



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 5 June 2007

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris Mr P Finnegan Mr F Letch Mr R Adams Mr R Wright Mr D Nation	Chairman (Item 1 only) Chairman (From Item 2)
In Attendance:		Mr M Maggs Mr M Ashley Press 1 Member of the Public	Clerk Assistant Clerk

1. Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

The Council Chairman Chaired the Meeting for the Election of incoming Chairmen.

- a) Councillor Adams was elected Chairman.
- b) Councillor Letch was elected Vice-Chairman.

2. To receive apologies

Councillor W Brown; Personal Commitment.

3. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation Councillor Wright	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 6e
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 6e
Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute 6b 07/00791/Full
Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute 6e
Personal	Councillor Letch	Minute 6b 07/00932/Full
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 6b 07/00791/Full

4. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman introduced the new Assistant Town Clerk to the Committee.

5. Public Question Time

The Chairman of the Crediton Area Access Group raised the issue of the lack of a footpath on the Western side of Mill Street by the entrance to Somerfield and across the frontage of ATS Tyres. He requested that the Council consider supporting the placing of conditions on any future development on the site.

The issue has been discussed previously and two options identified. In the event of sale of the site, a section 106 condition on any planning application could be considered or by Compulsory Purchase Order. The Chairman thanked him for his comments and said the Council would continue to monitor this situation.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and determination*)

6. Planning.

a) Notification of Planning Decisions.

Noted. 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) Items for Determination week ending Tuesday 05 June 2007

None.

d) Crediton Traffic Action Group Letter

The Chairman outlined the background of the contents of the letter and noted the contradiction of development preceding Link Road construction in order to fund that construction, and the negative impact this would have on air quality. The Chairman thanked CTAG for their letter and agreed the Council should continue to press MDDC and DCC for a solution.

e) Tesco Project Crediton Meeting Request

- Councillors Adams and Harris left the Meeting for the duration of this debate.

Members agreed that Tesco should be invited to address the Council but not before all the relevant reports and papers were available and Councillors had had time to consider them. It was noted that the MDDC Planning Meeting to be held in Crediton would most likely take place at the end of July or beginning of August 2007. The Clerk was tasked to contact Tesco's Public Relations Consultant concerning the Meeting.

7. Allotments

a) Allotments Inspection Reports

The reports of Allotments inspection was submitted and noted. The Clerk was instructed to write to those tenants whose plots were overgrown or uncultivated giving them notice to tidy up their allotments prior to re-inspection in August.

b) The Boniface Allotments Association expenditure for 2007-08

The accounts of expenditure were submitted and noted. The Clerk explained to the Members the process of loaning the money required to the Association by the Council. This is then recovered via tenants' rental invoices.

c) Issues Raised by Tenants

None.

8. Crediton Hospital

The meeting received an update on recent developments concerning Crediton Hospital. It was noted that at the last Town Council Meeting it was agreed that Devon PCT and Devon Partnership Trust would be invited to a Public Meeting, chaired by the Mayor, instead of a Town Council Meeting. The Clerk informed the Members that a provisional date of Thursday 26 June 2007 had been suggested and this would be confirmed when the Assistant Director of Strategic Development returns from leave. It was agreed the Council should continue to press for clarification of the future plans for the Hospital. Councillor Nation informed the Committee that he had organised a preparatory meeting to take place on 13 June 2007.

9. Town Seal

The request for the use of the Town Seal was approved.

GENERAL PURPOSES (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

10. Senior Council

The Committee recommended that the Council support the setting up of such a local community group.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Crediton MCTI (Market and Coastal Towns Initiative) – details on Devon Towns Forum – Seminar, 14 June.
2. DCLG (Department for Communities and Local Government) - LGPS (Local Government Pension Scheme) amendments.
3. SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) agenda and papers for Devon Branch meeting, 8 June. Clerk to attend.
4. Blackrock/Merrill Lynch Investments – statements for Peoples Park Charity. Noted. The Clerk suggested that consideration be given to closing investments as the income is very small. Future Agenda item.
5. NPFA (National Playing Fields Association) – notice of AGM and proposed name change.
6. Environment Agency – details on Environment Day – 5 June.
7. MDCC – email from Enforcement Officer following complaint about Midas Homes development.
8. Balfour Beatty Utilities – advance details of proposed road closure – Lanscore/Western Road on 30 July to 20 August inclusive (not formal road closure notice). Noted. Clerk to provide contact details to Councillor Nation.
9. MDCC – details of Annual Meeting of Town & Parish Clerks – 26 June.
10. Devon Community Recycling Network – details on Community Conference – 29 June.
11. MDCC – letter with details of Council Chairman/Vice Chairman and Leader. Chairman to attend 19 June TC meeting.
12. DCC – Devon Pension Fund Newsletter – May 2007
13. Various letters of thanks for recent TC donations:
 - a. Volunteer Centre
 - b. Fairtrade Partnership with copies of new directory
 - c. Friends of Crediton Station
 - d. Crediton Twinning Association
14. Crediton Festival 2009 – minutes of meeting (26 March) and draft programme of events.
15. DCC – LGPS – details on pensions for councillors.
16. NALC (National Association of Local Councils) – Code of Conduct Seminar, 19 July. Clerk to attend.

17. DCC – decision about new provider of externalised services.
18. MDDC – Licensing Sub Committee Hearing – King’s Arms – 12 June.
19. DCC – Notification of Road Closures:
 - a. RTA 1984 S14; Temp. Closure George Hill, 24 – 26 Jul.’07
 - b. RTA 1984 S14;Temp. Closure Alexandra Road, 30 Jul. – 01 Aug.’07
 - c. RTA 1984 S14; Temp. Closure Western Road, 30 Jul. – 20 Aug.’07
20. The Standards Board for England; revised Members Code of Conduct.
21. Wessex Reinvestment Trust; consultation paper for Community Land Trusts in Devon.
22. DPFA; notice of AGM and presentations, 12 Jul.’07
23. DAPC notice of CCD Members Forum on affordable housing.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

12. St Boniface Statue

The Meeting noted the graffiti on the statue. The Clerk informed the Members that he was awaiting a quote for the repair of the damage.

13. Peoples’ Park Tree Damage

The Meeting noted the poor condition of a Sycamore tree in the park. The Clerk updated Members on the current state of the Tree Survey

14. Litter Bin in Peoples Park

The Members were asked to consider the need for a new litter bin near the new bench in Peoples’ Park. Agenda item at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

(R Adams – Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 05/06/07

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00545/FULL (04/04/07)	Mrs Northcott 3 Belle Parade Crediton Devon EX17 2AA	AJH Buildplan 13 Hedgrow Close Crediton EX17 1DB	3 Belle Parade Crediton Devon EX17 2AA	Erection of conservatory	Mr Jeremy Ebdon
DECISION	Type - Application Refused					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00583/FULL (11/04/07)	Mr S Elston 8 Chapel Downs Drive Crediton EX17 2ED	Mrs Inka Lee-Wright Friends Gallery Coldharbour Mill Uffculme Nr Cullompton Devon EX15 3EE	St Andrews Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DX	Erection of 9 Flats	Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00681/FULL (25/04/07)	A R Davey Sunninghill House Buller Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DQ	AJH Buildplan 13 Hedgerow Close Crediton EX17 1DB	Sunninghill House Buller Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DQ	Erection of garage (Revised Scheme) and conversion of existing garage to store	Mr Charles Bladon

Planning Applications – The General Purposes Committee considered the following Applications:

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00791/FULL (16/05/07)	Mr & Mrs D Molyneaux 83 Queen Elizabeth Drive Crediton Devon EX17 2EH		83 Queen Elizabeth Drive Crediton Devon EX17 2EH	Retention of shed and decking	Mr Charles Bladon
APPROVED -						
APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00884/MFUL (16/05/07)	Mr and Mrs M Matthews Marlin Cars Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EZ	Watts Associates Bowhill Dunsford Road Exeter Devon EX4 1LQ	Marlin Cars Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EZ	Erection of two buildings consisting of 14 flats	Mr Keith Garside
APPROVED - (Councillor Nation requested that his vote against the decision be recorded).						
APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00906/FULL (16/05/07)	Mr D Shapland 6 George Hill Crediton Devon EX17 2DT	W. Badger Corner House Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2DB	6 George Hill Crediton Devon EX17 2DT	Erection of extension and installation of dormer window	Mr Charles Bladon
APPROVED -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00932/FULL (16/05/07)	Mr & Mrs Newberry 42 Spruce Park Crediton Devon EX17 3HG		42 Spruce Park Crediton Devon EX17 3HG	Formation of hardstanding and associated access	Mr Charles Bladon
APPROVED -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00929/FULL (16/05/07)	Mr & Mrs T Stapleton C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton EX17 2AT		10 Southfield Drive Crediton Devon EX17 2ET	Erection of conservatory	Mr Charles Bladon
APPROVED -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00918/FULL (16/05/07)	Mr Chris Reed Reed Construction The Linhay Nymet Tracey Bow Crediton Devon EX17 6DB		Land and Buildings at NGR 283877 99922 Exeter Road Crediton Devon	Erection of 3 flats following demolition of existing buildings	Mr Delwyn Matthews
NO OJECTION - Members expressed concern over the issue of air quality and congestion with a threefold increase in traffic movements over the original application and the difficulty of vehicular access to the site.						

Type - Application**Number**07/00882/CAC
(16/05/07)**Applicant**Mr and Mrs M
Matthews
Marlin Cars
Mill Street
Crediton
Devon
EX17 1EZ**Agent**Watts Associates
Bowhill
Dunsford Road
Exeter
Devon
EX4 1LQ**Location**Marlin Cars
Mill Street
Crediton
Devon
EX17 1EZ**Proposal**Conservation area
consent for the
demolition of existing
commercial building**Officer**Mr Keith
Garside**APPROVED -**