



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 18 April, 2006

**Present: Councillors**

- Mr R Edwards (Chairman)**
- Miss J Harris**
- 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**

**In Attendance:**

- Clerk** **Mr M Maggs**
- Devon & Cornwall Police** **1**
- Press** **2**

**265. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Letch (personal commitment).

**266. Declarations of Interest**

Prejudicial	Clerk	Minute 273(b) – 06/00727/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor Brown	Minute 274(b)
Prejudicial	Councillor Downes	Minute 274(b)
Prejudicial	Councillor Harris	Minute 278
Prejudicial	Councillor Pitts	Minute 278
Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute 285
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.

**267. Public Question Time**

There were no questions from members of the public. PC R Curtis reported on proposals to reduce local Police staffing levels; the town was not scheduled to receive Community Support Officers. Station opening hours should soon return to normal following staffing difficulties. He was unable to make any comment on the proposed reorganisation of Police forces.

He brought members up to date with progress on recent incidents and requested further, more accurate, information from members of the public. The next Police Liaison meetings would be held on 17 May and 16 August.

The Chairman thanked PC Curtis for attending; the Council would discuss the issue, and decide on a course of action, under the relevant agenda item.

## **268. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that the CREDITON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT had invited members to the presentation of its new vehicle on 26 April at 1.30pm at the CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

## **269. Town Council Minutes**

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

*Minute 244 {224(b)}*: insert "and Councillor Downes" after "Councillor Walter Brown". The Clerk passed a note to Councillor Walter Brown offering an explanation for agenda item 2 (Declarations of Interest).

## **270. Matters Arising**

*Minute 248(d)*: concern was expressed over the delay in receipt of the notes. The Clerk explained that the Area Planning Officer would provide the notes as soon as possible; he had been fully engaged with the imminent Public Inquiry.

*Minute 256*: Councillor Walter Brown apologised for not completing the questionnaire. The Chairman had completed and returned.

*Minute 257*: The Chairman provided details on forthcoming Town Square events.

## **271. General Purposes Committee Minutes**

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4 April 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendments:

*Minute 153*: replace second paragraph with: "It was recommended that the following motion be approved: That this Council congratulates the Church, which belongs to the people of CREDITON, on its endeavours to increase the peal from 10 to 12 bells, and offers its support."

Replace all references to "peel" with "peal".

*Minute 154*: Replace first two sentences with: "It was recommended that the Council convenes a meeting with a view to forming an advisory group. The Council Chairman would chair a meeting on Tuesday 9 May at 7pm to which individuals and representatives should be invited."

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

## **272. Matters Arising**

*Minute 149a*: the Clerk was asked to clarify the number of properties accepted for the proposed development at Albert Road (06/00264/OUT).

*Minute 159*: the Town Manager and Chairman of CAMM should be invited to attend a future meeting.

## **273. Planning**

a) *Planning Decisions*

Councillor Way arrived. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) *Planning Applications*

Councillor Nation arrived.

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

c) *Planning Applications for week ending 18 April 2006*

As above.

d) *Notice of Public Inquiry*

The Chairman read out the Notice of Public Enquiry, which would take place in the Council Chamber on 3 May. It was agreed that a change of venue should be suggested in order to accommodate the large numbers of public expected to attend.

Councillor Walter Brown was nominated as the Town Council representative and he agreed to put forward the Council's views.

e) *Planning Policy*

No further information had been received on current planning policy in regard to town centre parking. The Clerk agreed to pursue. A councillor had also contacted the Planning Authority but had received no response.

## **274. Finance**

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

In reference to account 002472, it was reported that negotiations on the lease had been successfully completed and the lease would cover the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2009 – 3 years. The schedule of accounts, numbers 002422 to 002444 amounting to £7499.27 was approved. The payment of additional invoices was approved; details to appear on the next schedule of accounts.

### **b) Donation Requests**

#### *Crediton & District Community Transport*

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

It was agreed that the group provided an excellent service. However, this year, the Town Council was unable to provide much support due to financial constrictions on the budget for 2006/7. It was agreed to donate £100.

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

None.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

## **275. Police Matters**

It was agreed that proposals to reduce staffing levels would have a serious effect on community policing. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chief Constable expressing the Town Council's concern over the proposals and disappointment at not being consulted or properly informed; Councillors Taylor and Haydon would consult on a draft document before passing to the Clerk. Members would ask for an agenda item at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.

The next Police Liaison meeting should include items on this subject and the more effective use of traffic wardens.

## **276. Mayor Elect 2006/2007**

Councillor Edwards was appointed Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2006/2007.

## **277. Landscore Playspace**

The matter was deferred to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, with delegated responsibility. Councillor Nation hoped that the information he had requested would be available for that meeting.

## **278. Air Quality Monitoring Area - Consultation**

Councillors Harris and Pitts left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item.

The Town Council's representative provided an update on the recent meeting. The meeting had been arranged following controversy over certain traffic management proposals. The meeting was well attended with representatives from several organisations including the Chamber of Commerce. It was concluded that officers should look at the issues again and draw up revised proposals. The representative agreed to keep the Council up to date with developments.

## **279. Blue Plaque Scheme**

The Chairman briefly outlined recent difficulties with the planning application for a property in Dean Street. The application had been withdrawn. The application for Winswood House had been approved.

Following a report by Councillor Elizabeth Brown, it was agreed not to resubmit an amended application but to select another location in its place. The Chairman thanked the councillor for her efforts.

## **280. Code of Conduct**

The Chairman and Clerk reported on recent difficulties. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the feasibility of claiming dispensation on behalf of those members affected by Code of Conduct issues relating to the High Street.

### **281. Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011**

The Chairman read out extracts from the Highway Authority's final submission to central government. He considered that the town had been treated abysmally by Devon County Council. It was agreed that the issue would be deferred to the next Council meeting in order to allow members to digest the report and formulate an official response.

### **282. Town Square**

The wording of the proposed plaque was agreed as follows:

"CREDITON TOWN SQUARE

This area was originally acquired as part of the 1836 Crediton Improvement Act, proposed by James Wentworth Buller MP

For over 100 years market buildings stood here. Previously, stalls were erected in the High Street.

These granite posts formed the entrance from North Street."

The Clerk to inform the MDDC Conservation Officer. It was further agreed that the Crediton Area History and Museum Society should be contacted with a view to assisting with the production of an information leaflet.

The provision of additional finger posts was deferred to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee, with delegated responsibility.

### **283. Town Seal**

The request from the Crediton 2009 Committee for the use of the Town Seal in letterheads and advertising was approved.

### **284. Best Local Food Awards**

It was suggested that the Council assists with the provision of some form of recognition for the recent achievements in the Best Local Food Awards. It was agreed that a photograph of the trophy should be presented to participants. The Clerk to arrange with Councillor Pitts.

A decision on a final location for the trophy was deferred for recommendation at the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

### **285. Lloyds Bank Chambers**

Several members reported on-going problems with pigeons. The installation of the second bench would cause greater difficulties for bus passengers since it would be positioned directly under roosting birds. Despite continued efforts, nothing constructive had been achieved. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Lloyds TSB and CAMM. Councillor Taylor agreed to contact Charlesworth Nicholl and Co.

### **286. Commonwealth Games**

The following motion was approved:

"That this Council congratulates and commends Mr Ian Bond of Crediton on his success at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in winning a silver medal in the Outdoor Pairs Bowls Competition."

It was further agreed that the Clerk should produce a certificate for presentation at the forthcoming Mayor's Reception.

### **287. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1. CCD – grant availability for rural community buildings.
2. Royal Mail – acknowledgement of TC letter.
3. NALC – nominations for Larger Local Councils Committee.
4. MDDC – Agenda and papers for Council meeting – 12 April.
5. MDDC – email on High Street lighting – officer update. The Clerk to report 6 not working.
6. MDDC – email funding bulletin.
7. DCC – notice of Public Local Inquiry – Footpath Diversion Order – FP8 – Yeoland House – 6 June, OTH at 1000am.
8. Upper Deck Restoration Project – agenda for 10 April meeting.
9. Macmillan Cancer Support – annual letter on Mayor's annual charity – Clerk will reply in accordance with TC policy.
10. NPFA – notice of AGM – 2 June – Warwickshire.

11. DAPC – information on conference – achieving sustainable rural communities – 20 June – Nottingham.
12. SLCC – survey on resource sharing among local authorities.
13. Gilbert Stephens Solicitors – rental payment for land at Stoney Park. Part Two discussion.
14. Royal Mail – response to TC letter on collection times. The Clerk to write to Postwatch with copy of correspondence.
15. MDDC – minutes of Community Services Scrutiny Panel – 3 April.
16. MDDC – notice of license application – Shobrooke Park Amphitheatre.
17. Upper Deck Restoration Project – letter to Highway Authority requesting information on road works at Upper Deck. DCC ward member to chase with Highway Authority.
18. LMBF – letter detailing changes to constitution and affiliation with Chamber of Commerce.
19. Allotment Tenants – signed petition requesting meeting to discuss tenancy agreement. Clerk to contact with explanation. Item at General Purposes Committee.
20. Unison – notice of industrial action.
21. DCC – emails detailing changes to LGPS and invitation to attend pensions group meeting.
22. DCC – emailed document on clarificatory letter and proposed amendments to LGPS regulations.

### **BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**288. Police Liaison Meeting**

As reported – next meetings, 17 May and 16 August at 5.30pm.

**289. Jackson's**

The Chairman would make arrangements for a factory visit.

**290. Public Toilets**

Agenda item at next meeting to discuss timetable for replacement Town Square toilets.

**291. Street Sign**

The MDDC ward member reported that a replacement sign was on order.

**292. Downes Signage**

The Clerk informed members that the MDDC Enforcement Officer had acknowledged the Council's concern and agreed to investigate.

**293. Lords Meadow Leisure Centre**

Concern was expressed over rumours that the provision of some facilities was under review. It was reported that a feasibility study and a full consultation exercise were being prepared.

**294. Spinning Path Gardens**

It was reported that boards were missing on barrier fencing at Spinning Path Gardens/Spruce Park. The Clerk to investigate.

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### **PART TWO**

**295. Stoney Park**

It was agreed that a review of existing contractual arrangements should take place later in the year.

**296. Administration**

No further information was available.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

## PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 18 APRIL 2006

### Planning Decisions

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

<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00264/OUT (06/04/2006)	J M Coombs D G & A A White Hermosa Peoples Park Road CREDITON EX17 2DD	Vickery Holman Property Consultants Mr S Kinsman 24 Southernhay West Exeter EX1 1PR	Dorwill Albert Road CREDITON Devon EX17 2BZ	Outline for the erection of dwellings and demolition of existing dwelling	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00299/FULL (06/04/2006)	Mr & Mrs R Townsend Southlands Peoples Park Road CREDITON Devon EX17 2DA		Southlands Peoples Park Road CREDITON Devon EX17 2DA	Erection of two storey extension including double garage after demolition of existing garage	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00354/CAT (06/04/2006)	Graham Tucker 20 Lame Johns Field CREDITON EX17 1EB		Penton House Old Tiverton Road CREDITON Devon EX17 1EF	Notification of intention to reduce height and cut back branches on 1 No Ash tree in a Conservation Area	Ms Marie Stainwright

## Planning Applications

The Town Council considered the following applications:

<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00733/LBC (04/04/2006)	Richard Kapff Langford Moor Cottage Bow Credton EX17 6HZ		2 Parliament Street Credton Devon EX17 2BP	Listed Building Consent to widen existing garden doorway	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00661/FULL (11/04/2006)	Denis Brinicombe Group Fordton Industrial Estate Credton EX17 3BZ		Denis Brinicombe Unit 2 Fordton Credton EX17 3BZ	Erection of steel framed building to house 6 silos and weighing equipment	Ms Marie Stainwright
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00679/FULL (11/04/2006)	Mrs D Shepherd Nimrod Southfield Drive Credton EX17 2ET	Buildplan 13 Hedgerow Close Credton EX17 1DB	Nimrod Southfield Drive Credton EX17 2ET	Erection of extension	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>APPROVED -</b>					

<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00727/FULL (11/04/2006)	Mr & Mrs I M Pring Bangor Peoples Park Road Credton EX17 2DA	Stephen Armstrong Chartered Architect Orchard Cottage Dunsford EX6 7DD	Bangor Peoples Park Road Credton EX17 2DA	Erection of extension	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>NO OBJECTION -</b>					

<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
06/00803/LBC (11/04/2006)	Cheldon Management Ltd 12 Popham Close Blundells Road Tiverton EX16 4GA	Mr E Holden, Dip,Arch., RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Credton EX17 3LF	Rear Of 26 High Street Credton Devon EX17 3AH	Listed Building Consent for demolition of existing stores and outbuildings and erection of 2 no flats	Mr Keith Garside
<b>NO OBJECTION -</b>					