



Credition Town Council



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

Present:

Councillors

- Miss J Harris (Chairman)
- Mr W Brown
- Mrs J Pitts
- Mrs E Brown
- Mr C Haydon
- Mr B Edwards

In Attendance:

Assistant Clerk

- Mr P Dunn
- Press

145. Apologies

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

146. Declarations of Interest

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| 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. |
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147. Chairman's Announcements

None.

148. Public Question Time

None.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and determination*)

149. 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 4 April*
None considered.
- d) *To receive and consider the Development Brief pertaining to Red Hill Cross if available.*
Deferred.

150. Allotments

- a) *To approve an application to site a shed on plot E18A.*
Approved.
- b) *Matters raised by tenants*
None.

AGENDA ITEMS (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

151. Bus Fares

It was recommended the council press Stagecoach for a response on concessionary fares for young people, having still not received a reply to previous correspondence.

152. Villages in Action

A letter from the group was reported concerning funding arrangements. Further information was supplied on the District Council's level of funding to the group.

It was recommended to write to the group expressing support, and invite a grant application for consideration by the Council for any forthcoming youth orientated project planned for the town.

It was further recommended the Council writes to the District Council expressing the Council's support for the group and its work.

153. Church Bells

The efforts to increase the peel from 10 to 12 bells was discussed. It was reported the two new bells would be smaller than the existing and enhance the sound not increase the volume.

It was recommended the Council commends those involved in the restoration of the bells and offers support to increase the peel to 12 bells.

154. Town Square Events

It was recommended the Council facilitates a meeting with a view to forming a management committee. The Council Chairman would chair a meeting on Tuesday 9 May at 7pm to which representatives of town groups should be invited. Clerk to organise.

It was noted the handover inspection between contractors and officers would take place this coming Friday at 9am.

155. Devon Local Transport Plan

The final submission had not been received therefore the item was deferred.

156. British Trust Conservation Volunteers Project Work

It was recommended to write and thank the group for their work, stating there were no identified current projects the Town Council required help with at this time.

157. AQMA

A report from the recent AQMA meeting was deferred, given the meeting would be inquorate due to those present with defined prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct.

158. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Rod Brookes – Response to TC's thanks regarding contribution to the Town Square.
2. E J & S D Searle Morchard Rd – Comments on the new Town Square.
3. Chamber of Commerce – Notice of AGM.
4. MCTi Meeting 6/4/6 Agenda.
5. Charlesworth Nicholl – Pigeon mess update.
6. MDDC – Funding Bricks no. 79 – New Awards For All Programme.
7. MDDC – Licensing Application for Old Town Hall.
8. DCC – Closure of Parliament Street Notice.
9. MDDC – Cockles Lane update.
10. First Group – Acknowledgement receipt of TC's representations on timetable changes.
11. DCC – Temporary Rd Closure North Street.
The Clerk was requested to clarify the order of various closures in the coming weeks, and request a regular update bulletin to be posted in the Square and the local press.
12. ODPM – Changes to Local Government Pension Scheme in 2006.
13. Unison – Notice of Industrial Action.
14. MDDC Dave Scott – Landscore Primary School seeking Section 106 funding.
An agenda item was requested.
15. Postcomm – Response to follow-up concerning alteration to postal collection times.
The Clerk was requested to follow-up previous correspondence with Postcomm, with Postwatch.

16. Tarka Line – update from NDRUG on proposed service changes.
17. Lanscore School – response expressing thanks for council support for Open Community Space proposals.
18. Lords Meadow Business Forum – AGM Info 6/4/6 6:30pm .
19. DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 – Availability of Guidelines.
The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy.
20. Mr & Mrs Blake – Restricted Zone Parking & Traffic Management Scheme for the Town Square – observations.
This item was reported at the Council Chairman's request.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

159. CAMM

It was agreed to accept an offer to update the Council on CAMM's activities.

160. Winswood Development Inquiry

An agenda item was requested to discuss the Council's representations at the inquiry.

161. Highways.

It was reported that requests to remark worn out road markings had not been carried out. It was agreed such instances should be reported to the Clerk for follow-up.

162. Council Office Flagpole

It was reported listed building consent had now been granted. The suppliers had requested the existing bracket be sent to them to allow fabrication of their new bracket to fit existing holes to avoid damage to the building frontage. It was expressed that a temporary union flag be flown for the Queen's Birthday. Clerk to arrange.

163. Local Food Awards

It was reported Crediton came joint first in its class. An agenda item was requested to discuss printing photographic copies of the engraved tablet to give all those who took part a copy.

164. Town Policing

It was agreed to invite the Police to give an update on policing levels in the town. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries as to the state of the liaison meetings as there had not been one for some time.

165. Council Committees

Concern was expressed at the attendance levels at recent General Purposes Committee meetings, and the imbalance in workload between the Council and General Purposes Committee meetings. The Council Chairman would discuss the matter with the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed:

(J Harris – Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 4 APRIL 2006

Planning Decisions

The GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE received and noted the following decisions from the Planning Authority:

| Type - Application Granted | | | | | |
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| Number | Applicant | Agent | Location | Proposal | Officer |
| 05/02801/FULL (24/03/06) | Mr & Mrs Mitchell 56 East Street Crediton EX17 3BA | | 56 East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3BA | Conversion of garage to 2 no. apartments | Miss Amy Taylor |
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Planning Applications

The GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE considered the following applications:

| Type - Application | | | | | |
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| Number | Applicant | Agent | Location | Proposal | Officer |
| 06/00606/FULL (21/03/06) | Newcombes (Crediton) Housing Association Ltd The Organ House Church Lane Crediton EX17 2AH | Arthur Palfrey Partnership 23 Southernhay West Exeter EX1 1PR | Land At NGR 283334 100449 (adjacent Telephone Exchange) Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP | Erection of 8 no. retirement flats and formation of vehicular access and parking area | Mr Keith Garside |
| APPROVED - The car parking area should have effective screening (fence or shrubs) to prevent car head-lights shining into first floor winds of Parliament St. housing. | | | | | |