



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 7 March 2006

Present:

Councillors

Miss J Harris (Chairman)
Mr W Brown
Mr R Adams
Mrs J Pitts
Mrs E Brown

In Attendance:

Assistant Clerk

Mr P Dunn
Press and Public

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mrs Brenda Jackson from Credition and District Community Transport gave a presentation on the work of the organisation. From the organisations initial beginnings the work has grown substantially, with a variety of services now being provided, serving in excess of 300 passengers per week.

Councillors Walter Brown and Adams arrived.

131. Apologies

Due to personal commitments apologies were received from Councillors Edwards, Haydon, Taylor and Downes.

132. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Pitts	Minute 135b Application 06/00384/OUT
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133. Chairman's Announcements

None.

134. Public Question Time

Representations were made concerning planning application 06/00384/OUT (Outline application for the erection of 12 no. apartments on land adjacent to The Lodge, Western Road.

Residents considered the site was already "full"; the redevelopment of the old hospital to provide 37 residential flats had included provision of 39 allocated residential car parking spaces. The site also accommodates the current Hospital, Social Services and NHS Offices, necessitating parking provision for each organisations' respective staff and visitors. The sum of these demands for parking were said to already result in the site struggling to cope with parking demands. It was reported the original plans for the site redevelopment intended the now proposed land for development as an overflow car park for the site, and this was much needed to meet just the current demand.

There was concern that current parking was already impeding access for emergency vehicles.

It was suggested if the land now proposed for development were allocated for an overflow car park it could also serve as a meeting point for the Landscore School "run" Travel Plan.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and determination*)

135. Planning

The new planning list layout was considered a good enhancement making the information provided much clearer.

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 7 March*

None considered.

136. Allotments

a) *Matters raised by tenants*

None.

AGENDA ITEMS (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

137. Devon In Touch Roadshow

It was recommended that Councillor representation should be present at the roadshow during its visit and suggested a small presentation board of services provided by the Town Council would be of use.

138. High Street Seating – Lloyds Bank

Councillors Elizabeth Brown and Haydon attended a site visit with the Town Clerk to review the proposed re-positioning of public seating. The District Council's suggestion to locate the additional bench alongside the existing on the western side was recommended for support, with a request to Chamber of Commerce to not site hanging flower baskets above. Additionally the owners of Lloyds Bank Chambers be requested to install pigeon netting to the buildings facade and to repair the broken rainwater gutter currently spilling on the existing seat.

139. Dog Litter Bin

The junction of Beech Park, Long Meadows and Pound Hill was recommended with the precise location decision being left to District Ward members to liaise with refuse collection officers.

140. Landscore Playspace

Owing to four of the six members who attended being absent from the meeting it was agreed to defer the report to Town Council.

141. Local Bus Timetables

Concern was expressed whether adequate passenger capacity would be provided by the proposed Stagecoach 07:52 service from North Tawton Square via Crediton to Exeter Bus Station given it was replacing two existing services.

Additionally it was stated that the First 16:30 Bamstaple to Winkleigh should be extended to Crediton and Exeter at least on Saturdays, to allow a sensible day return trip.

It was recommended Councillor Walter Brown would draft a letter making the above representations.

142. Rail Timetable Consultation

The committee recommended that in view of the increase in passenger numbers using this service, it seemed contradictory and short-sighted to downgrade the current level of service on this line. A reduction in the number of trains stopping at rural stations west of Crediton was likely to lead to more road congestion in Crediton from through traffic to Exeter. The reduction from 12 to 11 services stopping at Crediton would also impact current passengers with less frequent trains.

143. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. MDDC – Downes Farm Signage Response.
2. Upper Deck Restoration Project – Acknowledgement of receipt of £437.00.
3. Crediton Information Centre – Request for confirmation of support.
4. MCTi – Conference info. (Devon Sustainable Energy Network & The Community Renewables Initiative for Devon & Cornwall).
5. MCTi – Detail of final meeting of committee.
6. Websites for Devon Community Partnerships info.
7. MDDC – Town Square site visit info.
8. MDDC – Funding Bricks no. 77 – 5x30 programme grants.
9. CCD / North Devon Pathfinder Trust – Free taster computer sessions brought to the local community.
10. MDALC – Notice of Meeting – 8th March, Mayoralty Room, Tiverton Town Hall 7pm.
11. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Liaison Meetings info.
12. SLCC Devon Branch update report.
13. SLCC – Council payment of SLCC membership fees.
14. R A Pollard – Letter of support for Somerfield Development Proposals.
15. MDDC – Licensing Act 2003 – QE Community College – Application to vary license.
16. First – Launch of Greater Western Franchise – Invitation to attend for Cllr W Brown.
17. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Parish Magazines / Newsletter info req. + clerk update info. req.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

144. Highways Issues

It was stated that previous road reports in respect of road sign damage at the top of Prince of Wales Road, and the ivy growth on the wall beside the pavement in Parliament Street was still causing an obstruction to the pavement, particularly when vehicles park part on the pavement.

Meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed:

(J Harris – Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 7 MARCH 2006

Planning Decisions

The General Purposes Committee received and noted the following decisions from the Planning Authority:

Type - Application Refused					
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
05/02759/OUT (17/02/06)	Mr S Young C/o Nigel Cant Planning 16 Long Street Dursley GL11 4HY -		1 Warefoot Drive Crediton Devon EX17 2DG	Outline for the erection of 1 no. dwelling	Miss Amy Taylor
Type - Application Granted					
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00036/FULL (01/03/06)	Mr L Parker Sunnyside Alexandra Road Crediton EX17 2DP -		Sunnyside Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	Erection of extension (Revised proposal - replacement of approved skylights with sunpipe)	Mrs Rebecca Flay Crediton Area Office
Type - Application Granted					
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00049/FULL (01/03/06)	Mr S Andrews 8 Winswood Crediton Devon EX17 3EU -		8 Winswood Crediton Devon EX17 3EU	Erection of a conservatory	Miss Amy Taylor

Type - Application Appeal Refused Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
05/00596/LBC (01/03/06)	Mr Ian Penny	-	Land adjacent to Farthings Belle Parade Crediton	Listed Building Consent for erection of new dwelling	

Type - Application Appeal Refused Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
05/00597/FULL (01/03/06)	Mr Ian Penny	-	Land adjacent to Farthings Belle Parade Crediton	Erection of a 3 storey dwelling.	

Planning Applications

The General Purposes Committee considered the following applications:

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00354/CAT (21/02/06)	Graham Tucker 20 Lane Johns Field Crediton EX17 1EB		Penton House Old Tiverton Road Crediton Devon EX17 1EF	Notification of intention to reduce height and cut back branches on 1 No Ash tree in a Conservation Area	Ms Marie Stainwright
NO OBJECTION -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00360/ARM Deferred from previous meeting (21/02/06)	Reed Construction & Developments Ltd The Linhay Nymet Tracey Bow Credton EX17 6DB		Upauper Jockey Hill Credton Devon EX17 1DP	Reserved matters for the erection of 3 no. dwellings and associated parking	Mr Keith Garside
OBJECTION - Considered over-development; the proposal will spoil the setting of existing housing in a conservation area.					
Insufficient information provided by the developer on the proposed elevations in relation to the existing buildings.					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00384/OUT (21/02/06)	Mr J Cummings Altaso Threshers Credton EX17 3NL		Land At NGR 282011 100555 Western Road Credton Devon EX17 3NH	Outline for the erection of 12 no. apartments	Mr Keith Garside
DEFERRED - Councillors agreed to arrange individual site visits.					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
Credton Town 18 06/00276/LBC Development affecting public right of way (28/02/06)	Credton Town Council Market Street Credton EX17 2AG	Ms E Brown 20 Prince Of Wales Road Credton EX17 2AG	5 Cockles Lane Dean Street Credton Devon EX17 3ER	Listed Building Consent for the installation of blue heritage plaque	Ms Marie Stainwright Credton Area Office
NO COMMENT -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
Crediton Town 18 06/00399/FULL (28/02/06)	Mr & Mrs Gilbert 27 Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BW		27 Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BW	Conversion of barn to living accommodation	Ms Marie Stainwright Crediton Area Office
NO OBJECTION -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
Crediton Town 18 06/00461/LBC (28/02/06)	Crediton Town Council Market Street Crediton EX17 2AG	Ms E Brown 20 Prince Of Wales Road Crediton EX17 2AG	Winswood House Park Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BS	Listed Building Consent for the installation of blue heritage plaque	Ms Marie Stainwright Crediton Area Office
NO COMMENT -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
Crediton Town 18 06/00478/FULL (28/02/06)	Mr P Denford 5 George Hill Crediton EX17 2DT	S A G Bryant SAB Drawing & Design 26 Marguerite Road Tiverton EX16 6TD	5 George Hill Crediton Devon EX17 2DT	Erection of two storey extension	Ms Marie Stainwright Crediton Area Office
APPROVED -					