



# Credition Town Council



## Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 8 July 2008

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Miss J Harris (Chairman)</b> <b>Mr F Letch</b> <b>Mr W Brown</b> <b>Mrs E Brookes-Hocking</b> <b>Mr R Wright</b> <b>Mrs L Scarbrough</b> <b>Mrs A Hughes</b> <b>Mr N Way</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Press</b> <b>Public</b>	<b>Mr M Ashley</b> <b>2</b> <b>Ms Michelle Farman, Bare Project</b> <b>Plus 2</b>

### GENERAL PURPOSES *(items for discussion and determination)*

#### 23. Apologies

Councillor Finnegan; for personal reasons.  
 Councillor Nation; for personal reasons.  
 Councillor Adams; for personal reasons.

#### 24. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 31b: Planning Application 08/1091/FULL
Personal	Councillor Way	Minutes 29 & 34: Bare Project
Personal	Councillor Scarbrough	Minute 31b: Planning Application 08/1095/FULL
Personal	Councillor Hughes	Minutes 29 & 34: Bare Project
Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright & Way	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.

#### 25. Presentation by Michelle Farman: Bare Report

This item was deferred due to the late arrival of the project representative.

#### 26. Public Question Time

This item was deferred on the understanding that members of the public would be arriving for a specific planning item.

#### 27. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed Members of the forthcoming industrial action by UNISON and the resultant closure of the Clerk's office on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 July 2008.

**28. General Purposes Committee Minutes**

The Minutes of the Town Council's General Purposes Committee Meeting of 3 June 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**29. The Bare Project**

Deferred from agenda item 3.

*Councillor Wright entered the meeting.*

A spokesperson for the BARE Project gave the Committee a presentation on the Project, it's aims, achievements and problems it faces in the future. It was also noted that the Project had received on this day, an Achievement Award from the Prince's Trust.

**30. Public Question Time**

Deferred from Agenda Item 4.

None

**31. Planning**

With the Chairman's permission, (IAW the Council's Public Participation Policy), Mr C Hayden made a representation objecting to the application 08/01091/FULL.

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.

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

None.

**32. Allotments**

a) The Assistant Town Clerk updated Members on the current situation with the allotments with regard to vacancies, the Association Noticeboards and the Allotment Association's suggested follow up letters. It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> letters they suggested sending were not appropriate as the Association would appear to act as landlord.

b) It was noted that tenants were concerned over a plot at the Barnfield site that had remained uncultivated for sometime. The Assistant Clerk was asked to follow this up.

**33. Scrutiny Review – Anti Social Behaviour**

The Scrutiny Review was received and noted. It was highlighted that the District Council specified that individual problems should be brought to their attention. It was agreed that the issue of young people causing disruption late at night and in the early hours of the morning with their motor vehicles at the Fordton Park and Ride carpark was a major problem that should be highlighted to the District Council and followed up with the Police.

**AGENDA ITEMS (for discussion and recommendation)**

**34. Bare Project**

There were no requests to be considered arising from the presentation, but it was agreed to thank the Project representative for presentation. Members considered the Project very worthwhile.

**35. Use of Town Seal By The 1<sup>st</sup> Crediton Scout Group**

It was agreed to approve the use of the Town Seal by the Scout Group for use on their centennial celebration badge.

**36. Bus Service Publicity**

Members noted that there was a dearth of information on the times of the Town Bus Route in the Town. There a very few bus stop timetables and no leaflets on the buses. It was accepted that there are leaflets at the Tourist Information Centre but it was noted that they often run out. It was agreed to contact the County Council requesting timetable leaflets on the buses themselves and to contact the Information Centre to request they publicise more prominently their holding of information, such as a window poster. It was separately noted that the bus service as a whole needs to be publicised more widely and it was agreed that the Climate Action group should be contacted for initial ideas.

**37. Town Guide**

It was noted by the Committee that the print run for the Town Guide is scheduled for mid-September. Two sample town maps were tabled and it was agreed that the textured version should be recommended. It was also noted that there were a number of omissions of streets and landmarks on the map and members agreed to study the map individually and any errors found would be passed to Councillor Brown who would proof the map. Members were also informed that the front cover design would need to be finalised shortly and any ideas for the format and design should be passed to Councillor Brookes-Hocking.

**38. Town Trail Leaflet**

The suggestions for revising the Town Trail Leaflet by the 2009 Crediton Festival Committee were received and noted. The Committee were supportive of the project and would consider requests for assistance, but noted that if the Town Council were to be the publisher it would need to have final approval of the leaflet. It was recommended that the Festival Committee apply in the first instance for County Council Locality Grant funding.

**39. Cyclists Requests**

The letter of issues raised by Crediton cyclists was received. It was agreed to contact them outlining the Council's support for an Exeter-Crediton Cycle Path. It was also noted that the Council's cycling representative on the Town Plan Working Group was Councillor Downes and that the group are including cycling issues in their overall plan.

**40. Town Council Web Site**

This item was deferred as there was no updated quote tabled. However, the Committee re-iterated that the recent, second, skeleton quote tabled needed to be fleshed out to include the depth of information already received from the first contractor's quote, as stated by the Town Council Meeting of 17 June 2008. It was also noted that the Council's Communications Working Group were looking into this issue.

**41. BT Phonebox Removal**

It was agreed to inform the company enquiring as to Phone Boxes due for closure which public payphones in Crediton are affected.

**42. St Lawrence Green Public Conveniences**

The Committee were informed that the issue of the St Lawrence Green public Conveniences had been raised by Ward Members with the Chief-Executive of the District Council on a recent visit. Councillor Nation stated that he intended to take this further with the Chief Executive, but that the Council should re-iterate it's opposition to the closure of the toilets and that the matter should still go before the District Council's Executive.

#### **43. Correspondence Received** (*list to be tabled*)

1. Mid Devon CAB – Advisory Committee meeting notes – 13 February.
2. MDDC – Summons & Agenda – Council Meeting – 25 June.
3. MDDC – additional papers and notice of motion for Council Meeting – 25 June.
4. DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Salmon Poll Crossing – 29-30 July.
5. Women’s Environmental Movement – letter of thanks for use of Bandstand.
6. DCC – letter of programme of digital switchover roadshows – Crediton – 22 July.
7. MDDC – reminder letter and details on proposed BT Phonebox removals.
8. DCC – joint response to proposed Post Office closures.
9. Mrs A Broome (please retain confidentiality) – email complaining of ASB at Fordton. Clerk acknowledged. Agenda item at next meeting and Police Liaison.
10. MDDC – Invitation: Nominations for MDDC Reception, Sandford, 28 Oct.’08. *Nominations already made, nominees T.B. notified to MDDC.*
11. Post Office – Response: Exeter Road Branch Closure.
12. DCC – Letter: Local Involvement Network (LINK), East Devon Volunteer Support Agency.
13. Unison – Notification of Industrial Action: 16 & 17 Jul.’08.
14. Mrs S Reed – Letter: Allotment Request Response.

#### **Business Brought Forward**

#### **44. Devon County Council Unitary Status Proposal**

It was noted that the deadline for responding to the County Council’s consultation on the proposal was too late for very many town and parish councils to respond. It was agreed to request that the County Council extend their deadline for responses to allow the Town Council to consider the proposal. This would need to be an agenda item for both July and September’s Town Council Meetings.

#### **45. Town Square Usage**

The resurrection of the Town Square management group or committee was suggested to act as an umbrella organisation for other groups or organisations to make use of the Square. It was suggested that this management group could apply for funding, such as the grants available as a result of the sale of Exeter Airport. Members did note, however, that the previous Square management Committee was no longer active.

#### **46. St Lawrence Green Traffic Lights**

It was remarked that the traffic light repairs had taken most of the week. Members were informed that the contractor had encountered severe technical problems which had delayed the repairs.

Meeting closed at 21:57 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

## PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 08/07/08

**Planning Decisions** – as notified by the Planning Authority:

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	07/02267/FULL (05/12/2007)	South West Construction Unit 2 Padbrook Industrial Estate Chancel Lane Exeter EX4 8JU	EJW Architects Baltic Wharf St Peters Quay Totnes TQ9 5EW	16 & 17 Charlotte Street Crediton Devon EX17 3BG	Erection of 9 flats with parking facilities following demolition of redundant garage (Revised Scheme)	Mr Charles Bladon
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	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	08/00222/FULL (27/02/2008)	Hannon Homes C/o Hannon Young Broadmeadow Teignmouth	EJW Architects Baltic Wharf St Peters Quay Totnes TQ9 5EW	Landscore Service Reservoir Landscore Crediton Devon	Erection of 5 dwellings (Revised Scheme)	Mr Delwyn Matthews
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	08/00698/FULL (23/04/2008)	South West Galvanisers Ltd Marsh End Lords Meadow Ind. Estate Crediton EX17 1 DN	Michael Thorne Construction Ltd Bishops Court Gardens Clyst St Mary Exeter EX5 1DH	S W Galvanizers Ltd Marsh End Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1DN	Erection of extension	Mr Delwyn Matthews

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	08/00712/FULL (23/04/2008)	Mr & Mrs Thresher 13 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Select Windows Unit 6, 7 & 9 Devonshire Way Heathpark Industrial Estate Honiton Devon EX14 1YF	13 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Erection of extension to conservatory and new terrace	Miss Tina Maryan
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	08/00665/FULL (30/04/2008)	Ms G Stoneham Longfleet Old Tiverton Road Crediton EX17 1EG		Longfleet Old Tiverton Road Crediton Devon EX17 1EG	Terracing of garden and widening of pedestrian gate	Miss Tina Maryan
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	08/00760/FULL (30/04/2008)	Tesco Stores Ltd C/O Burnett Planning and Development Ltd Golden Cross House 8 Duncannon Street London WC2N 4JF		Land at NGR 284419 99506 Exeter Road Crediton Devon	Formation of temporary access	Mr Keith Garside

## Planning Applications

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b> 08/01091/FULL (18/06/2008)	<b>Applicant</b> Mrs L Hernandez Normandy Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	<b>Agent</b> Mr S Orrell Dartmoor View Queen Street Winkleigh EX19 8JB	<b>Location</b> Normandy Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	<b>Proposal</b> Erection of dwelling and garage and construction of new vehicular access (Revised Scheme)	<b>Officer</b> Mr Delwyn Matthews
	<b>OBJECTION</b> – Members restated their previous objections in that the proposal represents over development of a very restricted site which affects the privacy and amenity of adjacent properties. The development remains out of character with the existing street scene despite the changes proposed.					
<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b> 08/01095/FULL (18/06/2008)	<b>Applicant</b> Mr Hemmings 2 Cromwells Meadow Crediton EX17 1JZ	<b>Agent</b> Mr A Maskell CAD Plans Milehouse Road Plymouth PL3 4DB	<b>Location</b> 2 Cromwells Meadow Crediton Devon EX17 1JZ	<b>Proposal</b> Installation of two dormer windows	<b>Officer</b> Miss Tina Maryan
	<b>NO OBJECTIONS -</b>					

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	08/01100/FULL (18/06/2008)	Mr W F Mitchell Forches Corner Higher Road Crediton EX17 2ES	Mr Ben Gay, Heighway Field Associates Bradninch Court Castle Street Exeter EX4 3PL	Land at NGR 282995 100820 (Forhes Corner) Alexandra Road Crediton Devon	Erection of two detached dwellings following demolition of garage: erection of new garage and vehicular access for Forches Corner	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>NO OBJECTIONS –</b>						

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	08/01131/FULL (25/06/2008)	Andrew Muir National Grid Wireless Wireless House Warwick Technology Park Heathcote Lane Warwick CV34 6DD		Land at NGR 282864 100978 Long Plantation Stonewall Lane Crediton	Installation of antenna	Miss Tina Maryan
<b>NO OBJECTIONS –</b> Members did, however, express concern that this application would not be used as a precedent for installing other antennae at this, site such as mobile phone or microwave transmitters. It was also noted that the application quoting “Stonewall Lane” is misleading as the site is actually located off “Higher Road”.						



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	08/01102/LBC (02/07/2008)	Mr R Mason Bradleys Group Head Office 7 Stevenstone Road Exmouth EX8 2EP	Mr B Melhuish Kensington Taylor Ltd Kensington Court Woodwater Park Pynes Hill Exeter EX2 5TY	118 High Street Crediton EX17 3LG	Listed Building Consent for internal alterations	Miss Tina Maryan
<b>APPROVED –</b>						

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	08/01150/FULL (02/07/2008)	Mr Brian Meres 32 East Street Crediton EX17 3AX	Mr Paul Monk Theia Drawing Services Yewtree Cottage Chulmleigh Road Morchard Bishop EX17 6NZ	Soap Suds Laundry 32 East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX	Change of use from retail business to C3 dwelling houses	Miss Tina Maryan
<b>NO OBJECTIONS –</b>						

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	08/01155/ARM (02/07/2008)	Mr A B Courtis C/o Nigel Cant Planning Sutton Farm New Buildings Crediton EX17 4PS	Nigel Cant Planning Sutton Farm New Buildings Crediton EX17 4PS	21 Victoria Crescent Crediton EX17 1DZ	Reserved Matters for the erection of a dwelling following outline permission 06/02435/OUT	Mr Keith Garside
<b>NO OBJECTIONS –</b>						