



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 5 October 2010

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr F Letch Mr N Way (part meeting) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan Mr T Connell Mr B Wright
In Attendance:	Clerk Public Press	Mr R Adams (part meeting) Mr M Ashley 4 (Incl. Allotment Association Representative) 1

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

- 62. Apologies**
Councillor A Hughes for personal reasons.

63. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright and Way	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.
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 68: Minute 55
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 69: Salmonhutch Crossing

- 64. Presentation by MDDC Recycling Officer**
The Recycling officer was not present and the Clerk was requested to reschedule this item.
- 65. Public Question Time**
None.
- 66. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements**
The Clerk reported that the office would be unstaffed the first thing on Wednesday morning due to family commitments.
- 67. General Purposes Committee Minutes**
The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 September 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.
- 68. Matters Arising**
Minute 51: Minute 35; Confirmation was sought that the letter to the Chamber of Commerce had been sent.
Minute: 54a: The County Ward member reported that a new column would be needed for a light in this location and that it was probably therefore a non starter.
Minute: 54c: The county Ward Member reported that there may have been problems with the Farmers' Market stallholders parking on the Square and he would follow this up and report back.

Minute: 54: Councillor Finnegan was informed that the Clerk's Office had yet to receive login details for the Parish Online service

Minute: 55a: The Haywards School walking bus scheme was no longer operating from Willow Walk, probably due to a lack of volunteers, however the Car Park bus scheme is, but funding will remain an issue.

69. Salmonhutch Closure Proposal

An e-mail representation to the Council was tabled and a resident of Salmonhutch cottages made a representation to Council, both objecting to any proposed closure of the Salmonhutch railway crossing. It was commented on that this closure would force the residents of approximately twenty properties on the south side of the crossing to triple their journey times to Landscore and Chiddenbrooke from the current two mile return journey to six miles and that the alternative route included a very sharp, blind and potentially more dangerous bend at Moorlake. Additionally it was noted that the closure would force more traffic onto Exeter Road, with all its attendant problems, as well as closing off the only really viable alternative diversion when Exeter Road is closed for roadworks. It was emphasised that there had not been an accident at the crossing for at least twenty five years and that the trains travelled very slowly at this point anyway. It was agreed that the Council strongly supports the residents of Salmonhutch in objecting to the closure of this level crossing and the road, and also that if safety is considered an issue, safety barriers be installed as the solution. The Clerk was requested to respond to Devon County Council's consultation document and copy to Crediton Hamlets Parish Council.

Councillor Way left the meeting

70. Finance

Town Square Christmas Tree mounting proposal.

Mr J. Ward made a representation to the Council concerning his suggestion for a mounting tube for the Christmas tree and that he had now managed to reduce the estimated cost to approximately £1,000-. Councillors agreed to continue investigating the alternative of a concrete block to support the Christmas tree and the item was deferred to the next Town Council meeting. Mr Ward suggested that, if necessary, the tree could be erected this Christmas in the same manner as last year. It was requested that the Clerk ascertain the views of the District Council to these proposals as the owner of the Square.

71. Allotments

a) Clerk's Report

The Clerk updated members on the current situation with regard to vacancies, the entrance ramp to the Barnfield site and the incident of Friday 24 September with a tractor-trailer at Barnfield slightly damaging two plots. Three members agreed to inspect the Barnfield site the following day.

b) Invoice Documentation

The sample tenant documentation was received and noted.

c) Matters raised by BAA & Tenants

The Boniface Allotment Association Chairman updated members on a number of minor issues.

72. Planning

a) Planning Decisions

Noted.

b) Planning Applications

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

c) Supplementary Applications and Applications/Items for Determination week ending 5 October 2010

None.

73. Property (for discussion and recommendation)

a) Union Terrace Bench

It was agreed to recommend the purchase of this bench from earmarked Street Furniture reserves.

Councillor Adams left the meeting.

b) *Farmers Market Promotional Stand*

Councillor Brookes-Hocking proposed a white resin table with hole, a large beach parasol and a heavy base for the promotional stall. It was agreed to recommend this at an approximate cost of £70-

AGENDA (items for discussion and recommendation)

74. May Day 2011

Councillor Brookes-Hocking considered whether the Town Council could be the impetus for a Mayday celebration involving other organisations in the planning and execution of the project. It was agreed to take this investigation further and progress the idea via the Events Working Group.

75. Correspondence Received

1. AoN – Policy Document: Amendment to Fidelity Guarantee
2. HMRC – Statement: Notification of payment of VAT Claim.
3. DALC – Agenda: DALC Larger Councils Sub Committee.
4. Charlesworth Nicholl – Letter: Stoney Park Registration update
5. The Hon. Neil Parish MP – Letter: Acknowledgement of petition; Decentralisation & Localism Bill
6. DCC – e-mail: Notes on meeting with County Ward Member on various road issues. (*Forward copy to all Councillors*)
7. V. Brookes-Hocking – e-mail: Plans to drop High Street Christmas trees this year.

Information

1. Community Safety Office – Newsletter: community Update.
2. LCR – SuSubscription Renewal notification.

Business Brought Forward

76. Financial Cuts and Budgeting

The Chairman reported that he had attended a budgeting exercise in Cullumton organised by the County Council. It was reported that the County Council must achieve cuts of some £100- Million over the next three years. It was also noted that changes in proposed cuts had already been made as a result of similar consultation exercises.

77. Farmers' Market Stall

The Chairman felt that the Council should have a roster of Councillors to staff the stall and exhorted all Councillors to undertake at least one market annually.

78. Waste Reduction

Councillor Wright reported attending a recent a waste reduction conference which proved very useful. He recommended that the District Council waste and recycling officer should be invited back to the Council.

79. Town Square

It was reported that Town Square CEDEC resurfacing would shortly be carried out.

80. Sustainable Crediton Tree Group

The Tree Group met the District Council's Tree Officer concerning possible tree works in the town. Apparently Peoples' Park was included in this visit. The situation needs to be monitored as the park is Town Council property.

81. Scout Memorial Garden

Councillor Wright gave a brief update on progress to date.

82. Tulips From Town Square

Confirmation was sought confirmation of the planned use of the tulip bulbs that had been removed from the Town Square. He was informed that the Floral Crediton Working Group had, as yet, made no recommendation as to their use.

83. Leisure Centre Play Area Equipment

It was reported that this play equipment had been replaced.

84. Combined Churches Food Bank

It was reported that the Food Bank will open on Monday 11 October and that there had already been five applicants.

85. Devon Senior Council

Councillor Connell reported attending the Crediton Branch meeting, however, he stated that he was not going to join the committee.

86. Tesco Community Donations

Clarification was sought regarding funding offers from Tesco. It was noted that pledges to the Town Council were actively being traced, however, there was one pledge to the Chamber of Commerce which it was felt was not within the Council's remit to pursue.

87. Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor Brookes-Hocking reported attending the DALC Annual General Meeting. It was noted that in discussions on Quality Councils most Market & Coastal Towns have quality status and it would appear that Crediton is probably the only one not have it.

88. Devon County Council Third Review of Local Transport Policy

The scoping report for local transport will not include Town and Parish Councils until the first draft ready so nobody from Crediton will have had input. It was emphasised that the Council should respond when it is published in the DCC newsletter.

89. Town Guide

Councillor Brookes-Hocking thanked those Councillors who had contributed comments on the text of the guide.

90. Solar Powered Lights

Councillor Brookes-Hocking enquired about the viability of solar powered lights. It was understood that the technology was improving steadily and the cost falling and that this may be an option for future Council projects.

91. High Street Christmas Trees

A member wondered if the Council could not work with the Chamber of Commerce to ensure that the High Street trees still go up this Christmas. It was noted that there was a possible alternative erector of the trees. This was requested as a future agenda item.

92. Car-Clamping in Crediton

A recent case of car-clamping in the town was reported as being by operatives from the DVLA as a result of non payment of Vehicle Duty.

PART TWO

93. CCTV

The Chairman gave members an update of progress with the CCTV project.

94. Quality Status

Members considered the outstanding issues for qualification as a Quality Council.

Meeting closed at approximately 21:23.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 5 OCTOBER 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01023/FULL
	Proposal: Retention of use of land between Parkes Road and the adjacent railway track for the storage and parking of vehicles
	Address: Kirton Motor Spares Mashford Motor Services Four Mills Lane Crediton Devon EX17 3BT
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 10/01023/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01136/ADVERT
	Proposal: Advertisement consent to display a non illuminated hanging sign
	Address: 100 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF
	Decision: Refuse Advertisement Consent
Web link: N/A	

Type – Decision

Reference: **10/01137/LBC**
Proposal: Listed Building Consent to display a non illuminated hanging sign
Address: 100 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF
Decision: **Refuse Permission**

Web link: 10/01137/LBC

Type – Decision

Reference: **10/01181/FULL** Full planning application
Address: Mountside QECC Boarding Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DX
Description: Replacement of existing UPVC windows with double-glazed timber windows
Decision: **Grant permission**

Web link: 10/01181/FULL

Type – Decision

Reference: **10/01148/FULL** Full planning application
Address: Land at NGR 283629 100288 (Car Park For Holy Cross Church) Church Lane Crediton Devon
Description: Creation of additional parking spaces and works to the layout of the existing car park including the removal of laurel hedge, earth bank, minor vegetation and 1 no. Holly tree
Decision: **Grant permission**

Web link: 10/01148/FULL

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01186/FULL Full planning application
	Address: Post Office 7 Market Street Crediton Devon EX17 2EE
	Description: Conversion of second floor offices into 2 flats
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 10/01186/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01200/FULL Full planning application
	Address: Land and Buildings at NGR 283409 100132 Barnfield Crediton Devon
	Description: Erection of 1 dwelling with garage and associated parking
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 10/01200/FULL	

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 10/01297/LBC Listed Building Consent, registered 27/09/2010
	Address: Fordton Cottage Crediton Devon EX17 3DH
	Description: Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations and installation of air source heat pump
	Web link: 10/01297/LBC
Approved -	

Type – Application

Reference: **10/01390/FULL** Full planning application, registered 24/09/2010

Address: 40 Exhibition Road Crediton Devon EX17 1BY

Description: Erection of timber fence after removal of dead hedge

Web link: [10/01390/FULL](#)

Approved -

Type – Application

Reference: **10/01493/FULL** Full planning application, registered 22/09/2010

Address: The Corner House 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: [10/01493/FULL](#)

No Objections -