



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 10 March 2009

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr W Brown Mrs A Hughes Mr P Finnegan Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr R Wright (Vice Chairman) (part meeting)
Absent:		Mr R Adams
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr D Nation (part meeting) Mr N Way
	Clerk	Mr M Maggs
	Press	1
	Public	3

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

122. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Scarbrough and Letch (personal commitments).

123. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Councillor Harris	Minute 131b (Planning Application 00244/MOUT)
Personal	Councillor Hughes	Minute 131b (Planning Application 00245/FULL)
Prejudicial	Councillor Hughes	Minute 131b (Planning Applications 00300/FULL and 00301/LBC)
Prejudicial	Councillor Way	Minute 131b (Planning Applications 00255/FULL and 00256/LBC)
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 130
Code of Conduct	Councillors Way, 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.

124. Public Question Time

A member of the public from Downeshead Lane raised local and personal concerns over the link road variation. The County ward member had provided copies of the concept plans for information and would be happy to provide an explanation for councillors and members of the public.

It was agreed that agenda items 9 and 13 would be advanced to accommodate members of the public.

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

None.

126. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 December 2008 were received and approved as a correct record.

127. Floral Crediton Working Group Meeting Notes

Not available, deferred to next meeting. The next Floral Crediton Working Group meeting had been rearranged for 18 March.

128. Police Liaison Meeting Notes

The notes of the Police Liaison meeting held on 16 February 2009 were received and noted.

129. Allotments

a) *Allotment Update*

The Clerk reported that there had been one tenancy change and the waiting list remained extensive.

b) *Matters Raised By Tenants*

A request had been received to plant fruit trees at a Barnfield allotment (B9AA). The tenant had agreed to comply with the conditions contained in the tenancy agreement. Permission was granted.

130. Highways Issues

a) *Variation to Link Road*

The County ward member provided an update and presented detailed drawings of the provisional proposals. The variation had been suggested largely on the grounds of costs which would be much less as a result of the reduction in earth movements. English Heritage had also raised concerns over protected land. Further investigations and a full audit would be carried out before the proposed public exhibition and the submission of a planning application. It was hoped that the public exhibition would take place in the late summer or early autumn (avoiding August). Members suggested that there was a clear need to see details of the specific changes and improvements before the exhibition. Members also hoped that some information would be made available for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for 28 April.

Concerns were expressed over the proposed location of the junction with Commonmarsh Lane. It was suggested that the link road be realigned to join Commonmarsh Lane at a location beyond the present scrap yard; this would allow for an extension to the proposed 4.5m bund which should substantially attenuate potential traffic noise.

b) *Road Closure Notices*

Parliament Street

Noted and acknowledged that the work needed to be done and was long overdue.

Exeter Road

There were no objections on condition that the works were properly regulated and that any traffic controls were manually controlled at peak times.

131. 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.

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in application 00244/MOUT and left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item. The Vice Chairman took the chair for this item only.

- c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 3 March 2009*
No additional applications had been received from the Planning Authority.

Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Noticeboard

Crediton Hamlets Parish Council had requested permission to use a small section of land within the town boundary for the erection of a parish noticeboard. The Parish Council was happy to allow the Town Council use of the noticeboard for any information of value to local residents.

Members were happy to allow Crediton Hamlets to erect a noticeboard at Westernlea.

Network Rail Communications Masts

The Clerk had circulated details on the consultation event organised for elected members on 20 March. Councillors Finnegan, Nation, Downes and Way agreed to attend and would report to the next meeting.

- d) *Planning Seminar*

Members expressed disappointment that many people were unable to attend the seminar due to the adverse weather conditions and it was hoped that a similar event could be organised for later in the year. MDDC and DCC ward members agreed to ask their respective councils if the seminar could be repeated with invitations being sent to local parish councils.

132. Peoples Park and Scout Memorial Gardens

- a) *Crediton Tree Group*

The Tree Group had suggested the planting of a memorial tree at Peoples Park to commemorate 1100th Anniversary and Festival 2009.

Members agreed that the proposals were interesting and that the Council would be consulting on its plan (including Peoples Park) at the Annual Town Meeting on 28 April. The views and assistance of the group would be greatly appreciated.

- b) *Update*

The Clerk reported that he had completed applications for the DCC Locality Budget and Local Project Funds. He also suggested that the Council should give serious consideration to applying for a grant under the Parks for People scheme, recently announced by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Agenda item next Council meeting.

Councillor Nation left the meeting.

133. Parish Paths Partnership

- a) *Update*

The Clerk updated members on the current situation and financial status of the P3 Scheme.

Due to staff shortages, he had been unable to organise a P3 budget meeting for 2009/2010 and as a consequence there was a risk of a reduction in the DCC grant. However, DCC had agreed to provide funding to a similar level if the Council agreed to assist with the repair/reinstatement of footpath 24 which was in a poor condition. FP24 was one of the most frequently used parish footpaths. The Town Council would be expected to provide up to £500 funding, the majority of the cost would be recouped when the 2009/2010 grant was received in April.

- b) *Action*

Members supported the initiative and agreed that the footpath was in great need of repair.

134. CCTV

No progress had been made since the previous meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and recommendation)*

135. Council Meeting Dates and Annual Town Meeting

- a) Members adjusted meeting dates to accommodate the inclusion of additional meetings. The Clerk to re-circulate for final confirmation at next meeting.
- b) It was recommended that the date for the Annual Town Meeting be changed to 28 April to allow time for preparation of items and material for a pre-meeting exhibition. It was also suggested that the venue be changed to the Congregational Church, if possible. The Clerk to arrange.
Councillor Wright left the meeting.

136. Council Newsletters

It was acknowledged that a minimum of four newsletters would be required for gaining Quality Council status. It was recommended that the Council continued with the current number of editions and copies in order to remain within the budget set by the Council at its January meeting.

The Communications Working Group to look at the future development of the newsletters and how the local press could be used to better effect in promoting the Council and its achievements.

137. Highways Issues

The Clerk had circulated the request from the Crediton & District Access Group for improvements in Mill Street, Church Lane and the Town Square.

It was generally accepted that improvements were needed in Mill Street and that the Council had previously requested action from both principal authorities. The County ward member confirmed that the Highway Authority was aware of the problems and, as soon as a planning opportunity arose, appropriate action would be taken. The County ward member agreed to raise the matter at a forthcoming meeting with the highway's engineer including the possibility of providing an additional pedestrian crossing.

It was reported that the issues relating to the Town Square were due to be rectified within the next few weeks.

The suggestion for a pedestrian route through the Milk Link site was considered interesting and it was suggested that the planners investigate the possibility of using the lane adjacent to East Street, if a suitable opportunity arose.

138. Bus Services

Concerns were expressed over the traffic delays caused by buses at St Lawrence Green, particularly the 1535 service. It was recommended that a letter be sent to Stagecoach Busses and DCC. Councillor Finnegan agreed to draft a letter for the Clerk setting out the problems.

139. Correspondence Received

1. Crediton Climate Action Group (CCA) AGM minutes.
2. Parish Council Insurance details – small councils.
3. Simons Group – contact details for Construction Manager.
4. CCA Newsletter February 2009.
5. CCA letter to Boots complaining about company policy and attitude to use of plastic bags.
6. Mr Andrew Milner – letter of complaint about hedge cutting and damage to vehicle. Clerk replied and actioned.
7. DCC – reply to TC letter on Jockey Hill problem – including environmental audit.
8. NALC – DIS (Direct Information Service) Issue 703 – news and updates on latest developments and legislation.
9. Creedy Walkers – contact details.
10. CCA – questions for Tesco.
11. SLCC – agenda and minutes for Devon Branch meeting on 6 March at Exminster.
12. Devon Link – election of new members to Steering Group.

13. Federation of Small Businesses – invitation to attend launch of business survey – 27 March at Dunchideock.
14. MDDC – papers for MDDC Council meeting – 25 February.
15. Crediton Arts Centre – letter of thanks for recent TC donation.
16. CISCO – details on constitution.
17. Local Works – details on public meeting on Sustainable Communities Act – 26 March in Exeter.
18. NALC/SLCC/NJC - details on pay award for local council clerks 2008/9, following arbitration.
19. MDDC invitation to attend presentation on Gypsies and Travellers at Tiverton on 23 April.
Councillor Brookes-Hocking to contact Clerk if attending.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

140. QECC

It was reported that QECC had received an excellent Ofsted report and members congratulated everyone at the college on their success.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 10 MARCH 2009

Planning Decisions

The Committee noted the following decisions, as notified by the Planning Authority:

08/02084/FULL

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling (Revised Scheme)

Address: The Mews Deep Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2BY

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KB031LKS07T00

08/02301/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an extension

Address: 1 Hedgerow Close Crediton Devon EX17 1DB

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KCA04MKS04G00

08/02256/FULL

Proposal: Erection of chilled water plant surrounded by acoustic enclosure and replacement boilers with two exhaust stacks

Address: Milk Link Processing Ltd Church Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2AH

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KC2B00KS7D000

08/02156/MFUL

Proposal: Retention of 12 flats and associated parking

Address: Land and Buildings at NGR 283969 99503 (Station Yard) Crediton Devon

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KBEPJJKS7D000

09/00115/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to form additional bathroom

Address: 4 St Lawrence Green Crediton Devon EX17 3LH

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KDVFHAKS02T00

09/00061/FULL

Proposal: Installation of a roof light

Address: Flat 1 Cinema Buildings East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AZ

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KD7IY1KS7D000

Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	09/00244/MOUT (17/02/09)	Tesco Stores Ltd C/o Burnett Planning & Development Ltd Golden Cross House 8 Duncannon Street London WC2N 4JF		Land to South of Exeter Road Wellparks Crediton Devon EX17 3PP	Mixed use development comprising full details relating to foodstore, petrol filling station and change of use/refurbishment of redundant Class B8 building to provide 4 residential units; and Outline proposals for family pub/restaurant, residential development (36 units), class B1a office use; Class B1c light industrial use, drainage works, highway works and landscaping (revised foodstore design and minor changes to car park)	Mr Keith Garside
	<p>APPROVED – on condition that the following issues are addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that adequate facilities are provided for the collection of rigid plastic waste in addition to the specified recycling facilities and that relevant information is provided on how and where all packaging can be recycled. 2. that Tesco Stores acknowledge that Crediton is now a “plastic bag free” town and that all necessary measures are taken to comply with this policy. 3. that the proposed environmental improvements and planting should proceed in advance of any development - the planting proposals should not be dependent on the completion of the industrial units. 4. that Tesco Stores provide an assurance that the home delivery service will operate from Crediton, that adequate space is provided for this service at the store and that all relevant previous conditions are reinstated. 5. that the proposed parent and child parking facilities are placed centrally and conveniently adjacent to pedestrian crossings and not on the parking perimeter. 					

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	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	09/00255/FULL (17/02/09)	Crediton Arts Centre East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX		The Drama Centre East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX	Formation of covered entrance area	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	NO OBJECTIONS					

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	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	09/00256/LBC (17/02/09)	Crediton Arts Centre East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX		The Drama Centre East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX	Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to enlarge entrance lobby and formation of covered entrance area	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	NO OBJECTIONS					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	09/00245/FULL (25/02/09)	Reed Construction & Development Ltd The Linhay Nymet Tracey Bow EX17 6DB		Glendower Court Crediton Devon EX17 3PP	Conversion of loft to 3 flats	Mr Keith Garside
	OBJECTION – members expressed concern at the possibility of over-development and the potential creation of unsuitable living accommodation. Before granting permission, members requested the Planning Authority to satisfy itself that the conversion of the loft space and the position of windows fully met current regulations and that adequate provision is made for the storage of domestic refuse.					

APPLICATION	Type – Application - withdrawn					
	Number 09/00253/ADVERT (25/02/09)	Applicant Crediton Arts Centre The Arts Centre East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX	Agent David Treadway Architect 3 Four Mills Lane Crediton EX17 3BT	Location The Arts Centre East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX	Proposal Advertisement Consent to relocate an illuminated vinyl banner and the retention of an advertising board	Officer Mr Delwyn Matthews
	WITHDRAWN					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number 09/00300/FULL (25/02/09)	Applicant Mr F Bristow Congregational Church High Street Crediton EX17 3LF	Agent Mr A Wood Andrew Wood Chartered Architect & Historic Building Consultant 18 Southern Terrace Mutley Plymouth PL4 7LS	Location Congregational Church High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Proposal Replacement of front entrance doors and side lights	Officer Miss Lucy Hodgson
	NO OBJECTIONS					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number 09/00301/LBC (25/02/09)	Applicant Mr F Bristow Congregational Church High Street Crediton EX17 3L	Agent Mr A Wood Andrew Wood Chartered Architect & Historic Building Consultant 18 Southern Terrace Mutley Plymouth PL4 7LS	Location Congregational Church High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Proposal Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations	Officer Miss Lucy Hodgson
	NO OBJECTIONS					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01985/FULL (04/03/09)	Mr C Sleep Milk Link Processing Church Lane Crediton EX17 2AH		Milk Link Processing Ltd Church Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2AH	Installation of replacement roller door to first floor, removal of ground floor window, and display of company logo on first floor wall	Miss Tina Maryan
	NO OBJECTIONS					

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	09/00304/TPO (04/03/09)	Miss Carole Vincent Half Acre Boscastle Cornwall PL35 0BJ		Shangri La Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Application to carry out works to 2 Monterey Pine, 1 Douglas Fir and 3 Lime trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 08/00010/TPO	Mr Keith Garside
	NO OBJECTIONS					