



# Credon Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
held on 5 July 2011

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<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Miss J Harris (Chairman)</b> <b>Mr F Letch</b> <b>Mrs L Brookes-Hocking</b> <b>Mr T Connell</b> <b>Mr M Szabo</b> <b>Mr B Dixon</b> <b>Mrs L Conyngham</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Mr R Adams (Part Meeting)</b>
	<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Mr M Ashley</b>
	<b>Public</b>	<b>2 Sustainable Credon Representatives</b> <b>1 Allotment Association Representative</b>
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## AGENDA ITEMS

### 24. Apologies

Councillor A Hughes for medical reasons and Councillor Ashley Leighton Plom for personal reasons.

### 25. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Conyngham	Minute 26: Sustainable Credon
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### 26. Presentation on Behalf of Sustainable Credon

Representatives of Sustainable Credon gave a presentation outlining their activities and the benefits to the Council of holding a climate change seminar with Sustainable Credon and the issues and topics to be covered. The representatives fielded questions from Councillors afterwards. *Possible future agenda item.*

*The Sustainable Credon Representatives left the meeting.*

### 27. Public Question Time

None.

### 28. Meeting Management

Not required.

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

The Council Chairman updated members on his forthcoming mayoral activities and announced that the Floral Credon Garden Competition would be judged on Saturday 16 July and also that the Allotment judging will be on 23 or 24 July, dependant on weather. He noted that the South West In Bloom judging will take place on Monday 18 July 2011.

### 30. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 June 2011 were received and approved as a correct record.

### 31. Matters Arising

*Minute 12c:* Councillor Adams repeated his comments from the Town Council meeting, re-iterating his refuting of the Allotment Association representative's comments on water troughs.

*Minute23* : Councillor Dixon expressed his concern that weeds on the town's streets are not being dealt with. It was emphasised that, in the longer term, there were concerns with no public money now for weed removal. *Future agenda item*. It was noted that volunteers would be tackling the weeds currently in the town in the run up to the South West in Bloom competition judging, but that this would not address ongoing issues. It was felt that this issue should be fed through to the Floral Crediton Working Group.

**32. Finance & General Purposes Committee Membership**

Councillors L Conyngham, B Dixon and A L Leighton Plom all requested to join the Committee. This was approved.

**33. Allotments**

a) *Clerks Report on the Allotments*

The Clerk updated members on current issues, vacancies and the present state of the waiting list and other issues, including progress on surfacing the ramped entrance to the Barnfield site and the progress on the proposals for solving the issue of taps freezing up in Winter.

b) *Allotment Association and Tenants Issues*

A representative of the Allotment Association reported that the tap at Barnfield, at the top near Barnfield Road, had not yet been repaired. The Clerk agreed to follow this up. The Association representative reported that their committee had been unanimously opposed to the cattle trough proposal at the last committee meeting, he also asked when it was intended to replace the Barnfield site main gate.

c) *Proposals For Replacement Barnfield Site Main Gate*

Although there was some disagreement that a new gate was needed, only the replacement of the gate posts, members passed a resolution, unopposed, that a new, galvanised steel gate would be purchased with new posts to be installed by Allotment Association members. It was anticipated that the gate and fittings would cost approximately seventy to eighty pounds and a budget of a maximum of one hundred pounds was allocated.

**34. Planning**

a) *Planning Decisions*

The Planning Decisions were noted.

b) *Planning Applications*

*Councillor Adams left the meeting.*

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

c) *Supplementary Applications and Applications/Items for Determination week ending 5 July 2011*

None.

**35. Finance**

a) The Schedule of Accounts, Cheque numbers 3300 to 3307 totalling £5,694.09, was approved.

b) *Donation requests*

There were no donation requests.

**36. Property**

a) *Property Registration*

The Clerk reported the progress of the registration of Council owned property, including the delay caused by mapping issues with the statutory declarations for Peoples' Park and also the completion of the registration of Stoney Park. The Clerk was requested to report back on progress.

b) *Farmers' Market Stall*

Members felt that there was a need to clarify the situation with regard to holding a pitch at the Farmers' Market.

c) *Dog Waste Bins*

Requests for Dog Waste bins on the Town Square and at Winswood were considered. It was reported that the bin at Winswood was being sorted out by the County Council ward member and no longer required input from the Town Council. However, members were opposed to a dog waste bin on the town square, although it was suggested that the District Council be approached to consider placing signs to warn of action that may be taken against the owners of dogs who foul the square.

Councillor Conyngham noted that residents of Butt Parks, in the vicinity of numbers 68 to 80 had been complaining of dog mess on the footways on the approach to the entrance of the Public Footpath into the field. Members agreed to request that the Clerk contact the District Council to see if they would service a bin here.

**37. MDDC Review of Polling Stations**

The District Council's Review of Polling Places and Polling Stations was received and considered. Members approved three locations subject to the authority being satisfied as to health and safety and access issues having been dealt with. Members hoped that Crediton Access Group had been consulted on this issue.

**38. NALC Land and Society Commission Report**

The NALC consultation on the Land and Society Commission Report was received and considered. Members considered submissions made by two councillors on detailed points of the report. It was requested that the Clerk compile a combined report from their notes for the Council to submit to NALC and to copy it to the planning authority. Overall members felt that the outline proposals contained good ideas but expressed their doubt as to how well they could be implemented within the current planning structure and culture. It was also, once again, emphasised that infrastructure provision should precede development, not the other way round, as commonly appears to occur at present. Members praised Councillors Dixon and Brookes-Hocking for their concise précis's of the issues.

**AGENDA** (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

**39. Committee, Sub-Committee and Working Group Membership and Council Representatives**

Requests from Councillors Dixon and Conyngham to join Council Sub-Committees, Working Groups and to become Council Representatives were considered. Members recommended that Councillor Conyngham join the Parish Paths Partnership Sub-Committee, the Policy and Forward Planning Working Group, the Events Working Group and that she be appointed as Council representative to Crediton Fairtrade Partnership. It was further recommended that Councillor Dixon join the Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee.

**40. Correspondence Received.**

1. M.S.Teague – Letter: Request for self catering accommodation information, (*Referred to Tourist Information Point*).
2. Sgt. L. Groves – e-mail: (To Cllr. Leighton Plom) Update on Police Station staffing. (*Clerk to ascertain if Councillor Leighton Plom requests a future agenda item*)
3. Homestart – Letter: Request for funding (*Future agenda item for November*)
4. Crediton Running Network – Letter: Invitation to Mayor to attend official launch event; 16 July 2011. (*Clerk to respond on behalf of Mayor*)
5. CTC – Portfolio: Floral Crediton Portfolio – SW In Bloom

## **Information –**

1. DCC – Newsletter: Exeter & Mid Devon Connect.
2. Local Government Group – Newsletter: May 2011.
3. DCC – Emergency Management Newsletter: June 2011.
4. QECC – Newsletter: May 2011.

## **Business Brought Forward**

41. **Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership**  
Councillor Connell reported attending the Creedy Local Action Group meeting and informed members of the imminent departure of the new Police Sergeant.
42. **Western Town Entrance**  
Councillor Szabo reported that the two trees planted nine months ago on the open area at the western entrance to the town are now dead. He recommended that they should be pulled out by people who planted them. He requested the Clerk to contact them.
43. **Twinning Association**  
Councillor Letch informed members that the Twinning Association were very pleased with reception the Council provided for the visitors from Avranches and thanked the Council for their help.
44. **Speeding in Winswood**  
Councillor Letch reported residents' complaints of vehicles speeding in Winswood, especially downhill, and posing a potential hazard to the many children who pass along Winswood on their way to and from school. He suggested that the Speedwatch volunteers be informed.
45. **Seating at Haywards School Bus Stop**  
Councillor Letch reported that a resident had asked if a bench could be installed at the bus stop, outside Haywards School and the Youth Centre, of a similar type as recently went in on Union Terrace. (*Future Agenda Item*).
46. **Spurways Almshouses**  
Councillor Harris reported that the Buddleia outside Spurways Almshouses again needs to be removed, preferably permanently. It was requested that the Parishlengthsman be informed or the Council's grounds maintenance contractor.
47. **Vermin On East Street**  
Councillor Harris reported that she had seen a rat in East Street outside the District Council's flats. Councillor Harris reported that the vermin are attracted to rubbish left out by residents of the flats. The Clerk was requested to inform the District Council's responsible officer.
48. **East Street Drains**  
Councillor Harris reported that the gullies and drains on East Street, on the right hand side when heading east, are blocked and needed to be cleared of weeds, leaves and rubbish. The Clerk was requested to inform the Highway Authority.

## **Part Two**

49. **Administration and Personnel**  
Councillor Letch updated members on progress towards the review of the Council and office resourcing. He reported that the next step would be to draw up a specification in conjunction with the Town Clerk.

Meeting closed at approximately 21:21

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

# Crediton Town Council

## PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 5 JULY 2011

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

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type – Decision</b>
	Reference: <b>11/00659/FULL</b> Full planning application
	Address: St Boniface Centre Church Lane Crediton Devon
	Description: Installation of photovoltaic panels and installation of velux windows
	Decision: <b>Grant permission</b>
Web link: <a href="#">11/00659/FULL</a>	

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type – Decision</b>
	Reference: <b>11/00661/FULL</b> Full planning application
	Address: Tanners Yard 100 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF
	Description: Application to replace extant planning permission 08/00456/FULL (to extend time limit). Change of use from offices and consulting rooms to two flats
	Decision: <b>Grant permission</b>
Web link: <a href="#">11/00661/FULL</a>	

**DECISION****Type – Decision**

Reference: **11/00662/LBC** Listed Building Consent  
Address: Tanners Yard 100 High Street Cridton Devon EX17 3LF  
Description: Application to replace extant consent 08/00459/LBC (to extend time limit). Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations  
Decision: **Grant permission**  
Web link: [11/00662/LBC](#)

**DECISION****Type – Decision**

Reference: **11/00723/FULL** Full planning application  
Address: 36 Greenway Cridton Devon EX17 3LP  
Description: Erection of two-storey and single-storey extensions  
Decision: **Grant permission**  
Web link: [11/00723/FULL](#)

**Planning Applications****APPLICATION****Type – Application**

Reference: **10/01263/LBC** Listed Building Consent, registered 16/06/2011  
Address: 81 High Street Cridton Devon EX17 3LA  
Description: Listed Building Consent for the installation of replacement windows  
Web link: [10/01263/LBC](#)

**Approved -**

## APPLICATION

**Type – Application**

Reference: **10/01264/FULL** Full planning application, registered 16/06/2011  
Address: 81 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LA  
Description: Installation of replacement windows

Web link: [10/01264/FULL](#)

**Approved -**

## APPLICATION

**Type – Application**

Reference: **11/00718/CAC** Conservation Area Consent, registered 14/06/2011  
Address: St Elmo Searle Street Crediton Devon EX17 2DB  
Description: Conservation Area Consent for removal of section of garden wall

Web link: [11/00718/CAC](#)

**No Objections** – Subject to the Highways Authority being satisfied as to the safety of another vehicle access on to Searle Street.

## APPLICATION

**Type – Appeal Against Refusal**

Reference: **10/01801/OUT** Outline Application registered 09/12/10  
Address: Land off Hawkins Way, Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1HA  
Description: Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings and 6 flats and formation of access

Previous Council Comments: **No Objections**

Web link: [10/01801/OUT](#)

**No Objections** – Approval cannot be given without fuller information being available.

**Type – Application**

Reference: **11/00900/LBC** Listed Building Consent; registered 20/06/11  
Address: Winswood Spinney, Park Road, Crediton, EX17 3BS  
Description: Listed Building Consent to replace wooden supports to roof overhang

Web link: [11/00900/LBC](#)

**No Objections –**