



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 8 April 2008

Present:	Councillors	Mr R Adams (Chairman) Mr W Brown Miss J Harris Mr F Letch Mrs E Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mr D Nation Mr R Wright
In Attendance:	Clerk Press Public	Mr M Ashley 1 5 (Incl. 3 Boniface Allotments Association Officers)

GENERAL PURPOSES *(items for discussion and determination)*

95. Apologies

Councillor Hughes for personal reasons.

96. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Adams	Minute 104 Parking On High Street
Personal I	Adams	Minute 104 Parking On High Street
Personal I	Adams	Minute 109 CCTV On High Street
Prejudicial	Brown	Minute 103 (b) Planning
Personal	Harris	Minute 104 Parking On High Street
Personal	Letch	Minute 103 (b) Planning
Personal	Nation	Minute 104 Parking On High Street
Personal	Wright	Minute 104 Parking On High Street
Personal	Wright	Minute 103 (b) Planning
Personal	Finnegan	Minute 103 (b) Planning
Code of Conduct	Councillors Nation, 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.

97. Presentation by Gordon Morris Ltd

The Managing Director of Gordon Morris Ltd gave a demonstration of various options available for an audio enhancement system for the Chamber to assist those whom have

hearing difficulties. The demonstration included open, public microphones and individual microphones, induction loop and radio microphones and the various transmission media available were discussed. In addition, he described some of the practical limitations of each option as well as the practicalities of using the equipment and common pitfalls encountered. A member of the public with hearing difficulties was invited to comment on the demonstration and remarked how much better he could hear things said in the chamber and stressing the much superior sound quality from radio mikes than the public, open microphones.

98. Public Question Time

It was agreed that questions raised in Public Questions would be dealt with under item, Minute 99, Allotments.

99. Allotments

- a) The Boniface Allotments Association outlined their request for a covered noticeboard at each of the Exhibition Road and Barnfield sites. They requested that if the Committee approved the purchase, the Allotment Association could make the final choice between the options laid out before the Committee. It was noted that the Association was requesting either a smaller oak or a larger softwood board and Members requested that the Assistant Clerk explain the current financial position of the Allotments expenditure. Once it was established that there was sufficient funds earmarked from the previous financial year and budgeted this financial year, it was proposed that funding for the purchase of the larger, 8 X A4 sized oak noticeboard be made. It was agreed to purchase two 8 X A4 oak boards with steel mounting posts, at £660.00 each, for the display of signs and posters for purposes approved of by the Town Council and the Boniface Allotments Association.
- b) The Assistant Town Clerk updated members on the current allotments. No major issues were identified. It was agreed that the Allotments Sub-Committee would conduct site inspections of the allotment on the evening of Friday 11 April 2008.
- c) It was noted that the hedge at the bottom, Southern boundary at Barnfield is becoming overgrown. Some residents of Spinning Path gardens had brought up the issue with a member. It was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk investigate the issue.

100. Chairman's Announcements and Meeting Management

It was agreed to bring forward the item on the hearing Loop System for the Chamber.

101. Council Chamber Hearing Loop System

The merits of the various options for assistance of those with hearing difficulties were debated. It was agreed that getting the system right for the Chamber was of higher priority than cost alone and that it was generally felt that a radio based solution was probably the best way forward. It was stressed that the solution selected should be optimised for the Council Chamber and not predetermined on the basis of portability. The input of other parties, notably the District Council and Crediton Hamlets Parish Council, were noted and it was agreed that they should be pressed to assist in financing any solution. It was recommended that a specification of the Council's requirement for the Chamber be provided to Gordon Morris Ltd to recommend a preferred solution.

102. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of 4 March 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

103. Planning

a) *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.

Councillor Brown left the Chamber for the duration of debate on Application 08/00604/FULL, declaring Prejudicial Interest.

c) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination week ending Tuesday 8 April 2008.*

The notification of future applications by Nationalgrid Wireless for work on the TV Mast at Higher Road was noted.

104. Crediton Parking Traffic Order

It was noted that it was inopportune to debate this issue until after the publication of the County Council review of parking. It was therefore agreed to defer this item until the report on parking in Crediton is available and the Assistant Clerk was requested to write to Devon County Council asking that the Traffic Order is delayed until proper consideration can be given to issues raised by the review.

105. Parish Paths Partnership

The Assistant Town Clerk gave an update of the current situation with regards to the Parish Paths Partnership, (P3). It was especially noted that additional grant funding had been awarded this year thus allowing greater flexibility in completing the planned work for this year.

GENERAL PURPOSES *(for discussion and recommendation)*

106. Stagecoach Route 50

Members expressed disquiet concerning the ongoing issues with Stagecoach bus Route 50. Despite praising Stagecoach for re-instating the Westernlea loop on a limited number of the bus services, it was felt that the needs of the people living in the Westernlea area were not being met. It was also noted that the problems of operating St Lawrence Green bus stop as a terminus point were ongoing. In particular the bus entering the school premises to turn around, the danger to students of buses manoeuvring whilst school coaches are also around and buses observed to actually go around the Westernlea route, without stopping for passengers, just to turn around as the Green was too busy. Members felt that the company was allowing unsafe practises to be used to save money. It was agreed to contact the school in support of their efforts to get the buses to cease using the school's crescent to turn in and to write to Stagecoach, requesting they consider re-instating more of the western extension routes, especially the 3.30 pm service to de-conflict the bus and the school coaches.

107. Council Committee and Working Group Membership

A member of the Town Guide Working Group outlined the need for expertise beyond the Town Council to help compile the necessary information for the town guide. It was agreed to contact the Crediton History Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the 2009 Festival Committee and the Photographic Club for their input. It was also agreed that this working group should also include the Town Council's newsletter and the website content, as these require much the same information as the Town Guide. This could be re-tailored to provide the required articles.

108. War Memorial Pigeon Protection Project

The Committee were updated on the completion of the protection of the War Memorial from pigeons. It was stressed that the recent work had not placed any additional financial burden upon the Council.

109. CCTV

Recent communications with the Chamber of Commerce had highlighted issues concerning the future of the CCTV project. It was agreed that little further could be achieved until the Town Clerk delivered his report to Council and that further debate be deferred. The need to stress, again, to third parties that this was now a Town Council project was noted and that this would be restated to those parties.

110. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) MDDC – e-mail: Reply to Strategic Housing land Availability Assessment consultation response.
- b) Crediton Chamber of Commerce – Notice of meeting: “Plastic Carrier Bag Free Town”.
- c) Balfour Beatty – e-mail: Notice of road closure; Landscore; 21-23 May 2008.
- d) NALC/DAPC – Legal Briefing: Review of NALC Publication: “Standing Orders and Chairmanship, (July 2003)”
- e) Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Notice of Meeting: Police Authority Liaison Meeting; 14 April 2008.
- f) English Heritage – Leaflet: Heritage Champions.
- g) DCC – e-mail: Input monthly news round-up for Devon partners & stakeholders.
- h) MDDC – Press Release: Crediton CAB office relocation.
- i) MDDC – Response: Crediton & District Community Transport; partnership arrangements
- j) DCC – Statement of Accounts: FY06-07
- k) DAPC/Wyntok – e-mail/Press Release: Health & Safety for Local Councils.
- l) Mid Devon Transport Group: notification of Meeting: Stakeholder Forum; 20 May 2008.
- m) MDDC – Letter: Response to Mrs P Smith, Air Quality & Link Road.
- n) DCC – Newsletter: Emergency Planning.
- o) Devon & Cornwall Police; e-mail: Introduction from the new Police Inspector for Mid Devon.
- p) Mr John Boyle - Letter: To MDDC re. the draft SPD Air Quality & Development.
- q) Involve – Agenda: Mid Devon Inter-Agency Forum; 19 May 2008.
- r) Devon NHS PCT – Notice of Meetings: “The Future of Health and Social Care in Devon”.
- s) Crediton Climate Action; Transport Group – Letter: Exeter Cycle Route and Exeter Road Crossing. Future Agenda Item.
- t) MDDC – Notification of Order: Mid Devon (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2008. Future Agenda Item.
- u) Mr David Gosling – Letter: Naming of the road at Crediton Station, (Station Approach).

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

111. Councillor Letch reported that public service vehicles had had problems negotiating the corner in Butt Parks, at the junction of Spruce Park. Members agreed that the Police should be informed and their input sought and that this would need to be a future agenda item.

112. Committee Members were reminded of the Planning Training taking place at the Congregational Church on Saturday 12 April 2008.

PART TWO

113. Mayor's Reception Public Recognition Awards

The Council Chairman reminded members of the forthcoming Mayor's Reception and that nominations for public recognition awards need to be submitted shortly as the Mayor's reception is looming imminently.

The Meeting closed at 21:43pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 08/04/08

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02064/FULL (24/10/07)	CIR Development Ltd 19 Highacres Loders Bridport DT6 3UJ	Randell Burton Architects The Studio 7 William Street Tiverton EX16 6BJ	Land and Buildings at NGR 283409 100132 Barnfield Crediton Devon	Reserved Matters for the erection of 2 dwellings following Outline planning permission 05/0939/OUT	Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Appeal Refused					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/01632/FULL (20/12/07)	M J Swanton Sunne 3 Belle Parade Crediton EX17 2AA		3 Belle Parade Crediton Devon EX17 2AA	Provision of hardstanding	Mr Charles Bladon
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02422/FULL (23/01/08)	KME Partnership C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AT		Warehouse Rear of 109 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Conversion of warehouse to 2 dwellings	Mr Keith Garside

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	07/02423/LBC (23/01/08)	KME Partnership C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AT		KME Partnership 109 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Listed Building Consent for conversion of warehouse to 2 dwellings	Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00214/FULL (06/02/08)	Mr & Mrs Thresher 13 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Mr W Porritt Bargains Spreyton Crediton EX17 2AT	13 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Proposed levelling of garden to form terrace	Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00209/FULL (06/02/08)	Dr & Mrs A Butler Broadclose Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Bill Masztalerz Chapterhouse Design 47 Lansdowne Woodwater Lane Exeter EX2 5AR	Broadclose Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Erection of first floor extension	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00190/FULL (06/02/08)	Mr & Mrs Huda 45 Threshers Crediton EX17 3JJ		45 Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3JJ	Erection of two storey extension	Miss Tina Maryan

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00188/FULL (06/02/08)	Ms L M Findlay Yule Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP	Mr I S Cornwall Yule Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP	Yule Cottage Parliament Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BP	Erection of single storey extension (Revised Scheme)	Miss Tina Maryan

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00134/FULL (06/02/08)	Mr D Gorrett D & F HIAB Haulage Units 3 & 4 Thorn Park Lords Meadow Ind. Park Crediton EX17 1EU	The Bazeley Partnership Efford Farm Business Park Vicarage Road Bude Cornwall EX23 8LT	D & F HIAB Haulage Units 3 and 4 Thorne Park Marsh Road Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1HS	Erection of office, canteen and warehouse	Miss Tina Maryan

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00350/FULL (19/03/2008)	Mr J P De Boyer Winswood Spinney Park Road Crediton EX17 3BS		Winswood Spinney Park Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BS	Listed Building Consent for replacement gas flue on external wall	Miss Tina Maryan
	NO OBJECTIONS -					

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00456/FULL Development affecting public right of way. (19/03/2008)	Mr & Mrs Holden 1 Leys Cottages Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon EX17 4BD	Mr E Holden, Dip Arch, RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Crediton EX17 3LF	99/100 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Change of use from offices and consulting rooms to two flats	Mr Delwyn Matthews
NO OBJECTIONS -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00459/LBC Development affecting public right of way. (19/03/2008)	Mr & Mrs Holden 1 Leys Cottages Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon EX17 4BD	Mr E Holden, Dip Arch, RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Crediton EX17 3LF	99/100 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations	Mr Delwyn Matthews
NO OBJECTIONS -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00471/FULL (19/03/2008)	Mr & Mrs D Howard Ard Choille Threshers Crediton EX17 3NL	R W Buchanan MRICS Chartered Surveyor 72 Sylvan Road Exeter EX4 6HA	Ard Choille Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3NL	Erection of extension	Miss Tina Maryan
NO OBJECTIONS -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00496/FULL (19/03/2008)	Mr M Bastin & Mrs B Maggs 3 Hayne Close Exeter Devon EX4 8QU	Mr Richard Archer Architectural Services 18 Newport Street Tiverton EX16 6NL	Land at Kenneggy Broad Close Crediton Devon EX17 3NQ	Erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access	Mr Keith Garside
NO OBJECTIONS -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00513/FULL (26/03/2008)	Mr N Fox & Miss H Roberts 12 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	G F Simmons Merrimead Longpark Hill Torquay TQ1 4TG	12 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Erection of 2 storey extension	Miss Tina Maryan
NO OBJECTIONS -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00525/FULL (26/03/2008)	Mr D. J. & Mrs Y. Pope C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton EX17 2AT		21 Creedy Road Crediton Devon EX17 1EW	Erection of extension to provide wheelchair access and storage	Miss Tina Maryan
APPROVED						

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00536/FULL (02/04/2008)	Mrs L Hernandez Normandy Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	Mr S Orrell Dartmoor View Queen Street Winkleigh EX19 8JB	Normandy Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	Erection of a bungalow and garage and construction of new vehicular access	Mr Delwyn Matthews
DEFER – Pending Town Council site visit.						

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00555/FULL (02/04/2008)	Mr P Keenor 5 Murley Close Crediton EX17 2DU	Mr W Badger Corner House Searle St Crediton Devon EX17 2DB	5 Murley Close Crediton Devon EX17 2DU	Conversion of loft area to form additional living accommodation, installation of windows and roof lights, and minor alterations to ground floor	Miss Tina Maryan
NO OBJECTIONS -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00558/FULL (02/04/2008)	Mr G R Lineker 117b High Street Crediton EX17 3LG		The Mews Deep Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2BY	Erection of a dwelling (Revised scheme)	Mr Delwyn Matthews
OBJECTION – For the same reasons given previously, namely: “unless the maximum height of the building is no higher than previously approved due to the effect any increase in height would have on neighbouring properties”.						

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00578/LBC (02/04/2008)	S Colombe 26 Dean Street Crediton Devon EX17 3EN		49 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3JX	Listed Building Consent for the redirection of electrical supply to 2 consumer boxes on side wall	Miss Tina Maryan
	APPROVED -					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00604/FULL (02/04/2008)	Mr & Mrs P Martin Bear Farm Crediton EX17 3QP	Mr L G Playle Forge Newton St Cyres Exeter EX5 5BY	18 Prince of Wales Road Crediton Devon EX17 2AG	Construction of dormer roof extension	Miss Tina Maryan
	NO OBJECTIONS -					