



Credon Town Council



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

Present: Councillors

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

Absent: Councillor

In Attendance:

Clerk

Mr M Maggs

Public

12

Press

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240. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Pitts (personal commitment). Councillors Letch and Way notified the Clerk in advance that they would arrive late due to business commitments.

241. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Councillor Taylor	Minute 248(b) – 06/00384/OUT
Prejudicial	Councillor Edwards	Minute 248(b) – 06/00509/ADVERT, 06/00510/LBC
Prejudicial	Councillor Downes	Minute 249(b) – Credon Community Transport
Prejudicial	Councillor Brown	Minute 249(b) – Credon Community Transport
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 264(b)
Personal	Councillor Letch	Minute 264(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.

242. Public Question Time

There were no public questions. All members of the public present at the meeting wished to express their views on planning application 06/00384/OUT. It was agreed to receive their representations immediately before Council considered the application under agenda item 9(b).

243. Chairman's Announcements

None.

244. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21 February 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendments:

Minute 223(c): Insert "Councillors Pitts and Taylor left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on applications 06/00260/OUT and 06/00360/ARM respectively".

Minute 224(b): Insert "Councillor Walter Brown left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on this item".

Minute 230: Replace "northern" with "southern".

245. Matters Arising

Minute 220 (Minute 201): sent to MDDC and should be completed shortly.

Minute 230: HATOC supported the Town Council's views.

Minute 232: No reply.

Minute 233: No further progress – waiting planning approval.

246. General Purposes Committee Minutes

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

b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee were approved.

247. Matters Arising

Minute 140: a brief report was made. There was a general consensus for support. The Clerk to inform Headteacher and enquire if any further assistance would be required from the Town Council. Agenda item at next Town Council meeting, if required.

Minute 144: overgrowth had been removed but no progress on road sign. Clerk to pursue again via ward member.

248. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) *Planning Applications*

A spokesman made representations on behalf of residents of The Lodge, Western Road as outlined in letters of objection circulated by the Clerk. The objections were raised in respect of application 06/00384/OUT.

Councillor Taylor and the Chairman left the meeting for the duration of discussions on applications 06/00384/OUT and 06/00509/ADVERT-06/00510/LBC respectively. The Vice Chairman chaired the meeting for items 06/00509/ADVERT-06/00510/LBC.

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

c) *Planning Applications for week ending 21 March 2006*

As above.

d) *Development Brief Meeting- Redhill Cross*

The Chairman provided a brief report. The meeting was generally considered to be useful and informative. It gave a favourable impression of what could be achieved. The major concern was over the provision of suitable access, the effect more dwellings would have on the town and the inadequacy of the present highway infrastructure.

A question was raised over whether current planning regulations supported the need for town centre car parks. The Clerk was asked to clarify this issue with the Planning Authority, preferably before the next meeting (General Purposes).

It was agreed that further discussion would take place when the notes of the meeting became available. The Clerk to pursue with the Planning Authority.

249. Finance

a) *Schedules of Accounts*

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002412 to 002421 amounting to £5844.15 was approved.

b) *Donation Requests*

Councillor Way arrived.

Crediton & District Community Transport

Councillor Walter Brown left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this issue.

It was agreed, again, to defer any decision on this issue. The Clerk was asked to request clarification on and justification for the end of year balances.

Crediton Volunteer Centre

The request was approved in line with the annual grant allocation. No additional funding was granted.

c) *Other Donation Requests*

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

250. Committee Membership, Appointees and Representatives

Amendments were made in preparation for final determination at the forthcoming Annual Town Council meeting (list appended).

251. Meeting Dates

A list of suggested dates was circulated by the Clerk and approved (list appended). It was acknowledged that adjustments to the date of the Annual Meeting may need to be made to accommodate the 2007 local government elections.

252. Air Quality Monitoring Area - Consultation

The Town Council's representative provided a brief report. There was a need for an open discussion on traffic management issues. A focus group meeting had been arranged for 3 April and all Town Councillors were urged to attend.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the Highway Authority's final submission to central government on the DLTP 2006-2011 for circulation at the next meeting (General Purposes).

253. Town Seal

The application, from the Crediton Town Band, for the use of the Town Seal was approved. The Clerk to make arrangements.

254. Peoples Park Road Traffic

A copy of the letter received from a resident of Peoples Park Road had been circulated. The Chairman read out extracts from the letter. Members agreed with the sentiments expressed in the letter and supported the points raised. The Town Council had made representations to the Highway Authority and had requested the introduction of a 20mph speed restricted zone. The Council had also discussed, some time ago, the possibility of requesting the introduction of a one-way system but had concluded that the disadvantages outweighed any advantages provided by the introduction of such a scheme. Other suggestions were also discussed but deferred until priorities for future highway schemes were next considered.

The Clerk to reply.

255. St Lawrence Green – Anti-social Behaviour

A copy of the letter received from a resident of St Lawrence Green had been circulated. The Clerk had sent a copy of the letter to the appropriate authorities - Highway Authority and Devon & Cornwall Constabulary. He was asked to send a copy to the MDDC Community Development Manager who had been requested to arrange a meeting of interested parties in an attempt to resolve the continuing problems.

The Clerk to reply.

256. Open Spaces Strategy

The Chairman provided an explanation following the request for information from consultants acting on behalf of MDDC. The Chairman and Councillor Brown agreed to complete the questionnaire for collation and return by the Clerk.

257. Town Square

An update on planned events was provided.

Events had been planned for 15 April and the May Day Bank Holiday.

Approval was given for expenditure to cover the costs of planned entertainment, expenses and publicity materials to the value of £230 – to be financed from the Town Council's 2006/7 allocation for the Town Square.

The official opening would take place at a later date with expectations for a member of the royal family to perform the ceremony.

Agenda item next General Purposes Committee meeting to discuss the setting up of a group to help organise and manage events.

The Clerk was asked to convey the Town Council's thanks to the Chairman of the Town Square Working Group for his continued involvement in organising events.

258. Church Bells

Deferred to next General Purposes Committee meeting.

259. Market Charges

The letter from the Chairman of Crediton Farmers' Market Association had been tabled by the Clerk along with information on the Town Square hiring charges.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town Council would support the view that the Association should pay no more than is paid at other locations in the district and requested that MDDC examine the issues raised in the Association's letter. The Clerk to action.

260. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Crediton & Area MCTi – details on meeting to be held on 6 April at 6.00pm in Council Chamber.
2. CCD – Parish Plans Questionnaire – community planning survey – Defra support from April 2006.
3. MDDC – latest details on Local Improvement Scheme for Cockles Rise.
4. DCC – acknowledgement from Environment Portfolio Holder on rail timetable consultation.
5. MDDC – costs of relocating granite pillars and payment arrangements.
6. Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership – communication questionnaire.
7. MDDC – letter detailing premises licence application for Plymouth Inn.
8. DCC – Emergency Temporary One-Way Traffic Order – North Street – 25 March to 15 April inclusive. Sewer diversion.
 - Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – Alexandra Road – 21 March to 23 March inclusive. Construction of footway.
9. DCC – response from Deputy Environment Director on rail timetable consultation.
10. DCC/Stagecoach Bus – response following TC comments on bus timetable changes.
11. Upper Deck Restoration Group – report of last meeting – 2 March.
12. MDDC – response from Enforcement Officer on TC queries – Downes/Jockey Hill.
13. MDDC – agenda and minutes for Standards Committee meeting on 14 March.
14. MDDC – invitation to clerks to attend annual Town & Parish Clerks meeting – 27 April, Tiverton.
15. BTCV – letter inviting project work. Agenda item at next GP meeting.
16. MDDC – funding bulletin.
17. DAPC – details on training course for lone workers (clerks).
18. NALC – Communications Briefing on Commission for Rural Communities initiative.
19. MDDC – letter on kerbside recycling collections – to be extended to rural areas.
20. MDDC – invitation to Annual Meeting – 3 May – Tiverton – one representative only. No interest.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

261. Allotment Inspection

The Assistant Town Clerk had asked to arrange an allotment inspection for week beginning 3 April. The Vice Chairman agreed to discuss the details.

262. High Street Disturbance

A report was given on a recent serious disturbance. The Police were making progress with their enquiries and asking for witnesses.

PART TWO

263. Briefing

A report was made by MDDC ward members. It was hoped that issues would be resolved satisfactorily without implications for the Town Council.

264. Administration

a) Councillors Harris and Letch left the meeting.

The Chairman and Clerk reported on recent developments and the Clerk presented some financial information. Further issues had been raised by DCC which were being progressed. It was agreed, if necessary, to replace the next General Purposes Committee meeting with an Extraordinary Town Council meeting in order to expedite the matter.

b) The Chairman read out extracts from the document circulated by the Clerk. Recent changes to Inland Revenue regulations required the Council to act to preserve existing staff pension rights. It was agreed that the Council would exercise its discretion to pay a lump sum gratuity or pension commencement lump sum on the future retirement of present staff. The Clerk to inform Inland Revenue.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 MARCH 2006

Planning Decisions

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

None

Planning Applications

The Town Council considered the following applications:

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00384/OUT (21/02/2006)	Mr J Cummings Altaso Threshers Crediton EX17 3NL		Land At NGR 282011 100555 Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NH	Outline for the erection of 12 no. apartments	Mr Keith Garside
OBJECTION - proposed development is on land required to meet existing planning condition for the provision of car parking. The proposals are inappropriate for the setting - a three storey or even two storey development would have an adverse effect on surrounding buildings, particularly, the adjacent hospital and doctors' surgery. The open space is an important part of the aspect of the 1836 buildings.					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00443/FULL (07/03/2006)	Mr & Mrs P Rowe Orchard House Western Road Crediton EX17 3NF	Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton EX17 2AT	Orchard House Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Erection of conservatory	Mr Charles Bladen
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00509/ADVERT (07/03/2006)	Crediton Area Development Trust Ltd Old Town Hall High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	AJH Buildplan 13 Hedgerow Close Crediton EX17 1DB	Crediton Area Development Trust Ltd Old Town Hall High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Consent to display 3 no. non-illuminated shop signs	Ms Marie Stainwright
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00510/LBC (07/03/2006)	Crediton Area Development Trust Ltd Old Town Hall High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	AJH Buildplan 13 Hedgerow Close Crediton EX17 1DB	Crediton Area Development Trust Ltd Old Town Hall High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LF	Listed Building Consent for installation of 3 no external signs	Ms Marie Stainwright
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00554/ARM (14/03/2006)	Dr HMD Gregg Elmfield House Fordton Crediton EX17 3DH	Olorun Planning Partnership Ltd 107 High Street Honiton EX14 1PE	Elmfield House Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3DH	Reserved Matters for formation of new access to highway and internal access road (following grant of Outline permission 18/05/0516/OUT)	Mr Delwyn Matthews
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00555/FULL (14/03/2006)	Mr R Page Mulberry Hill Lake View Crediton EX17 1DW		Page Concrete & Steel Ltd Marsh Lane Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES	Insertion of windows in gable end of steel framed building	Mr Charles Bladen
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00556/FULL (14/03/2006)	Dr H M D Gregg Elmfield House Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3DH	Olorun Planning Partnership 107 High Street Honiton Devon EX14 1PE	Elmfield House Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3DH	Conversion of house into 2 no. dwellings	Mr Delwyn Matthews
NO OBJECTIONS -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00589/FULL (14/03/2006)	Mr & Mrs S Betts 50 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Simon Glanville 5 Old Chapel Gardens Winkleigh Devon EX19 8NA	50 Avranches Avenue Crediton Devon EX17 2HB	Erection of extension	Mr Delwyn Matthews
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00600/FULL (21/03/2006)	Mr & Mrs R W Lawrence Higher Park Coldridge Credton EX17 6AS	Mr E Holden, Dip,Arch., RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Credton EX17 3LF	109A High Street Credton Devon EX17 3LF	Re-instatement of railings	Ms Marie Stainwright
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00602/LBC (21/03/2006)	Mr & Mrs R W Lawrence Higher Park Coldridge Credton EX17 6AS	Mr E Holden, Dip,Arch., RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Credton EX17 3LF	109A High Street Credton Devon EX17 3LF	Listed Building Consent for the re-instatement of railings	Ms Marie Stainwright
APPROVED -					

Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
06/00606/FULL (21/03/2006)	Newcombes (Credton) Housing Association Ltd The Organ House Church Lane Credton EX17 2AH	Arthur Palfrey Partnership 23 Southernhay West Exeter EX1 1PR	Land At NGR 283334 100449 (adjacent Telephone Exchange) Parliament Street Credton Devon EX17 2BP	Erection of 8 no. retirement flats and formation of vehicular access and parking area	Mr Keith Garside
DEFERRED - for individual site inspection by councillors.					

Crediton Town Council

Committee Membership, Appointees & Representatives 2006-2007

Chairman/Mayor - Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor

Councillor Mr R Edwards - Councillor Miss J Harris

General Purposes Committee

Councillors Mr R Edwards, Miss J Harris, Mr W Brown, Mr R Adams, Mrs E Brown, Mr J Downes, Mr C Haydon, Mrs J Pitts, Mr P Taylor.

Finance Committee

The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Councillors Mrs J Pitts, Mr D Nation, Mr N Way, Mr C Haydon, Mr R Adams.

Allotment Sub-Committee

Councillors Mr R Adams, Miss J Harris, Mr F Letch.

Floral Crediton Sub-Committee

Mr & Mrs N Ponsford, Mr M Szabo and Councillors Mrs J Pitts, Miss J Harris.

Parish Paths Partnership Sub-Committee

Mr I Sneddon, Councillors Mr R Edwards, Mr F Letch

Administration & Personnel Sub Committee

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillors Mr R Adams, Mrs E Brown, Mr N Way

Charity Governors

Haywards Educational Foundation

Mrs G Ponsford

Crediton United Charities

Mrs G Ponsford and Councillor Miss J Harris

Annually Elected Representatives to Other Organisations

Market & Coastal Towns Initiative

Councillor Mr R Edwards

Parish Transport Group

Councillors Mr N Way, Mrs E Brown

Devon Association of Parish Councils

Councillor Mr R Edwards

Crediton Area Management & Marketing

Councillor Mr P Taylor

Crediton Twinning Association

Councillor Mr J Downes

Monthly Chamber Meeting Representative

Councillor Mr P Taylor

Police Liaison Meeting Representatives

Councillors Mr C Haydon, Miss J Harris and Mr P Taylor

Boniface Link Association

Councillor Mr R Edwards

Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

Councillor Mr P Taylor

Friends of Crediton Station

Councillor Mr N Way

Lords Meadow Business Forum

Councillor Mr N Way

(Joint TC/Chamber of Commerce)

Mid Devon PCT Care Services Project

Councillor Mr D Nation

AQMA Steering Group

Councillor Mr W Brown

Upper Deck Restoration Advisory Group

Councillors Mr C Haydon, Mr D Nation, Mrs J Pitts and Mr R Adams

Crediton 2009 Committee

Councillor Mr J Downes

**CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Dates 2006/2007**

	General Purposes	Town Council
	Tuesday	Tuesday
June 2006	6	20
July 2006	4	25
August 2006	recess	recess
September 2006	5	19
October 2006	3	17
November 2006	7	21
December 2006	no meeting	12
January 2007	9	23
February 2007	6	20
March 2007	6	20
April 2007	3	17
May 2007	1	15 (AGM)
Finance Committee – 5 December		
	Bank & Public Holidays	From April 2006
2006	Friday April 14	
	Monday April 17	
	Monday May 1	
	Monday May 29	
	Monday December 25	
	Tuesday December 26	
2007	Monday January 1	
	Friday 6 April	
	Monday 9 April	
	Monday 7 May	