact the Council Chairman.

115. HERS Scheme Street Lighting

Councillor Haydon was actively petitioning for these works to be completed.

116. Code of Conduct Training

The clerk was requested to send out a reminder of the start time.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed:

(J Harris – Chairman)

Date:

Planning Decisions

Application Granted 05/02276/FULL - Mr R Page & M F Page - Change of use from steel fabrication (B2) to warehousing (B8). - Page Concrete & Steel Ltd, Marsh Lane, Lords Meadow, Industrial Estate, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02303/FULL - Mr & Mrs K Waldron - Formation of hardstanding in front garden. - 14 Butt Parks, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02367/FULL - South West of England Regional Development Agency, North Quay House, Sutton Harbour, Plymouth - Renewal of temporary planning permission for the provision of temporary construction site compound on car park for duration of construction works associated with CREDITON Town Square. - Land at NGR 283256 100442, Parliament Street, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02381/FULL - Mr & Mrs R N Thorn - Erection of first floor extension (revised scheme). - 1 The Mannings, Downeshead Land, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02394/FULL - Devon Fire & Rescue Service, Service Headquarters, Clyst St George, Exeter - Removal of condition (12) of planning application permission 4/18/2001/1772 which required the installation of 'wig wag' traffic light system. - Land at NGR 283778 100070 CREDITON Fire Station, Charlotte Street, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02400/LBC - M G & C J Windsor - Listed Building Consent for internal alterations. - 71 High Street, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02425/FULL - Devon County Council, Tiverton Local Service Group, Broad Lane, Westex South, Tiverton - Erection of northwest boundary brickwork wall with piers following demolition of existing wall. - West Park, Alexandra Road, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02428/FULL - Mr & Mrs B J Lias - Erection of extension. - 8 Penton Close, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02429/CAT - D Mullins - Notification to remove 1 no. Apple Tree within a conservation area. - Orchard House, The Maltings, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02461/FULL - Mr L Parker - Erection of extension. - Sunnyside, Alexandra Road, CREDITON

Application Granted 05/02515/FULL - A & N Wreford - Change of use from first floor primary reception area for funeral parlour to 2 no. flats and extension and alteration to garage. - Le Roy Funeral Services, 94-95 High Street, CREDITON

Application LBC Granted 05/02139/LBC - Mr W S Lee - Listed building consent for the installation of intruder alarm. - 17 High Street, CREDITON

Application Refusal 05/01121/FULL - J Cummings, Altaso Threshers, CREDITON - Erection of 1 no. dwelling and self contained annexe. - Land at NGR 283438 100110, Barnfield, CREDITON

Application Withdrawn 05/01282/OUT - Mr J Mitchell - Outline for the erection of 2 no. dwellings - Forches Corner, Higher Road, CREDITON

Application Withdrawn 05/01792/FULL - Cheldon Management Ltd - Erection of 7 no. three storey dwellings with planted gardens following demolition of existing outbuildings, workshops and garage with retention of existing access - Rear Of 35 East Street, CREDITON

05/02591/FULL

Mr J Cummings
Altaso
Threshers
Credton
EX17 3NL

Land At NGR
283438 100110
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Devon
EX17 3HY

Erection of a
dwelling with annex
under (Revised
Proposal)

Miss Lucy
Hodgson

OBJECTION - The proposal does not address reason 2 for refusal of this scheme under application number 05/01121/FULL - "The building proposed, by reason of its size...". The size of the proposed residence has not changed. If the Planning Authority are minded to approve the application, the Town Council would wish the following conditions to be considered:-

- 1. The dwelling should be maintained as a single dwelling and not split in future.**
- 2. Any rear access to the property is kept locked when not in use.**
- 3. The ridge height of the proposal should not exceed that of neighbouring 'Corinth'.**
- 4. Full percolation tests to satisfactory standards given nature of stepp hillside location with residences at foot of hill.**
- 5. Fence to be 2m height on eastern boundary nearest Park St.**

05/02759/OUT

Mr S Young
C/o Nigel Cant
Planning
16 Long Street
Dursley
GL11 4HY

1 Waresfoot Drive
Credton
Devon
EX17 2DG

Outline for the erection of
1 no. dwelling

Miss Amy
Taylor

OBJECTION - The Council considered the proposal to be over development and not in keeping with the Conservation Area.

05/02781/ARM	Reed Construction & Developments The Linhay Nymet Tracey Bow Crediton EX17 6BY	Upauver Jockey Hill Crediton Devon EX17 1DP	Reserved Matters for the erection of 3 no. dwellings with attached garages and hardstanding for parking, and formation of new access	Mr Keith Garside Crediton Area Office
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DEFERRED - To Town Council 24th January.

05/02783/FULL	Cheldon Management Ltd 12 Popham Close Blundells Road Tiverton EX16 4GA	Mr E Holden, Dip,Arch., RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Crediton EX17 3LF	Rear Of 35 East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AY	Erection of 5 no. houses and 3 no. flats following demolition of existing outbuildings (Revised scheme)	Mr Keith Garside Crediton Area Office
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OBJECTION - On the grounds of over-development - the proposal will result in 8 dwellings with no parking arrangements in a congested area of the town. No provision for waste / recycling bins.

Town Council Priority	Date Registered	Highways Notified	Location	Description
High	2005	2005	Western Road	Widening of pedestrian footpath on north side between QE Drive and the Town centre.
High	2005	2005	Alexandra Road	New footpath
High	2005	2005	Lords Meadow Industrial Estate	Alterations to parking restriction road markings.
High	10/01/06	2004	George Hill	Provision of pavement on the eastern side top of George Hill around to Upper Deck entrance as part of Upper Deck restoration project.
Low	10/01/06	2004	George Hill	Provision of pavement on the western side top of George Hill bearing left around corner onto Higher Road as part of Upper Deck restoration project.
High	10/01/06	16/01/06	Jockey Hill	Safety of pedestrians crossing from the central refuge at the bottom of Jockey Hill to Belle Parade; motorists approaching the mini-roundabout too fast turning right up Jockey Hill are not visible.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Jockey Hill	Junction with Deep Lane - assuming extending the footpath on the western side of Jockey Hill to the junction with Deep Lane is not feasible, consideration to the provision of road markings (white hashing) to create a refuge for pedestrians in this vicinity.
Low	10/01/06	16/01/06	Peoples Park Road	Kerbing of the north side of the road boundary with the park at the western end of Peoples Park Road.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Threshers	Safety improvements at junction with Western Road.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Mill Street	Pavement provision from Somerfields junction to Blagdon.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Parliament Street	20mph zone.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Deep Lane	20mph zone.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Peoples Park Road	20mph zone.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Church Street	20mph zone.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	Market Street	20mph zone.
Medium	10/01/06	16/01/06	North Street	20mph zone.