



# Credition Town Council



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

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| <b>Present:</b> | <b>Councillors</b> | <b>Miss J Harris (Chairman)</b><br><b>Mrs L Brookes-Hocking</b><br><b>Mr R Wright</b><br><b>Mr P Finnegan</b><br><b>Mr T Connell</b> |
|                 | <b>Clerk</b>       | <b>Mr M Ashley</b>   |
|                 | <b>Public</b>      | <b>2 (Incl. Allotment Assoc. Representative)</b>   |
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## AGENDA ITEMS

### 21. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Letch & Hughes, (personal).

### 22. Declarations of Interest

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| 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. |
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### 23. Public Question Time

It was agreed to bring Broadband item forward to after minutes.

### 24. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Clerk reported on office staffing for the week in light of staff leave.

### 25. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8 June 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.

### 26. Matters arising

*Minute 11:* It was agreed that the District Council's Re-cycling officer be invited to October's General Purposes Committee.

### 27. Broadband Access

At the Chairman's invitation Mr J Reeves, a local resident, briefed members on the current situation with regards to broadband connectivity and provision within Credition. After discussing the issues, members agreed to write to BT requesting that the local exchange be unbundled and the installed, upgraded equipment be turned on. It was also agreed that the Member of Parliament and Chamber of Commerce be copied on any communications.

### 28. 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.

- c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 6 July 2010*  
A letter tabled from Cullumpton concerning follow up procedures to ensure that planning conditions are adhered to, was considered and members agreed to support the petition.
- d) *Repainting of Listed Buildings on the High Street*  
Although the Councillor requesting the item was absent, members agreed that the appearance of the frontage of 23 High St, ex Hazledon's, was unacceptable to the appearance of the town if it were to remain bright white, especially as the previously renovated frontage was partly funded by government grant under the Heritage Regeneration scheme. It was agreed that the Council would write to the shop chain requesting the re-instatement of the dark paint scheme.

## **29. Allotments**

- a) *Clerk's Report*  
The Assistant Town Clerk reported on current vacancies and the condition of several plots.
- b) *Boniface Allotment Association Meeting Minutes.*  
The minutes of the meeting of 24 May 2010 of the Boniface Allotment Association were received & noted. Issues arising had already been dealt with from previously circulated meeting notes.
- c) *Matters raised by Tenants and Boniface Allotment Association*  
The Allotment Association representative reported that tenants at the Barnfield site had asked if the third tap near the boundary with Barnfield was going to be repaired.

## **30. Finance**

- a) *Library Donation Request, delegated.*  
The request for a Youth donation for the Library was considered. It was noted that the County Council Locality fund holder had been contacted and was content to donate 50 – 60% of the required sum. Members therefore agreed to make a donation of £400-.
- b) *Rugby Club Donation Request, Recommend to Council.*  
This item was deferred as requested paperwork not yet been received.

## **31. Licensing**

The Licence application for the Ship Hotel was received and noted. Members did not object to the application providing that the police were satisfied with the terms of the license and that the stipulations and provisions were in line with other, similar High Street licensees.

## **32. Property**

- a) *Property Registration*  
Concerns were expressed over the standing of the agricultural lease on Stoney Park and the need to get the registration progressed was re-emphasised. It was agreed that the documentation referring to Council ownership of property be returned to the solicitors forthwith to expedite this.  
Separately, concern was expressed on the situation with regard to the lease on the Town Clerk's Office.
- b) *Scout Memorial Garden*  
Councillor Wright gave a brief report on a basic quotation given to him. A proposal for refurbishing the garden and the provision of sloped access ramps to it was tabled and it was stated that S106 monies could be available to support the Council's own funding. Members noted that the working group would have to provide a neutralised specification for the proposal to go out to tender for at least two additional quotations. It was agreed to progress this proposal forward for recommendation to Council.
- c) *Property Inspection and Risk Assessment*  
The Property Sub-Committee's report on the inspection of Council property was received and noted. Items for immediate attention included the weeds growing through the paving around the War Memorial, a branch hanging down in People's Park, the "People's Park Road" roadsign and the litter bin at the far West of the park needed re-fixing. Councillor Wright informed members that he believed the District Council could carry out both the sign and bin repairs.

In addition, members noted the poor levels of street lighting in People's Park across the Scout Memorial Garden footpaths, especially as there are steps on this path. Members agreed to individually visit the site to assess the need for any improvements.

## **SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

### **33. Devon County Council - Highways**

#### *a) Highway Problems & Issues*

This item was deferred due to the absence of the County Ward Member. Councillor Wright was, however, able to update members on the situation with regard to Stanbury Court.

#### *b) Barnfield Road Repairs*

Members were informed that the Barnfield Road repairs would need further investigation which would determine the amount of repairs that could be carried out. Members agreed to contact the County Council to support the Ward Member's efforts to get this work completed.

### **34. Crediton Cemetery**

It was reported that the state of maintenance was generally acceptable except for one older area, behind chapel, which needs clearing of overgrowth. It was agreed to write to the District Council to ask for this to be done. In addition, the poor state of the cuttings bins was noted and Councillor Wright agreed to contact the District Council to investigate this.

### **35. Floral Crediton**

It was reported that the quotation for the removal of the tulips from the Town Square exceeded the initial budget set of £150-. Members agreed to the ground workers estimate of £225- for clearing the bulbs.

### **36. The Town Council Farmers Market Stall**

It was recommended to investigate purchase of light, easily erected table & waterproof cover, gazebo or umbrella.

### **37. Fun Fair Proposal**

Members expressed no objections to the holding of a fun fair on the Recreation Ground at Exhibition Road providing that Queen Elizabeth's Community College were happy for this to take place on their land. It was noted that a fun fair had traditionally been held in this area of the town.

## **38. Correspondence Received and Items of Information**

1. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – Feedback Report: Community Action Day; 9 Jun.2010.
2. Crediton Town Council – Letter and Return: Annual Audit Return FY09-10.
3. Exeter City Council – Letter & Poster: Recession Impact campaign.
4. MDDC – Letter & e-mail: Receipt for Submission on DPD, (GP Comments).
5. Devon Air Ambulance Trust – e-mail: Response to Council's enquiry of incident in Town Square.
6. MDDC – Letter & e-mail: Receipt for Submission on DPD, (Council Meeting Comments).
7. Senior Council For Devon – Notification of intention to re-launch branch in Crediton.
8. MDDC – Summons & Agenda: Council Meeting 30 Jun. 2010.
9. DCC – Road Closure Notification: Dean Street; 26 – 30 July 2010.
10. LAP – Letter: Final Production Schedule, (*Future Agenda Item*).
11. Crediton Multi-Agency CCTV Group – Minutes: Meeting of Monday 28 June 2010. (*Future Agenda Item*).
12. Lloyds Bank TSB – Letter: Changes to banking terms & conditions.
13. Rural Services Community – e-mail & Report: Analysis of impact on Rural Authorities of new cuts era. (*Future Agenda Item*)

14. MDDC – e-mail & Information Leaflet: Parish Online mapping service proposal. (*Future Agenda Item*).
15. MDDC – Press Release: Tiverton poster drum installation.

### **Information**

1. MDDC – Newsletter: Parishmatters; June 2010.
2. MDDC – Press Release: “Have your Say on the future of maternity services in Tiverton”.
3. Clerks & Councils Direct – Newsletter: July 2010.
4. DCC – Newsletter: Emergency Management; June 2010.
5. DCC – Newsletter: Devontalk; Summer 2010.
6. Sustainable Crediton – Newsletter: July 2010.
7. Senior Council for Devon – Newsletter: Issue 7; July 2010.

### **Business Brought Forward**

#### **39. Town Guide**

Councillor Connell noted that revenue from the Town Guide does not return to town and suggested that the Town Council consider doing it themselves. This was not considered practical by the Committee.

#### **40. Local Transport Plan**

Councillor Brookes Hocking asked if the Council had received any consultation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase local transport plan, as nobody appears to have been consulted in Crediton. Agenda item for the next Town Council.

*Councillor Finnegan left the meeting.*

#### **41. Pollution and Air Quality Detector in the High Street**

Councillor Brookes Hocking recalled Paul Williams of the District Council had said that an air quality detector would be placed in the High Street. However, the Air Quality Action Group had reported that he had since stated that there were no plans for such a detector to be installed. Councillor Wright agreed to investigate with the District Council.

#### **42. Buddleias on Union Terrace**

Councillor Harris reported that the Buddleia outside the Alms Houses on Union Terrace have got out of hand again and are, in fact, spoiling recent improvement work done there.

#### **43. Floral Displays**

Councillor Harris reported that this years District Council floral displays were once again an ornament to the town and members agreed that the District Council should be thanked.

#### **44. Vacant Plot of Land**

Councillor Harris reported that it appears that a vacant plot of land behind the houses of the Crescent on Barnfield may once have been allotment gardens and wondered if this could be re-commissioned. Councillor Wright agreed to investigate this with the District Council.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:14.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

## PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 6 JULY 2010

**Planning Decisions** – as notified by the Planning Authority:

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| <b>DECISION</b> | <p><b>Type – Application Granted</b></p> <p>Reference: <b>10/00232/FULL/NMA</b> Non-Material Amendments<br/>Address: 14 Walnut Drive Crediton Devon EX17 1JB<br/>Description: Erection of two-storey extension and formation of additional patio/hard standing area</p> <p>Web link: <a href="http://10/00232/NMA">10/00232/NMA</a></p>   |
| <b>DECISION</b> | <p><b>Type – Application Granted</b></p> <p>Reference: <b>10/00660/FULL</b> Full planning application<br/>Address: 7 Fairfield Road Crediton Devon EX17 2EQ<br/>Description: Erection of extension over garage and replacement of porch flat roof with lean-to roof</p> <p>Web link: <a href="http://10/00660/FULL">10/00660/FULL</a></p> |
| <b>DECISION</b> | <p><b>Type – Application Granted</b></p> <p>Reference: <b>10/00661/FULL</b> Full planning application<br/>Address: 1 Creedy Road Crediton Devon EX17 1EW<br/>Description: Erection of conservatory</p> <p>Web link: <a href="http://10/00661/FULL">10/00661/FULL</a></p>  |

## DECISION

**Type – Application Granted**

Reference: **10/00232/NMA** Non-Material Amendment application

Address: 14 Walnut Drive Crediton Devon

Description: Erection of two-storey extension and formation of additional patio/hard-standing area.

Web link: N/A

**Planning Applications**

## APPLICATION

**Type – Application**

Reference: **10/00893/FULL** Full planning application, registered 18/06/2010

Address: Land and Buildings to Rear of 113 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LG

Description: Conversion of existing building to 1 flat and 1 maisonette; Erection of 2 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian accesses

Web link: [10/00893/FULL](#)

**Objection** – Members were very concerned about the impact of more on-street parking in this vicinity from so many units, however the Committee recommends halving the number of residential units to provide off street parking to those units on the space thus made available. Members also supported the recommendation for a full archaeological investigation of the site.

## APPLICATION

**Type – Application**

Reference: **10/00905/LBC** Listed Building Consent, registered 18/06/2010

Address: Land and Buildings to Rear of 113 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LG

Description: Listed Building Consent for the conversion building to 1 flat and 1 maisonette; Erection of 2 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access

Web link: [10/00905/LBC](#)

**Objection** – Members were very concerned about the impact of more on-street parking in this vicinity from so many units, however the Committee recommends halving the number of residential units to provide off street parking to those units on the space thus made available. Members also supported the recommendation for a full archaeological investigation of the site.

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| <b>APPLICATION</b> | <b>Type – Application</b>   |
|                    | Reference: <b>10/00987/CAC</b> Conservation Area Consent, registered 25/06/2010 |
|                    | Address: 112 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF                                |
|                    | Description: Conservation Area Consent to demolish wall to rear.                |
|                    | Web link: <a href="#">10/00987/CAC</a>  |
|                    | <b>No Objections -</b>  |

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| <b>APPLICATION</b> | <b>Type – Application, Ammended</b>   |
|                    | Reference: <b>10/00766/FULL</b> Full planning application, registered 21/05/2010            |
|                    | Address: 111 & 112 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF                                      |
|                    | Description: Installation of new shop front<br><b>(Previously Approved at Jun. GP 2010)</b> |
|                    | Web link: <a href="#">10/00766/FULL</a>   |
|                    | <b>Approved -</b>   |

### Planning Applications – Information Only

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| <b>APPLICATION</b> | <b>Type – Application</b>   | <b>Crediton Hamlets</b> |
|                    | Reference: <b>10/00941/FULL</b> Full planning application.  |                         |
|                    | Address: Penhay, Western Road, Crediton, EX17 2EW   |                         |
|                    | Description: Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing occupation of dwelling without complying to an agricultural tie |                         |
|                    | Web link: <a href="#">10/00941/CLU</a>  |                         |
|                    | <b>No Comment -</b>   |                         |