



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 4 November 2008

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Mr W Brown Mrs L Scarbrough Mr R Wright Mrs A Hughes
In Attendance:	Councillor Clerk Press Public	Mr N Way (part meeting) Mr M Ashley 2 1 (Boniface Allotments Association representative)

GENERAL PURPOSES *(items for discussion and determination)*

81. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Adams, Brookes-Hocking and Finnegan (personal commitments).

82. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 97: Parking Survey
Personal	Councillor Brown	Minute 102: Credition Information Centre
Code of Conduct	Councillors Way & 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.

83. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

84. Chairman's Announcements

The Town Mayor updated the Committee on his recent activities including the DAPC Larger Councils Meeting, the Big Draw youth art project and the Boniface Allotments Association AGM & prizes.

The Chairman stated her intention to defer the item on the Credition Information Centre to Part 2 due to the confidential & unconfirmed nature of the information available. This was agreed.

85. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting of 7 October 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following corrections:

Attendance: "Mr W Brown (*Part Meeting*)"; delete "*(Part Meeting)*"

Minute 73b: Delete "*Councillor Brown arrived*".

86. Planning

a) *Notification of Decisions Made by Planning Authority.*

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 4 November 2008.*

None

87. Allotments

a) *Report on the Boniface Allotment Association AGM and allotment judging competition prize awards.*

The Mayor reported to the Committee on the presentation of prizes for the allotment judging competition at the Boniface Allotment Association AGM. He considered it had been a successful event.

b) *Current Status*

The Assistant Clerk updated members on the current state of vacancies and reported that all the tenants rental invoices had gone out.

c) *Matters Raised by Tenants*

The Allotment Association representative was invited by the Chairman to comment and he reported problems with the turning space next to Plot 10, Barnfield site, with the plot encroaching on the area.

88. Peoples Park Pathway

Councillor Wright gave an update of the progress on the pathway along the northern edge of People's Park. It was anticipated that the work would be completed in the next few weeks with the assistance of the Newton-St-Cyres Young Farmers Club.

Members were also shown, for information, a suggested surface material to assist with disabled access to the Scout Memorial Garden and set off the garden better. It was agreed that this should be included in a future agenda item on the proposed refurbishment of the garden.

Committee members were also informed that the first plaque had been mounted on the sponsored litter bins in the park.

89. Crediton Parking Survey

This item was deferred pending the expected arrival of the County Council ward member.

90. Floral Crediton

It was considered that this item be dealt with by the Floral Crediton Working Group and this was agreed.

AGENDA ITEMS (for discussion and recommendation)

91. Disabled Parking in Market Street

It was reported that the Access Group had concerns over the suggested relocation of the disabled parking bays in Market Street to in front of the Council Offices; namely that the future usage of the pavement was uncertain because of the development site adjacent to these bays and also the raised ramp to the Council Offices would prevent easy egress from cars in part of the bay. It was agreed to defer this to a future Town Council meeting.

92. A377 Road Closures

This item was deferred pending the expected arrival of the County Council Ward Member.

93. Crediton Town Trail Leaflet

The request for assistance with updating the Crediton Town Trail Leaflet of £128.00 to complete the funding of 5,000 full colour leaflets was considered and **recommended for approval** dependant upon the Town Council having a say on the final copy.

94. Crediton Information Centre

Deferred to Part 2

95. Country Mile Project

Councillor Hughes, who had attended a presentation on the Country Mile Project, enthusiastically reported to the Committee. It was reported that there were modules for motorcycle training, safer rural driving courses and a project inspired by a County Fire and Safety Officer to try to reach out to younger drivers and get them talking about road safety. There were no objections when Councillor Hughes proposed inviting the Safety Officer responsible for the project to present to Council in the future. It was noted, however, that the initiative covered rural roads and would be unlikely to generate any specific measures for improving road safety within Crediton.

Additionally, it was noted that multi-user roads and tracks were an issue in the local area and were generally narrow roads with no footpaths, for example Four Mills Lane.

96. A377 Road Closure

Members expressed their dismay at the manner in which information had been disseminated concerning the recent closure of the A377 at Newton-St-Cyres. There were only some confusing signs at the point of closure, with little or no press coverage in Crediton's local papers and the Town Council had not been notified. Additionally, the bus operators seemed to have little idea of, nor preparation for, the closure and the first that some local residents knew of the affects of the closure was being late for work as their bus was diverted via Bickleigh. **It was agreed to recommend writing to the County Council** strongly protesting about the lack of comprehensible information and recommending that in future the Town Council and local press are notified of any road closures on the A377 between Exeter and Crediton as they have a critical impact on local residents.

Concern was additionally expressed over the forthcoming overnight closures at Cowley on the outskirts of Exeter and members wondered if residents in Newton-St-Cyres knew that they would probably lose their bus service completely overnight.

97. Crediton Parking Survey

It was noted that the survey had been carried out prior to the instigation of the current parking enforcement regime. Although it appeared that the number of tickets issued seemed high, it was supposed that the numbers would drop as people got used to the enforcement measures. It was believed by members that the enforcement had made a difference to the parking situation, especially in the High Street, and it was agreed that the Enforcement Officers should be complimented. The survey report was received and noted and was recommended as a future Town Council agenda item.

Concern was also expressed over the apparent lack of progress of the revised High Street parking scheme and potential relocation of the pelican crossing. The Assistant Clerk undertook to find out more information.

98. Correspondence Received

- a. Crediton Parish Lengthsman's Programme: Oct.'08 to Mar.'09.
- b. DCC – e-mail & Newsletter: Country Mile Project.
- c. Crediton Climate Action – Newsletter: Plastic Bag Free Crediton.
- d. DCC – Letter: P3 Annual Workshop and Annual Return.
- e. MDDC – Letter: Planning Training; 22 November 2008.
- f. Lapford parish Council – Letter: Response to DCC Hub Town Meeting 19 Sept.'08.

- g. Boniface Link Association – Minutes: Meeting 29 Sept.'08
- h. MDDC – Letter: Royal British Legion Remembrance of Armistice Day; Tues. 11 Nov.'08.
- i. University Of Teeside – Magazine Article: “Disabled Motion” Project.
- j. NALC – Booking Form: Larger Council’s Conference 20 & 21 Nov.'08.
- k. Cascade Rural housing Solutions Ltd. – Open Letter: Community Housing Needs.
- l. Local Authority Publishing – Letter: Official Guide & Map; Proof.

Business Brought Forward

100. Cars Crossing Dropped Kerbs

Councillor Letch had noted there were a number of driveways locally where dropped kerbs had not been installed when front garden parking spaces had been created. He undertook to find out the legal implications of vehicles crossing non-dropped Kerbs & who enforces the rules.

101. Four Mills Lane

Councillor Hughes expressed concern at the speed some drivers traversed Four Mills Lane, especially as it is shared use with no separate footpath. She requested information on possible signage from the County Council and indicated that she may request this as a future agenda item.

Part 2

102. Crediton Information Centre

Councillor Way arrived.

Councillor Brown declared a Personal Interest if any mention was made in debate of the Crediton Area Community Transport Group. The Clerk and Members shared what little information was available concerning the closure of the Information Centre and various options for provision of some form of information point were discussed. It was noted that Ward Members had stressed at the District Council that the Information Centre grant should be maintained for future information provision.

Meeting closed at 20:34 pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Dated:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 4 NOVEMBER 2008

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01477/FULL (3/09/2008)	Mr C Sleep Milk Link Processing Ltd Church Lane Crediton EX17 2AH		Milk Link Processing Ltd Church Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2AH	Erection of extention to existing conveyor enclosure to house two additional sections of conveyor, enclosure of east facing walls, and insertion of inspection windows to metal clad frame	Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
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	08/01598/LBC (3/09/2008)	Mr M Moulton 2 Blagdon Terrace Blagdon Crediton EX17 1EQ		2 Blagdon Terrace Blagdon Crediton Devon EX17 1EQ	Listed Building Consent for re-instatement of gate and hand rails	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01622/FULL (3/09/2008)	Mr W Stevens Hylton Albert Road Crediton EX17 2BZ		Hylton Albert Road Crediton Devon EX17 2BZ	Erection of car port roof	Miss Tina Maryan

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01599/CAT (4/09/2008)	Mr Grantham Penton Penton lane Crediton EX17 1ED	Mr Crumby Greentrees Shoebroke Crediton EX17 1BN	Penton Penton lane Crediton EX17 1ED	Notification of intention to reduce 5 Poplar trees within a Conservation Area	Miss Tina Maryan

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01629/FULL (22/10/2008)	Mr Frost Flat 2 Howards Court Dean Street Crediton EX17 3EP	Mr P Mills Anglian Windows Ltd Unit 2 Heron Road Sowton Ind Estate Exeter EX2 7LL	2 Howards Court Dean Street Crediton EX17 3EP	Installation of PVCu replacement windows	Mr Delwyn Matthews
Object – The Committee objected in line with the Town Council's policy on UPVC replacement windows on listed buildings.						

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