



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 6 February 2007

**Present:**                    **Councillors**                    **Miss J Harris (Chairman)**  
**Mr W Brown**  
**Mr C Haydon**  
**Mrs J Pitts**  
**Mr B Edwards**  
**Mr R Adams**  
**Mr J Downes**

**In Attendance:**                    **Mr P Dunn (Assistant Town Clerk)**  
**Press**

**91. To receive apologies.**

Apologies received from Councillors Taylor & Nation.

**92. Declarations of Interest.**

Code of Conduct	Councillor Haydon	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.
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 99a – shopkeeper.
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 99a – parking space holder.
Personal	Councillor Pitts	Minute 99a – shopkeeper.

**93. Chairman’s Announcements.**

The Council Chairman reminded councillors present of the Extraordinary Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Tesco outline planning application.

**94. Public Question Time.**

None.

**95. Planning.**

**a) Notification of Decisions made by the Planning Authority.**

Noted.

**b) Planning Applications.**

Responses attached.

**96. Allotments**

**a) Association Meeting.**

A verbal report of the Boniface Allotments Associations was given. Councillors Harris, Adams and Letch attended. The meeting was well attended with a speaker from the National Allotment Gardeners Association. Recommendations resulting from the meeting were awaited.

**b) Issues Raised by Tenants.**

Concerns have been raised about the state of the central path at Exhibition Road site. It was agreed to consult the Association on the matter for their recommendations.

**97. Dog Bin Provision.**

A request for a dog bin at the bottom of QE Drive was considered. It was agreed provision was required in this location. A request to MDDC should be submitted to see if this could be provided from the section 106 open space funding associated with the development.

**98. Standards Board - Code of Conduct Consultation.**

The proposed changes were considered and there was general approval. It was agreed the report should be noted.

**99. Mid Devon District Council Consultations.**

**a) Off Street Parking Places variation Order 2007 proposals.**

The Chairman and Councillors Adams and Pitts left for this item having declared prejudicial interests. It was agreed the Council Chairman take the Chair for this item.

It was agreed to object to the proposal to increase the maximum stay at Market Street car park to three hours as it was considered this would reduce the overall availability of car parking spaces due to reduced turnover of users. Councillor Haydon abstained from the vote.

**b) MDDC land identified for potential development in the Town.**

It was agreed the proposed location at Beech Park may well be providing valuable parking given the shortage of off-street residential parking in the vicinity. Any proposed changes should consider child safety and not obscure children's play activity in the open space beyond from general public view. Councillor Haydon abstained from the vote.

**c) Future of Greenway play area.**

It was agreed the open space should be retained for children's play and the remaining swings equipment provision maintained as a minimum. Available funding for new equipment over and above provision of swings at this site should be concentrated on provision at Newcombes Meadow. Councillor Haydon abstained from the vote.

**100. Band Stand Hire Agreement.**

The clerk reported following Council's previous request the proposed agreement revisions had been reviewed by MDDC and an officer's report provided for Council consideration. No response had been received from the Town Band.

It was agreed the Chairman would make best endeavours to ascertain the difference in insurance costs between £2M and £5M public liability provision. The Clerk was requested to consult the Council's insurers and other authorities providing similar facilities.

**101. Public Communication.**

**a) To review draft revised public question time leaflet.**

The new leaflet was approved subject to minor amendments.

**b) To review arrangements for the Annual Town Meeting.**

It was agreed to hold the meeting with speaker prior to the General Purposes Committee on 3 April 7pm at a suitable venue to be booked.

**102. 2007 Municipal Year.**

A new schedule of dates was approved.

**103. Correspondence Received.**

1. Standards Board for England Notification of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct SBE17262.07 & SBE17263.07.
2. Black Rock Merrill Lynch Investment Managers investment report.
3. Devon Renaissance News – 28/01/07 Newsletter.
4. DCC – Road Closure Notice 7th-9th March – Parliament St from junction with Market St for approx. 100m.
5. DCC – Road Closure Notice 20th Feb-30th March – Four Mills Lane.

**BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD.**

**104. Town Regeneration Improvements.**

It was reported the Regional Development Agency would be visiting the town to review improvements 7 February.

Meeting closed at 21:20.

Signed:

(J Harris – Chairman)

Date: