



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 2 December 2008

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Mr W Brown (Part Meeting) Mr R Adams (Part Meeting) Mr P Finnegan Mrs L Scarbrough Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr R Wright
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr D Nation (Part Meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	Press	1
	Public	1 (Boniface Allotment Association Representative)

AGENDA ITEMS

103. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Hughes (personal commitment) and Brown (late arrival due to personal commitment).

104. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Councillor Harris	Minute 109 d: Superstore Update
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 112: High Street Parking
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 112: High Street Parking
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 112: High Street Parking
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 109 d: Superstore Update
Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright and Nation	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.

105. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

106. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements and Meeting Management

The Chairman of the Council updated members on his activities as Mayor over the past two weeks.

Councillor Adams entered the meeting.

107. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 November 2008 were received and approved as a correct record.

108. Floral Crediton Working Group Meeting Notes

- a) The meeting notes of the Floral Crediton Working Group of 11 November 2008 were received and noted.
- b) The recommendations of the Floral Crediton Working Group of 11 November 2008 were approved. It was noted that three local businesses had agreed to join the proposed discount scheme for Floral Crediton Competition entrants, with a possible fourth to follow. The importance of self-watering hanging baskets was also stressed.

109. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

Councillor Brown entered the meeting.

b) *Planning Applications*

Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 2 December 2008*

None.

d) *Wellparks Superstore Application Update*

Councillors Adams and Harris declared Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item. Councillor Wright took the Chair for this item. The Assistant Clerk updated members on the new proposal for an energy efficient superstore, built by a newly contracted developer who had expressed interest in meeting the Council. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the new contractor and facilitate a meeting.

Councillor Harris re-took the Chair and Councillor Nation entered the meeting.

110. Allotments

a) *Allotment Update*

The Assistant Clerk updated the Committee on the current situation with regard to vacancies, tenants invoice payments and the replaced gate at the Barnfield site.

b) *The Women's Environmental Network request for an "Open Allotment"; Saturday 13 December 2008.*

At the invitation of the Chairman, the representative of the Allotment Association expressed the concerns of some members of the Association about this event. It was agreed that, as long as the event could be held safely and with minimal negative impact upon neighbouring tenants or their allotments, the Committee would not object to such an event in principle. Permission was therefore granted to the Women's Environmental Network on the provisos that:

- i. The Clerk is given sight of the organisation's Public Liability Insurance Certificate.
- ii. The Clerk is given sight of a Risk Assessment for the event.
- iii. A management plan is devised to ensure the safety of all concerned, especially any children attending, and that negative impacts to the Barnfield site and it's tenants are minimised.
- iv. The Boniface Allotment Association are informed and steps are taken to address any concerns they may have.
- v. A maximum number of twenty persons are on the site in connection with this event at any one time.

The "Residents Parking Only" status of Cherry Gardens was highlighted and it was also agreed to review this decision if any problems subsequently arose.

c) *To Consider Matters Raised By Tenants*

The issue of the turning space adjacent to plot 10, Barnfield site, and the intrusion of this plot into the turning space. However, it was also noted that the plot had been measured up quite recently and that the plot marker post was supposedly in the correct position. Further investigation was therefore deemed to be required.

111. Enhanced Town Bus Service

Councillor Brown outlined an improved bus timetable, but admitted that it was confusing without explanation. It was therefore agreed to defer this to the next Council meeting by when it was anticipated an explanatory report would be ready. It was also noted that the Chiddenbrook loop of Stagecoach's Route 50 and 50A had been re-instated throughout the day from 12 January 2009 and that this would require reviewing the proposed timetable.

112. High Street Parking Review

Councillor Adams declared a Prejudicial Interest, requested the Chairman permit him to make a short presentation to the Council in accordance with the Code of Conduct; Clause 12, Para.2. On completion, he left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this topic.

It was noted that:

- a) The current markings and signs are inconsistent and do not reflect the actual restrictions.
- b) Neither of the proposed bus stop bays is likely to go ahead in the foreseeable future.
- c) The removal of the taxi rank in the centre of the High Street was applauded as it was not used.

It was agreed that all loading bays should be active until 2.00p.m. only and that Saturday usage should be investigated and, if not used extensively, should be restricted Monday to Friday only. Councillor Letch agreed to undertake investigation.

It was also agreed to ask the County Council to investigate the engineering viability of reducing the pavement outside the Grapevine public house in order to create a loading bay without blocking that part of High Street.

The "No Loading – Mon – Sat" plates along the north side of High Street/Union Road to the East of North Street should be amended to read "3.00 – 4.00 pm".

It was believed the kerbside "No Loading" stripe markings on the pavement on the north side of the western end of High Street are not supported by any traffic order and, if this is the case, they should be erased and replaced with post mounted "No Loading, Mon – Sat, 8.15 – 9.00 am, 3.00 – 4.00 pm" from St Lawrence Green eastward to No. 93 High Street.

Information received from the Civil Enforcement Officer was also received and noted. It was especially noted that, in his opinion, the proposed increase in Loading Bay restrictions would significantly decrease the number of High Street parking slots available throughout the week.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

113. Police Liaison Meeting

- a) The meeting notes from the Police Liaison Meeting of 10 November 2008 were received and noted.
- b) *Matters Arising:*
 - i. Item 2: It was noted that many Councils have a "no pavement parking" policy and it was agreed to write to the District Council to request they consider implementing the same in Crediton.
 - ii. Item 3: It was noted that the press had reported that a vehicle had been confiscated in Coplestone due to anti-social behaviour on the part of its owner. It was agreed to find out from the Police if this policy can be affected in Crediton.
 - iii. Item 6: Following an incident of littering outside Queen Elizabeth Community College, it was noted that the Police still do not appear to have the correct paperwork yet for PCSO's to issue fixed penalty notices. It was agreed to contact the Police to establish when they will be able to do so. It was also agreed to write to QECC concerning the incident.

114. CCTV

- a) There was no report from the Council's CCTV Representative.
- b) Further debate was deferred to Part Two due to the sensitive nature of the information concerned.

115. Four Mills Lane

A report by Councillor Hughes was received and considered. It was pointed out that the type of signs suggested were intended, by the Country Mile Project, for major routes in rural areas and may not be deemed suitable for a location such as Four Mills Lane. It was also doubted by some members whether signage alone would slow drivers down significantly. Members were reminded of a previous proposal to close Four Mills Lane to through traffic and the Committee considered whether this option would now be viewed as feasible with the use of rising bollards, or similar moveable obstructions, to permit emergency use of the lane in the event of Exeter Road being closed. It was agreed to contact Devon County Council to request a review of this proposal, especially in light of the planned Link Road.

116. Crediton Information Centre

An update on the Community Café Action Group meeting was given to members and it was possible that a proposal for the Crediton Community Transport Group and the Community Café, or resource centre based in the Old Town Hall may bear fruit, although plans were at a very early stage. Members suggested that the idea of a simplified Information Point should be the fall-back position and not the solution of choice. It was restated that District and Town Council grant funding needs to be retained.

117. Correspondence Received

1. SLCC – Minutes: Branch Secretaries Meeting; 20 Sept.'08.
2. digitalUK – Information Pack: Digital Switchover Information.
3. DCC – e-mail: Stoneypark Lane Steps condition & update.
4. Mrs L.Conyngnam – e-mail: Use of Market Street "loo".
5. MDDC – Newsletter: "Parish Matters"; Nov.'08, Issue 2.
6. Crediton Community Café Action Group – e-mail: First Group Meeting; Mon. 01 Dec.'08.
7. MDDC – Letter: Amendment of LAP Preferred Options Exhibition Start Time, (10a.m. to 11a.m.), Thu.11 Dec.'08.
8. NALC – Information Update: Nov.'08; Issue 697.
9. The Clerk, Crediton Town Council – Letter: Rotary Club of Crediton grant application refereeship.
10. Involve – Agenda: Mid Devon Inter Agency Forum; Wed. 03 Dec.'08.

Councillor Nation left the meeting.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

118. Footpath At the Bottom Of Waresfoot Drive

The poor condition of the footpath running from the bottom of Waresfoot Drive to the High Street was highlighted. Members were, however, informed that the County Council had budgeted for this work in the coming year and that an estimate and materials survey had been carried out.

119. Standardised National Planning Application System

Councillor Brookes-Hocking informed the Committee that a new, standardised, national planning system was to be introduced. This would have implications that the Council would have to address and that this should be a forthcoming agenda item.

120. Christmas Tree In The Square

The Council Chairman informed members that the donation cheque had been handed over to the Crediton Arts Centre on Friday 28 November 2008. He also expressed his appreciation of the tree now erected.

PART TWO

121. CCTV (Deferred from Minute 114)

The Council Chairman expressed his disappointment at the lack of response from accountable individuals.

The Clerk advised members on current progress with the monitoring and recording of images. The Committee re-emphasised the Council's previously agreed limited responsibility in respect of CCTV equipment and that the Council had fully honoured its commitment.

It was noted that the sourcing of any additional annual funding incurred by the project remains unconfirmed.

Meeting closed at 21:18 pm.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 2 DECEMBER 2008

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01702/FULL (24/09/2008)	Mr C Pearce C/o Watts & Associates 13 Castle Park Road Whiddon Valley Barnstaple EX32 8PA	Mr I Braunton 13 Castle Park Road Whiddon Valley Barnstaple EX32 8PA	27 High Street Credton EX17 3AH	Change of use from shop to cafe	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01722/FULLL (24/09/2008)	Mr S Reed Scrabbacleave House Wembworthy EX18 7QS	Mr S Oakes MRT Homes Ltd Unit 1 Whitecross Farm Cheriton Fitzpaine Credton EX17 4HE	The Bungalow Charlotte Street Credton EX17 3BE	Erection of 2 semi- detached houses after demoliton of existing bungalow	Mr Delwyn Matthews
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01755/FULLL (24/09/2008)	Mr S Nightingale Millham Farm Bow Mill Lane Bow Credton EX17 6JE		Sunspot The Burrowe Credton EX17 2BW	Erection of replacement conservatory	Mr Delwyn Matthews
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01750/FULLL (24/09/2008)	Mr P Fletcher 2 Blagdon Rise Credton EX17 1EN		2 Blagdon Rise Credton EX17 1EN	Erection of a shed/workshop	Miss Tina Maryan

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01549/FULLL (01/10/2009)	Mr Dylan Frost 13 Spruce Park Credton Devon EX17 3HQ		13 Spruce Park Credton Devon EX17 3HQ	Retention of conservatory	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01685/FULLL (01/10/2009)	Mr C Sleep Milk Link Processing Ltd Church Lane Credton EX17 2AH		Milk Link Processing Ltd Church Lane Credton Devon EX17 2AH	Erection of extension to dairy entrance	Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01732/FULLL (01/10/2009)	Mr P Franklin 10 Stanbury Court Credton EX17 2AS		10 Stanbury Court Credton Devon EX17 2AS	Erection of a shed	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01743/CLP (22/10/2008)	50 Butt Parks Credton Devon EX17 3HE		50 Butt Parks Credton Devon EX17 3HE	Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed formation of access and provision of hardstanding for the parking of vehicles	Miss Tina Maryan

DECISION	Type - Application Withdrawn					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01891/LBC (22/10/2008)	Mr Frost Flat 2 Howards Court Dean Street Credton EX17 3EP	Mr P Mills Anglian Windows Ltd Unit 2 Heron Road Sowton Ind Estate Exeter EX2 7LL	2 Howards Court Dean Street Credton EX17 3EP	Listed Building Consent for installation of PVCu replacement windows	Mr Delwyn Matthews

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/02010/FULL (19/11/2008)	Mrs Rachel Morgan 3 Hillside Ash Court Credton Devon EX17 2JZ		Hillside Ash Court Credton Devon EX17 2JZ	Erection of conservatory	Miss Tina Maryan
	APPROVED -					

APPLICATION	Type - For Information (Credton Hamlets)					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01978/FULL & 08/01981/LBC (19/11/2008)	Mr M Ladd Ladds Gun & Sport Downes Mill Credton EX17 3PW	Mr W Badger Corner House Searle St Credton Devon EX17 2DB	Downes Mill House Credton Devon EX17 3PW	Listed Building Consent for conversion of flat to form extension to gun showroom	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	NO COMMENTS -					