



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 6 April 2010

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mrs A Hughes Mr W Brown Mr F Letch
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr R Adams (part meeting) Mr N Way (part meeting)
Absent:		Mr P Finnegan
In Attendance:	Clerk Public Press	Mr M Ashley 2 (Allotment Assoc. Reps) 1

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

113. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Wright (personal) and Connell (ill health).

114. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Way	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.
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115. Public Question Time

A representative of the Boniface Allotments Association made a brief presentation on a proposal to reshape the entrance to the Barnfield allotment site to ease access. Members agreed to bring forward the agenda item on this topic to discuss whilst the Allotment Association representatives were present.

Councillor Adams entered the meeting.

116. Allotments *(Brought Forward from agenda item 7.c)*

Barnfield Entrance Proposal

Members considered the Allotment Association's preferred proposal for reshaping the entrance to the Barnfield Allotment site. It was agreed to defer a decision on this proposal pending an inspection of the site.

117. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Council Chairman announced that he would be raising the issue of parking on pavements in the town with Council and it was noted that the District Council have devolved powers from the County Council to institute areas of no pavement parking within the District.

The Clerk briefly reported salient points arising from the District Council's meeting of Town and Parish Clerks.

118. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 March 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.

119. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted.

b) *Planning Applications*

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

Members noted that it was important that applications outside, but close to, the Town boundary continue to be considered in light of the District Council's Local Development Framework document and possible major, edge of town development.

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 6 April 2010*

None.

120. Allotments

a) *Clerk's Report*

The Assistant Town Clerk updated members on the current situation with regard to plot vacancies and issues raised by the Allotment Association and tenants.

b) *Reshaping Plot E28A and re-routing dividing path.*

It was agreed not to formally approve the request to adjust the boundary of this plot.

c) *Matters raised by Tenants*

There were no matters raised by tenants, however, Councillor Adams informed members the water had been turned on after the Winter at the Barnfield site but that one of the taps on the Exhibition Road site leaked steadily so the water at this site had been left turned off. It was agreed that the tap would be blanked off whilst the Allotment Association considered whether they would prefer to repair the tap or have a trough with a float valve at which to fill watering cans. A decision on the nature of the repair was deferred pending input from the Boniface Allotment Association.

121. Mid Devon District Council

a) *MDDC/Parish Charter*

The charter was received and noted. Concerns were raised that changes in policy and strategy were being presented to Council too late in the process of raising proposals. For example, one evening's exhibition of the proposed Local Development Framework was not sufficient and did not involve local people in contributing to possible solutions to local problems and issues. The item was referred to Town Council.

b) *Website Data Protection Act Authorisation*

The provision of the requested details to the District Council was approved.

c) *Licensing Request, Cost-Cutter Store, High Street.*

The Council had no objections to the Licence variation request in the interests of equal competition.

122. Devon County Council - Highways

a) *Exeter Road Proposed speed limit*

Members approved the proposed extended 30 and 40 m.p.h. speed limits. It was also suggested that the 40 m.p.h. speed restriction could be extended further, just to the east of the Hookway Cross and A377 junction, to provide some protection for this junction on the brow of the hill. It was also noted that the Crediton to Newton-St-Cyrs section of the A377 is the only part of the route from Crediton to Exeter with an unrestricted, national speed limit

b) *Waste Transfer Station.*

The updated information on the temporary use of Punch Bowl Recycling Centre as a waste transfer station was received and noted.

c) *Four Mills Lane Zoning*

Members expressed their disappointment that neither “dual use” signage nor speed restrictions were considered by the Highway Authority for this narrow road with no footpath along its length. It was agreed to defer this item to Town Council as neither the County nor the District Ward Members involved with this issue were present. In the interim, it was requested that the Clerk ascertain the nature of “major environmental impact” in para. 3 of the Highway Authority’s response to the Council.

123. Property

a) *Dog Waste Bin*

It was noted that there was already a dog waste bin on the signal box fence at the level crossing and, following inspection it was not considered necessary to place an additional bin at this location. It was requested that the Clerk inform Mr Fletcher of the decision.

Councillor Adams left the meeting

b) *Fingerposts*

Councillor Way entered the meeting during the debate on this item

The Clerk updated members on the ongoing negotiations with the District Council and local contractors on the costs of installation of individual finger signs and an additional finger sign-post. The following was agreed:

- Add the library to the Market Street, Union Street toilets and new Town Square posts.
- Add “Shopmobility” or “Community Transport” to the Market Street and new Town Square posts.
- The “Boniface Statue” sign could be moved from the Market Street post to the new one in the Square.
- In addition to the above, “Toilets”, “Tourist Information” and “Shopmobility/Community Transport” should go on the new Town Square post.
- The proposed, new post should go on the North Western corner of the Town Square, the exact location being subject to talks with the District Council.

In addition it was suggested that consideration be given to providing signage to the Arts Centre, with at least one sign on the High Street. It was suggested that the “Toilets” sign at the Union Street toilets could be removed to make space for this and the “Boniface Statue” sign on being moved could leave space on the Market Street post. *Refer to Town Council.*

c) *Teen Shelter*

It was reported that the District Ward member investigating this issue had met with youth workers to establish the favoured location for the shelter, however, there was not yet a clear conclusion. Members expressed concern over the suggestion that the shelter was going to be installed in Newcombes Meadow, however, the Clerk reminded members that the Newcombes Meadow location was only one of several suggested locations and no decision had yet been taken. This item was deferred to a future agenda item.

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

124. Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

The Chairman suggested that an “events” Council Working Group should be established to be a central group to widen the membership of the body to include non-councillors to draw on the previous experiences of others in the town. It was emphasised that the town’s schools need to be included as they will undoubtedly have their own ideas. *Referred to Town Council.*

125. May Day Celebrations

It was reported that it was now too late to organise anything for this year, but that, hopefully, something could be arranged for next. It was also suggested that the proposed "events" Working Group, (see Minute 124.), could incorporate this issue within its remit.

126. Correspondence Received

1. MDDC – Notification: Extraordinary Council Meeting; 24 March 2010.
2. Unite Mid Devon – Thank You Card: Donation thank you; "Kids Who Care" grant.
3. MDDC – Response: Allocations & Infrastructure DPD – Non Allocated Sites reply.
4. BlackRock Investment Management Ltd – Statement: Dividend & Interest payment; 20 Nov. 2009 -25 Feb. 2010.
5. Allianz Insurance Plc – Schedule of Insurance: Re-Issued Insurance Schedule, (Increased Fidelity Guarantee & IT Equipment).
6. MayGurney – Notification: Road Closure; Belle Parade; 21 Jun. to 25 Jun. 2010.
7. DCC – Information Newsletter: Emergency Planning March 2010.
8. Audit Commission – Notification: Annual Audit For the Year Ending 31 March 2010.
9. MDDC – e-mail: Response to CTC letter re. landfill site closure during adverse weather, &
Environment Agency – e-mail: Response to CTC letter re. landfill site closure during adverse weather.
10. MDDC – Letter: Parish Magazines mailing list update.
11. Crediton Country Courier – Fax: Annual Town Meeting Advertisement – proof.
12. Friends of Crediton Church – Letter: Invitation to Councillors to join.
13. DAPC – e-mail: RSPB Climate Change events upcoming.
14. DCC - Remittance: P3 Grant Cheque.
15. Crediton Parish Church – Letter: Annual Grant request, flower festival.
16. Boniface link Assoc. – Letter: Update of Officers elected
17. Smarter Accounting, Crediton – Invitation: Launch Event; Monday 12 April 2010.
18. Crediton Arts Centre – Letter: Grant Funding Request, (*Future Agenda Item, it was requested that detailed, up to date budget information be available*)
19. AoN Ltd – Notification: Transfer of administration of Insurance from Allianz Insurance to AoN Ltd.
20. Western Power Distribution – Payment: Wayleave payment FY2009-2010.

Information

1. MDDC – Newsletter: Looking Ahead, Sheltered Housing News; Spring 2010.
2. MDDC – Newsletter: Mid Devon Talk; Spring 2010.
3. MDDC – Newsletter: Parish Matters March 2010.
4. QECC – Newsletter: March 2010.
5. Senior Council For Devon – Newsletter: April 2010.

Business Brought Forward

127. Recycling

It was noted that neither of the large supermarkets' recycling centres accept plastic bottles, unlike the superstores in Exeter. It was agreed to find out who decides the range of waste the stores recycle, what are the planning conditions applied and the District Council approached for their input.

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.

128. CCTV Update

The Chairman updated on the ongoing issues with the CCTV project.

Meeting closed at approximately 21:10.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 06 APRIL 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	<p>Type – Granted</p> <p>Reference: 10/00138/FULL Full planning application, registered 03/02/2010 Address: 27 Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BW Description: Application to replace extant planning permission 07/00038/FULL (to extend time limit) Conversion of barn to dwelling</p> <p>Web link: 10/00138/FULL</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Granted</p> <p>Reference: 10/00151/FULL Full planning application, registered 02/02/2010 Address: Stoney Park Westwood Road Westwood Crediton Devon EX17 3LS Description: Variation of condition (4) of planning permission 06/01110/FULL to allow natural clay tiles to garage roof</p> <p>Web link: 10/00151/FULL</p>
DECISION	<p>Type – Granted</p> <p>Reference: 10/00210/FULL Full planning application, registered 11/02/2010 Address: Crediton Inn Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EZ Description: Installation of rooflights, windows and door</p> <p>Web link: 10/00210/FULL</p>

Type – Application Withdrawn

Reference: **10/00199/FULL** Full planning application, registered 10/02/2010

Address: St Marys Peoples Park Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DA

Description: Installation of dormer window

Web link: [10/00199/FULL](#)

Type – Application Withdrawn

Reference: **08/02084/FULL/NMAA** Non-Material Amendments

Address: The Mews Deep Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2BY

Description: Erection of a dwelling (Revised Scheme)

Web link: [08/02084/FULL/NMAA](#)

Type – Application Refused

Reference: **10/00225/FULL** Full planning application

Address: 2 Longmeadows Crediton Devon EX17 1DU

Description: Erection of dwelling following demolition of detached garage

Web link: [10/00225/FULL](#)

Planning Applications

APPLICATION

Type – Application

Reference: **10/00458/FULL** Full planning application, registered 25/03/2010

Address: 35 Meadow Gardens Crediton Devon EX17 1EJ

Description: Erection of an extension

Web link: [10/00458/FULL](#)

No Objections -

Planning Applications – (For Information Only)

APPLICATION

Type – Application – Crediton Hamlets

Reference: **10/00320/FULL & 10/00321/LBC** (Crediton Hamlets)

Address: Land and Buildings at NGR 281295 100724 (Chapel Downs) Queen Elizabeth Drive Crediton Devon

Description: Conversion of barn complex to office space

Web link: [10/00320/FULL](#)

Noted – No Comment