



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 1 December 2009

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr T Connell Mr W Brown (Part Meeting) Mr F Letch (Council Chairman) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mrs A Hughes Mr B Wright
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr R Adams
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	Public	Nil
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AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

69. Apologies

Councillors Brown sent apologies for his late arrival personal reasons.

70. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 77: DCC High St. Parking
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 77: DCC High St. Parking:
Code of Conduct	Councillor Wright	As a member 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.

71. Public Question Time

None

72. General Purposes Committee Membership

Councillor T Connell was confirmed as a member of the General Purposes Committee.

73. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Council Chairman announced that the Credition Arts Centre had requested support with fund raising from local businesses and that the Mayor would help by writing in support of them.

The Committee Chairman reported that she would be opening the new Tesco Superstore on Monday 7 December 2009 in place of the Mayor who was unable to attend.

74. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 November 2009 were received and approved as a correct record.

75. Planning http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/tdc_home.aspx

- a) *Planning Decisions*
Noted.
- b) *Planning Applications*
Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.
Councillor Brown entered the meeting.
- c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 1 December 2009*
The decision granting approval of application 09/01236/FULL was tabled.

76. Allotments

- a) *Clerk's Report*
The Assistant Town Clerk updated members concerning current vacancies, the turning off of the water supply and notices the Allotment Association had posted on the boards.
- b) *Matters raised by Tenants*
The main points at the Allotment Association AGM were reported to members by the Assistant Clerk. It was also noted that several allotments only seemed to be partially cultivated and could possibly be split.

77. DCC Proposals On High Street Parking

Councillor Adams declared a prejudicial interest in High Street Parking and made brief representation before leaving the meeting for the duration of debate on this item.

The County Council's proposal to remove the parking bays from the South side of the High Street, from the White Swan to Moore Court and the Tesco Express was debated. Members agreed by four to three to object to the imposition of a restriction on these spaces and that they are retained. Councillor Wright requested his vote against the proposal be recorded. Members noted that the County Council had agreed with the Town Council's proposals with the following exceptions:

- Members re-emphasised the need for the kerb to be tapered outside No. 10 High Street, outside Evans newsagents to facilitate entry to the space by disabled badge holders.
- Members continued to object to the retention of the taxi space outside the Weatherspoon's public house.

Councillor Finnegan left the meeting and Councillor Adams rejoined the meeting.

Members noted the amendment of the parking restriction to 8 a.m. but also recommended that the North side of the Fordton Industrial Estate approach Road, alongside the Barnstaple bound platform, be restricted to 45 minute parking, rather than no parking, to permit legitimate pick up and drop off, but prevent all day parking along this stretch. It was also requested that delivery times to the Tesco Express store be a future agenda item.

78. Crediton Town Council Protocols & Policies

The Committee Chairman reminded all members to maintain their familiarity with the Town Council's Protocols and Policies.

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

79. Companion Bus Passes

It was agreed to defer to a future meeting this item as the sponsoring Councillor was not present.

80. Crediton Library Signage

Councillor Brown informed members that he had been approached by the Librarian to request whether the signage to the library could be improved as there are currently no signs from the High Street and the location is not readily apparent. It was agreed to

investigate the cost of adding additional “fingers” to the Council’s Finger Posts and to defer the item to Town Council once the costs had been ascertained.

81. Town Park Parking

It was reported that residents of Town Park are parking on the South, unrestricted side of the road due to the 45 minute restriction on the opposite, North side. This is causing congestion with vehicles parking on both sides of the road. It was noted that the 45 minute restricted parking on the North side, beyond house number 22 to the East, (house number to be confirmed), was not much used. Members proposed recommending to the County Council that the 45 minute restriction on the North side, beyond number 22 Town Park to the East, be deregulated, making this section unrestricted, thus removing the vehicles parked on the South side. This was agreed and it was further agreed that general parking around the town be a future agenda item with regard to overall town development.

82. Correspondence Received

1. Steve Densham; MDDC – Email – Land at cockles Rise/Dean Street (*Assistant Clerk to ascertain exact location*)
2. The Clerk – Newsletter – November 2009
3. Involve – Agenda – Meeting December 3rd 2009
4. Unison – Letter – Town Clerk sickness absence, (*In Confidence*)
5. Devon talk – Newsletter – Winter 2009
6. RD & Express – Newsletter – November 2009
7. DCC – Leaflet – Pension Fund Annual Reports and Accounts
8. Rekk – Leaflet – Youth Shelters (*Copy to Councillor Nation*)
9. East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Letter – Domestic Abuse Awareness week 23 to 27 November 2009
10. MDDC – Posters – Free Parking in Crediton, Cullompton and Tiverton for Christmas (*Future Agenda Item*)
11. MDDC – Newsletter: Parish Matters; November 2009.
12. MDDC – Letter: Parish Precepts 2010-11; Payment in two instalments. (*Future Agenda Item*)
13. DCC – e-mail: Training for Funding for Play; Crediton 10 February 2010.
14. MS Society – Letter: Thank you letter for donation.

Business Brought Forward

83. Crediton Gardening Club

The Garden Club inaugural meeting will be at 7pm; Tuesday 8 December 2009.

84. Superstore Town Bus Route

Councillor Brown requested a future agenda item.

85. Town Council Newsletter

Councillor Brookes-Hocking asked members for suggestions for articles for the January issue of the newsletter and the Council Chairman agreed to provide “Welcome to the new decade” and “Crediton in bloom” articles.

Newsletter subjects, FL – “welcome to new decade”

86. Town Guide

Councillor Brookes-Hocking reminded members that the Town Guide needed to be redistributed to outlets in the town and this would need members’ assistance.

87. Monthly Farmers’ Market

Volunteers to man the Town Council Stall for the forthcoming Farmers’ market were sought and to assist in acquiring new rail and bus timetables.

88. Crediton Childrens’ Centre

Councillor Hughes reported that the Childrens' Centre had had a full assessment since their move with a superb result and they are achieving everything they should be doing. It was requested that the Mayor write letter of congratulations to the Head of Service.

89. Tree Planting at Queen Elizabeth Drive

It was reported that the Climate Action Tree Group were looking to plant a number of fruit trees they have been donated on the open space at the bottom of Queen Elizabeth Drive. Dr. DN. Wants us contact tree group to support them.

PART TWO ITEMS

In view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw.

90. Administration and Personnel

The Assistant Town Clerk left the meeting at the request of the Chairman.

Members were updated on the current Council staffing situation.

Meeting closed at approximately 21:09.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date: