



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 4 July 2006

Present:

Councillors

Miss J Harris (Chairman)

Mr R Adams

Mr W Brown

Mr J Downes

Mr B Edwards

Mr C Haydon

Mrs J Pitts

Mr P Taylor (part meeting)

In Attendance:

Mr P Dunn (Assistant Town Clerk)

Mr N Way

Press

24. Apologies

None.

25. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Haydon	As a member 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.
Code of Conduct	Councillor Way	As a member 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.
Prejudicial	Councillor J Pitts	Minute 30b application 06/01356/LBC

26. Chairman's Announcements

The council chairman reminded members of the forthcoming Jacksons visit and the need to advise sizes for coveralls.

The council chairman informed members of the annual bowls tournament should anyone wish to organise a town council team.

27. Public Question Time

None.

28. Agenda Order

It was agreed to bring forward the highways agenda item at Councillor Way's request.

29. Highways

A petition from Broad Close residents concerning the deterioration of the road surface was considered. It was reported Highways had inspected the road. Currently debris from the deteriorating surface was getting into and blocking drains.

It was agreed this road along with others in the town were in need of resurfacing.

It was agreed to notify the highways authority of the need to schedule works to resurface Broad Close, Peoples Park Road, Buller Road and Landscrope and request an indication of

time scales for the scheduling of the works. In the meantime highways would be requested to ensure Broad Close is regularly swept to avoid drains getting blocked.
Councillor Way left.
Councillor Taylor arrived.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and determination*)

30. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Decisions notified by the planning authority were noted and are appended.

b) *Planning Applications*

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

Cllr Pitts declared a prejudicial interest and left the chamber whilst application 06/01356/LBC was considered.

The clerk was requested to remind MDDC of the need to consult the council in the matter of the design/layout of the new public conveniences for Market Street.

c) *Red Cross Hill Development Brief*

The notes received were not what councillors expected in terms of a full draft development brief. The clerk was requested to seek information on the time scales for its production.

31. Allotments.

a) *Matters raised by tenants.*

The clerk reported five plots had been re-let.

b) *Allotment Sub-Committee Report.*

All recommendations were ratified, with the exception of:-

- It was agreed to defer ratification of the second and third Insurance related recommendations pending the outcome of the meeting with tenants.
- The recommendation pertaining to Moffats Land site security was rejected. Instead it was agreed to seek quotations to add a half panel fence to the top of the existing wall.

c) *Signage*

It was reported a verbal quotation had been verified for the operator signage and was within the budget allocated.

The content and layout was considered.

It was agreed Councillor Adams would produce a revised version for consideration at the next General Purposes Committee.

d) *Tenants Meeting and Ballot*

Subject to one amendment to the third paragraph, the draft letter/ballot was approved.

The clerk was delegated authority in liaison with the council chairman and vice-chairman to dispatch the letter to tenants once acceptable written assurances had been received from insurers to substantiate paragraph 3.

AGENDA ITEMS (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

32. Hospital Car Parking

A letter from Mid Devon PCT was considered.

The council chairman would draft a response.

33. Local Air Quality

The USA report was still not available on the District website.

Defer.

34. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

1. Calor Village of the Year – details on competition.

2. MDDC – Holding letter response from Nick Sanderson concerning issues with Grass Cutting & Floral Displays.
3. Payment for Town Square Memorial Seat.
4. Postwatch – Changes to Final Collection Times – notification of Postcomm consultation to take place Autumn 2006.
 - *The clerk was requested to ensure a copy was obtained for completion.*
5. MDDC – Conservation Officer response re. The Mitre Stained Glass and Town Square Pillar's Plaque.
6. Mid Devon Association of Local Councils – Notification Meeting 19/07/06.
7. Upper Deck Restoration Project – copy of Chairman's letter of thanks to Restoration Contractor.
8. MCTi Meeting Information.
9. MDDC – Replacement of Cemetery Taps.
10. Whitton & Laing – Information pertaining to issues at the Lodge sent to Councillor Haydon and copied for the council's reference.
11. Hotchkiss Warburton – Town Council Office Lease.
12. MDDC Planning Committee Minutes of 21/06/06.
13. MDDC – Acknowledgement of TC views ref. Core Strategy concerning developments in the Town without adequate road infrastructure.
14. Tesco response re shop frontage in High St.
15. MDDC – Council Meeting 28/06/06 ref. Gov. Office SW direction concerning deletion of proposed modification 188 – provision of employment land.
16. Resident – Peoples Park parking issues.
17. Crediton Town Square Advisory Group Minutes of 7/6/6.
18. Chamber of Commerce Meeting info. 05/07/06.
19. MDDC – Council Summons & Agenda 28/06/06.
20. Resident – Concern at state of Warehouse at Crediton Railway Station.
 - *Request Councillor Way and the Planning Authority to investigate and agenda if necessary.*
21. Cllr Nation – Copy of correspondence to MDDC concerning signage to St Saviours Car Park and partnership toilets.
22. Taekwon-Do World Championship fund raising for local representative.
 - *Agenda item to consider grant at next Town Council.*
23. MDDC – Hackney & Private Hire Licensing Review.
 - *Clerk requested to review detail and agenda if necessary.*
24. Resident – Lobbying TC against out of town supermarkets.
 - *The council chairman would contact the resident to discuss concerns.*
25. Tesco – Agreement in principle to open up shop front.
26. MDDC – Temporary closure of Greenway Play Area pending urgent Health & Safety works.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

35. Wishing Well Planter

The need for chicken wire was questioned. It was explained wildlife had decimated the original planting and it was the only way to protect the display.

36. 2009 Festival

A link to the Boniface website from the council website was requested.

37. Standing Orders

It was questioned whether the correct procedures had been followed at the previous town council meeting. The chairman ruled this should be raised under matters arising at the next town council.

Meeting closed at 21:05.

Signed:

(J Harris – Chairman)

Date: