



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 21 February, 2006

**Present:**

**Councillors**

**Mr R Edwards (Chairman)**  
**Miss J Harris**  
**Mr F Letch**  
**Mr W Brown**  
**Mr N Way (part meeting)**  
**Mr D Nation (part meeting)**  
**Mr R Adams**  
**Mrs E Brown**  
**Mr J Downes**  
**Mr C Haydon**  
**Mrs J Pitts**  
**Mr P Taylor (part meeting)**

**In Attendance:**

**MDDC Ward Member**  
**DCC Deputy Environment Director**  
**DCC Deputy Local Services Officer**  
**Devon & Cornwall Police**  
**Clerk**  
**Press**

**Councillor Mr W Dixon**  
**Dr I Harrison**  
**Mr R Wigley**  
**PC R Curtis**  
**Mr M Maggs**

Prior to the start of the meeting Dr Ian Harrison (DCC Deputy County Environment Director) provided members with an update and answered questions on the Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 and other issues relating to transport and highway matters.

**215. Apologies**

None.

**216. Declarations of Interest**

Personal	Councillor Adams	Minute - 221(b)
Prejudicial	Councillor Brown	Minute - 224(b)
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute - 221(b)
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute - 223(a)
Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute - 221(b)
Personal	Councillor Pitts	Minute - 221(b)
Prejudicial	Councillor Pitts	Minute - 223(c)
Personal	Councillor Taylor	Minute - 221(b)
Prejudicial	Councillor Taylor	Minute - 223(c)
Personal	Councillor Taylor	Minute - 225
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute - 221(b)
Code of Conduct	Councillor Haydon Councillor Nation Councillor 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.

## **217. Public Question Time**

There were no questions from members of the public. PC Curtis informed the meeting that he would be taking over as acting sergeant since Sgt Lewis would be moving to another post outside the town. The Chairman offered his thanks and best wishes, on behalf of the Council, to Sgt Lewis.

## **218. Chairman's Announcements**

None.

## **219. Town Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24 January 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendment:

*Minute 188:* replace "business" with "personal" for Councillor W Brown.

## **220. Matters Arising**

*Minute 201:* it was reported that the revised lease was ready for signing.

*Minute 206:* the Town Council was no longer required to nominate school governors.

*Minute 208:* the matter had been reported but no action had been taken. The Clerk would follow up.

*Minute 211:* the Market Street toilets had been closed, awaiting demolition, the St Lawrence Green toilets had been reopened. The Clerk would thank MDDC.

*Minute 212:* suggested change of frequency needed to be resolved before list could be circulated and approved (agenda item 21).

*Minute 214:* resolved.

## **221. General Purposes Committee Minutes**

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 February 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record.

b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee were approved with the following modification: *Minute 124:* add to corporate response, "Part (ii) Agree" (revised response appended). Councillors Taylor, Pitts and Adams asked for their abstentions from voting to be recorded.

## **222. Matters Arising**

*Minute 127:* the Clerk provided an update – the order had been placed and was being progressed.

*Minute 128:* the county ward member explained that the meeting had been arranged between the DCC leader and local party members.

## **223. Planning**

a) *Pre-application Consultation Notes*

As approved by General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 February 2006 with the addition of a declaration made by all members that any personal views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority or subsequent deliberations of the Town Council.

b) *Planning Decisions*

Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

c) *Planning Applications*

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

d) *Planning Applications for week ending 21 February 2006*

As above.

e) *Midas Homes Letter and Consultation*

The Chairman read out the letter. No specific comments were made. Further discussion would occur following receipt of the formal application.

## **224. Finance**

### **a) Schedules of Accounts**

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002405 to 002411 amounting to £4452.66 was approved.

### **b) Donation Requests - Crediton & District Community Transport**

It was agreed that a decision would be deferred. The Clerk would arrange for a presentation by the organisation's manager at the next meeting. Any financial support would be provided from the budget for 2006/7 (next financial year).

### **c) Other Donation Requests**

None.

### **d) Additional Allocation for Memorial Seat**

The Clerk provided details of the additional expenditure needed to complete the works. An error was made in the provision of the original estimate. It was agreed to provide the additional amount from reserves (sale of shares).

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

## **225. Devon Local Transport Plan**

Following the presentation by the DCC Deputy Environment Director, it was agreed that the Clerk should write requesting clarification on information provided in relation to the provision of a traffic relief scheme.

## **226. Agenda Papers**

The Chairman and Clerk provided a brief explanation of the current process. A detailed presentation had also been made at the previous Council meeting. It was agreed that there was no need or requirement to provide further information.

## **227. Downes Farm Signage**

Councillors expressed mixed feelings on whether the recent signage was appropriate. The Clerk was asked to request that the Planning Enforcement Officer investigate and advise the proprietors.

## **228. Upper Deck**

A brief report was made on the current excellent pace of progress. Notes of the last Restoration Group meeting were available for further information under correspondence.

## **229. Peoples Park**

Following a site inspection and full risk assessment an issue with barbed wire was highlighted as a potential hazard. It was agreed that no further action should be taken. Councillors considered the matter would pose no danger or risk to normal users of the park.

## **230. Lord's Meadow Parking Order**

The final draft of revisions to the Lord's Meadow Parking Order were received and discussed. Councillors objected to one proposal and agreed that the plans should be amended to ensure that the maximum number of parking spaces were retained at the northern end of Marsh Lane (approx. opposite "Eakers").

## **231. 1100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Chairman reported on the first meeting of the newly formed committee and outlined the need for a representative from the Town Council. Councillor Downes was elected as the Town Council representative and would attend the next meeting. Councillors Taylor and Adams left the meeting.

### **232. Royal Mail**

Councillors agreed that the argument put forward by Royal Mail was not valid. It was also agreed that further representations be made to ensure that the last collection time should be as late as possible bearing in mind that there was no congestion in Market Street at that time (1815). The last pick-up point should be Market Street.

### **233. Blue Plaques**

A verbal report was given and suggestions for suitable wording were presented. It was agreed that a draft template of the plaques with wording would be examined and approved by Council before committing to production.

### **234. Royal Garden Party 2006**

The Chairman explained the process of selection. Nominations would only be accepted for councillors or staff. Councillor Pitts was nominated and her name would go forward to the county ballot.

### **235. Council Meeting Dates**

Following clarification, a councillor withdrew his suggestion for changes to the timetable of meeting dates. The Clerk would prepare a list of dates for discussion at the next meeting.

### **236. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Councillor Way left the meeting.

1. Mrs Anne Hughes – letter on refuse collections.
2. Councillor Walter Brown – email exchange with MDDC officer on AQMA consultation.
3. MDDC – regular email bulletins on funding opportunities.
4. Unison – notice of official industrial action ballot.
5. MDDC – acknowledgement of TC planning applications for flagpole. It was hoped that the flag could be flown for the Queen's birthday.
6. SLCC – details on Larger Councils Conference 27/28 April in London (£305).
7. Upper Deck Restoration Project – report of meeting held on 2 February.
8. MDDC – details on protocol for HM the Queen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday 21 April.
9. CCD – details on Village of the Year competition.
10. CCD – questionnaire on "Building Community Life".
11. SLCC (Devon Branch) – copies of agenda for 3 March meeting and AGM minutes.
12. Crediton Twinning Association – invitation for Mayor to attend museum opening ceremony in Avranches. Clerk's reply attached. A short report was made following the association's AGM where the Town Council was thanked for its support.
13. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – letter of introduction from new CSP officer and offer to attend TC meeting. The Clerk to reply and accept.
14. DCC – invitation to Clerk to attend Town Clerks' Workshop on Transport/Highways issues – 3 May in Exeter.
15. MDDC – agenda and papers for MDDC Council meeting to be held on 22 February.
16. DCC – document detailing changes to LGPS including briefing note for elected members.
17. ODPM – details on S137 limit.
18. DCC-LGPS-comments on draft LGPS legislation.
19. DAPC – details on training courses – circulated to councillors. Councillors Downes and Harris expressed interest – the Clerk to contact with arrangements.
20. MDDC – dates for next round of Public Liaison Meetings – 15 March Crediton – Congregation Church at 1830.
21. MDDC – minutes of joint meeting – Resources and Community.
22. Crediton & Area MCTi – details of meeting – 6 April in Council Chamber at 1900.
23. SLCC – details on Regional Conference in Plymouth on 11 May at 1000.

24. DCC – details on bus services changes effective from 19 March – agenda item at GP.  
25. Chamber of Commerce – details on meeting and presentation for 2 March.

**237. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD**

None.

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**PART TWO**

**238. Civic Award**

Two nominations were approved for 2005/6.

**239. Administration**

The Clerk provided a brief report. Recent difficulties in obtaining information had been overcome and slow but steady progress was being made. He hoped that further details would be made available at the next Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

## Crediton Town Council AQMA Consultation Corporate Response

### **Proposal 1: Link Road into Lords Meadow Industrial Estate:**

Strongly Agree.

There also needs to be improvements to the existing roads to the North of the town to allow through traffic to be diverted from the High Street. This is considered the only realistic answer to Crediton's air quality problems. Most of the following proposals will have minimal effect.

### **Proposal 2: Traffic Management in the High Street:**

#### **Part(i)**

Strongly Disagree: Bus Lay-By on St Lawrence Green - Too much of St Lawrence Green is already encroached on and opinion was that the impact on air quality of this measure would be minimal.

Strongly Disagree: Loading Bay opposite St Lawrence Green.

Agree: Bus Stop opposite St Lawrence Green – Where possible existing single yellow line restrictions should be maintained.

Agree: Bus Lay-by War Memorial - Councillors Adams and Pitts abstained from vote.

#### **Part(ii)**

Agree

#### **Parts(iii-iv)**

Strongly Disagree: Councillors Adams and Pitts abstained from vote.

Crediton currently does not have sufficient parking; a new traffic order has recently been introduced and should be robustly enforced to prevent double parking which results in traffic hold-ups thus impacting air quality. It is unacceptable to place any more restrictions on the High Street.

An amendment from Council Walter Brown, to the proposal relating to part iii (extension of loading bays), restricting the times for loading to 7am-10am with general limited free parking outside these hours was not seconded and the motion failed.

#### **General**

For road safety reasons a 20mph limit was approved - Councillors Adams and Pitts abstained from vote.

### **Proposal 3: Extended Town Bus Service:**

Strongly Agree.

### **Proposal 4: Reduction in emissions from School Buses:**

Agree: Councillor Pitts abstained from vote.

### **Proposal 5: A single site for Queen Elizabeth Community College (QECC):**

No Comment – Councillor Pitts abstained from vote.

Provided appropriate infrastructure is put in place, it is considered that a single site school, **where ever sited** would result in reduction of school bus emissions, thus improving air quality.

### **Proposal 6: Roadside emissions testing for commercial vehicles:**

Agree

**Proposal 7: Roadside emissions testing for all vehicles:**

Disagree – the current regulations implemented through the MOT procedures were considered adequate.

**Proposal 8: Requirements for stationary vehicles to switch off engines:**

Disagree.

**Proposal 9: Secure, designated cycle parking facilities:**

Disagree.

Existing facilities are rarely used. The topography of Crediton does not encourage cycling.

**Proposal 10: High Street parking charges:**

Councillors Adams and Pitts left the chamber for this item, taking no part.

Strongly Disagree.

This would have a destructive impact on trade in the town.

**Proposal 11: Parking charges in Crediton Pay and Display car parks:**

Councillors Adams and Pitts left the chamber for this item, taking no part.

Strongly Agree.

There is already an MDDC initiative to explore introduction of medium stay parking charges once the Town Square development and associated on street parking has established itself, therefore no separate review is required.

**Proposal 12: Crediton Smoke Control Area:**

Disagree.

It was considered this would have a significant financial impact on many residents who could least afford it, for minimal impact on air quality.

**Proposal 13: Home heating and energy efficiency grants :**

Agree.

**Proposal 14: Voluntary vehicle emissions testing:**

Strongly Disagree.

This is considered disproportionate to the likely benefits, given vehicles are already subject to regulation through the annual MOT system.

# PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2006

## Planning Decisions Received from the Planning Authority

The Town Council received and noted the following decisions from the Planning Authority for information:

<b>Type - Application Refusal</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
05/02684/FULL (02/02/06)	Mr & Mrs D Ladd Silvanlea Penton Lane Credton EX17 1ED	L G Playle Forge Newton St Cyres Exeter EX5 5BY	Shirdon Lodge Plot 6 Ash Court Credton Devon EX17 2JZ	Erection of domestic workshop/garage	Miss Lucy Hodgson
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<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
05/02709/ADVERT (09/02/06)	Friends Of Credton Station Credton Railway Station Station Yard Credton Devon EX17 3BY	D Gosling Freinds Of Credton Station Co-ordinator 1 Waterleat Cottages Colebrook Credton EX17 5JS	Credton Railway Station Station Yard Credton Devon EX17 3BY	Advertisement consent for the erection of a standalone sign supported by two posts	Miss Lucy Hodgson
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<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
05/02591/FULL (09/02/06)	Mr J Cummings Altaso Threshers Credton EX17 3NL		Land At NGR 283438 100110 Barnfield Credton Devon EX17 3HY	Erection of a dwelling with annex under (Revised Proposal)	Miss Lucy Hodgson
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<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
05/02633/FULL (09/02/06)	Mr & Mrs R Storie Elmfield Cottage Fordton Credton EX17 3DH	Masterplans Ltd (For Mr & Mrs Storie 05/127) Dulford Business Park Dulford Cullompton EX15 2DY	Elmfield Cottage Fordton Credton Devon EX17 3DH	Erection of single storey extension	Miss Lucy Hodgson

**Planning Applications for Town Council's Consideration**

The Town Council considered the following applications:

**Type - Application**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00188/CAT (07/02/06)	V Holloway Credton Church Corporation Boniface Centre Church Lane Credton Devon EX17 2AH		Holy Cross Church East Street Credton Devon EX17 2AH	Notification of intention to reduce 2 no Lime trees and remove dead branch on 1 no Cypress within a conservation area	Miss Amy Taylor

**OBJECTION - to proposals for Lime trees which form a key part of the Church and surrounding landscape. No objection to proposal for Cypress.**

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00069/LBC (14/02/06)	M T Bostock Wistaria Western Road Credton Devon EX17 3LT		Wistaria Western Road Credton Devon EX17 3LT	Retrospective Listed Building Consent for the demolition of 2 no. chimney stacks to rear of property	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00193/LBC (14/02/06)	Credton Town Council Market Street Credton EX17 2BN		Mid Devon District Council Offices Market Street Credton Devon EX17 2BN	Listed Building Consent for erection of flag pole affixed to front of building	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>NO COMMENT -</b>					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00194/ADV (14/02/06)	Credton Town Council Market Street Credton EX17 2BN		Mid Devon District Council Offices Market Street Credton Devon EX17 2BN	Display of 3m long flagpole	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>NO COMMENT -</b>					

**Type - Application****Number**06/00260/OUT  
(14/02/06)**Applicant**Somersfield Stores  
Ltd  
Somersfield House  
Whitchurch Lane  
Bristol  
BS14 0TJ**Agent**Roger Tym & Partners  
Fairfax House  
15 Fulwood Place  
London  
WC1V 6HU**Location**Somersfield Stores  
Ltd  
Mill Street  
Crediton  
Devon  
EX17 1EY**Proposal**Outline for the erection of  
replacement food retail  
unit with associated car  
parking and revised  
access**Officer**Mr Keith  
Garside**APPROVED - subject to consideration of the following conditions:****restrict opening times to between 7am and 10 pm.****restrict delivery times to between 7am and 10pm. no loading/unloading, arriving/departing of vehicles or running of machinery in the open air should occur outside these times.****provision of a bus shelter with seats at the town bus terminus point.****recycling site to be retained.****obtrusive light emissions or overspill from floodlighting to be kept to an absolute minimum.****Type - Application****Number**06/00264/OUT  
(14/02/06)**Applicant**J M Coombs D G &  
A A White  
Hermosa  
Peoples Park Road  
Crediton  
EX17 2DD**Agent**Vickery Holman  
Property Consultants  
Mr S Kinsman  
24 Southernhay West  
Exeter  
EX1 1PR**Location**Dorwill  
Albert Road  
Crediton  
Devon  
EX17 2BZ**Proposal**Outline for the erection of  
dwellings and demolition  
of existing dwelling**Officer**Mr Delwyn  
Matthews**NO OBJECTION - subject to:****Albert Road being brought up to DCC adoptable road standard.****Retention of cob wall.****Provision of pedestrian and cycle access to Newcombes.****Ensuring the number of dwellings does not have an adverse effect on adjacent properties.****Provision of suitable and adequate parking equivalent to at least 1.5 spaces per dwelling.****Provision of quality landscaping scheme for Albert Road frontage.**

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00275/FULL (14/02/06)	Ms L M Findlay C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Credton EX17 2AT		Yule Cottage Parliament Street Credton Devon EX17 2BP	Erection of single storey extension (Revised Scheme)	Ms Marie Stainwright
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00299/FULL (14/02/06)	Mr & Mrs R Townsend Southlands Peoples Park Road Credton Devon EX17 2DA		Southlands Peoples Park Road Credton Devon EX17 2DA	Erection of two storey extension including double garage after demolition of existing garage	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00322/FULL (14/02/06)	Miss C Addyman 2 Jocelyn Mead Credton EX17 2EN		2 Jocelyn Mead Credton Devon EX17 2EN	Erection of store room extension, conservatory and widening of garage	Ms Marie Stainwright
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00360/ARM (21/02/06)	Reed Construction & Developments Ltd The Linhay Nymet Tracey Bow Crediton EX17 6DB		Upaver Jockey Hill Crediton Devon EX17 1DP	Reserved matters for the erection of 3 no. dwellings and associated parking	Mr Keith Garside
<b>DEFERRED - to allow for the provision of additional height assessment plans</b>					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00381/LBC (21/02/06)	Crediton Town Council Council Offices Market Street Crediton EX17 2BN		Mid Devon District Council Offices Market Street Crediton Devon EX17 2BN	Listed Building Consent for the erection of two wall mounted lamps	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>NO COMMENT -</b>					