



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 19 September, 2006

**Councillors:**

- Mr R Edwards (Chairman)**
- Miss J Harris**
- Mr W Brown**
- Mr D Nation**
- Mr R Adams**
- Mrs E Brown**
- Mr J Downes**
- Mrs J Pitts**
- Mr P Taylor**

**In Attendance:**

**Clerk**

- Mr M Maggs**
- Police**
- Press**
- Public (5)**

**68. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Haydon, Letch (personal commitments) and Way (business commitment).

**69. Declarations of Interest**

Prejudicial	Councillor E Brown	Minute 77b – Application 06/01908/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor W Brown	Minute 77b – Application 06/01908/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 78a – Account 002510
Prejudicial	Councillor Pitts	Minute 78a – Account 002519
Prejudicial	Councillor Taylor	Minute 83
Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation	As a member 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.

**70. Public Question Time**

A member of the Credition & District Access Group asked when the Market Street disabled parking bay markings would be properly installed.

The Chairman replied that the Clerk had already contacted the Highway Authority and the matter was being addressed. The application of permanent markings could not be carried out until completion of the associated road works. Comments would be passed to the Highway Authority with a request to take action as soon as possible.

Residents of Broad Close asked if any progress had been made on the resurfacing issue. The Chairman explained that it was a Highway Authority responsibility. The Town Council had contacted DCC and would continue to press for attention. The DCC ward member was also placing pressure on the Highway Authority to discover when the work would be carried out.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending.

**71. Chairman's Announcements**

None.

**72. Meeting Management**

The Chairman moved that items 11 and 12 be raised to immediately before item 9 on the agenda to accommodate the Neighbourhood Beat Manager. This was agreed.

**73. Town Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25 July 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendment:

*Minute 69 (9):* Replace "Mr N Mackay" with "Ms M Mackay".

**74. Matters Arising**

*Minute 57:* The Chairman reported that students had returned and that arrangements would be made for a presentation.

*Minute 67:* it was reported that the installation of the plaque at Haywards could not proceed until the completion of further investigations.

**75. General Purposes Committee Minutes**

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 September 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record.

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

**76. Matters Arising**

*Minute 42e:* concern was expressed over the acoustics at the Old Town Hall. The selection of another venue was suggested for future meetings. The Chairman explained that MDDC was asked to supply a PA system but that did not occur.

*Minute 45:* The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the MDPCT and a reply would be received, hopefully, before the next meeting. He provided a brief overview of the conversation. In the meantime, the Clerk would write reiterating the Council's concerns and the need for consultation before a decision is made. Agenda item at next meeting.

**77. Planning**

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) *Planning Applications*

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

Councillors W and E Brown declared prejudicial interests and left the meeting for the duration of discussion on Application 06/01908/FULL.

c) *Planning Applications for week ending 19 September 2006*

None.

d) *Local Development Framework – Consultation*

*Statement of Community Involvement*

Noted.

*Core Strategy*

The Clerk had circulated copies of the Summary and Representation Form.

Discussion largely concentrated on the issue of sustainable development.

It was agreed that COR11 (Flooding) should be strongly supported.

It was also generally agreed that the issue of sustainability had not been satisfactorily addressed across all strategies, particularly in relation to the road infrastructure which the Council considered inadequate for the number of planned dwellings. There appeared to be insufficient opportunity to meet employment needs. It was also not clear how public transport should be improved.

It was further suggested that the Town Council's Transport Needs Assessment Survey and appropriate elements of the MCTi's Strategic Action Plan be taken fully into consideration.

e) *Petition and Further Major Developments*

Following the notice of motion received from Councillor Nation the following was approved without amendment:

“To urge MDDC to introduce measures, without delay, to ensure that further major developments in the Crediton area are not permitted until the traffic and pollution problems in the town have been resolved.”

**78. Finance**

a) *Schedules of Accounts*

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002502 to 002520 amounting to £8846.15 was approved.

Councillors Adams and Pitts declared prejudicial interests and left the chamber for the duration of discussion on items 2510 and 2519 respectively.

b) *Upper Deck Restoration Group Loan*

Following consultation with members during the recess, formal approval was granted for a small loan to cover the short-fall in funding for the project. The amount would be repaid as soon as the final tranche of Heritage Lottery Funding was released.

c) *Donation Approval*

*Firestone*

For entertainment at the May Town Square event – a grant of £50 was approved from the Town Square allocation.

d) *Donation Requests*

Requests were received from the following organisations:

*Festival 2009*

A donation of £75 was approved from the “ad hoc” allocation to assist with the initial administration costs of the Festival.

A token donation of £100 was approved for the proposed project to locate the foundations of the Saxon cathedral. The funding to be made available on request and to be taken from the “ad hoc” allocation or reserves.

*CHAT*

Deferred to Finance Committee (budget) meeting. In the meantime the Clerk would clarify the situation with local surgeries and obtain a full set of accounts.

*WRVS*

Not granted.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**79. Police Liaison Meeting**

The Vice Chairman reported on the Police Liaison meeting held on 6 September:

*Mill Street/East Street*

The problem with parking/traffic was discussed with the Neighbourhood Beat Manager. Contradictory road markings caused problems with enforcement. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise the issue with the Highway Authority.

*Under-age Drinking*

Problems had been reported at Moffats Land/Newcombes Meadow/War Memorial areas. The Beat Manager explained Police powers and provided details on actions taken.

*PCSO's*

The Beat Manager provided an update on the employment of 3 Police Community Safety Officers who were currently undergoing training. They should be in post early in the New Year but would be carrying out placement training in the town for 3 weeks during October/November. The Chief Constable would decide on the extent of the powers delegated to PCSO's.

*Lloyds Bank Chambers Bus Stop*

The Police were dealing with the problems associated with unlawful parking in the bus bay.

### *Licensing*

There was no indication that the Police would object to the proposed extension to opening hours for the Duke of York.

The Beat Manager would clarify, with the Police Licensing Officer, the problem with serving alcoholic drinks outside the Three Little Pigs. The Clerk would clarify with the MDDC Licensing Officer.

### *Town Square Loading Bays*

The Police had agreed to review the methods of enforcement.

### *Vandalism*

Considerable problems had occurred this year, particularly at the War Memorial. The police were aware of the issue and suggested the use of better lighting and CCTV as a deterrent.

## **80. Anti Social Behaviour**

### *St Lawrence Green*

The Neighbourhood Beat Manager and Councillor Nation provided an update following the recent meeting to discuss incidents of anti-social behaviour involving young drivers at St Lawrence Green.

Limited success had been achieved by the introduction of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. The Police had provided sufficient opportunities for compliance and it was accepted that other action needed to be taken. MDDC would request the Highway Authority to issue the necessary orders so that the current lay-by would become a 24 hour bus stop, thus providing the Police with the necessary power to move vehicles on. It was also considered necessary to locate a suitable area where young people (drivers) could meet provided they were responsible and did not cause a nuisance.

### *Newcombes Meadow/War Memorial*

The problems in this area were generally considered to be caused by even younger people. It was reported that the Police and the Youth Service had worked very hard but both organisations suffered from inadequate staffing levels. There was a great need for more people "on the ground" late at night but there was no sign of any outreach work occurring. Lack of parental responsibility was highlighted as an issue.

Considerable damage had been caused to floral displays at the War Memorial with graffiti now becoming a regular cause for concern at the Boniface Statue and War Memorial bus shelter. The installation of CCTV and improved lighting in certain areas was suggested as a means of helping to reduce ASB incidents. Both issues were being addressed – CCTV by CAMM with possible Town Council support and lighting by MDDC. Further details would be provided by MDDC as they became available. It was agreed that the Town Council would consider contributing to the improvements in this area particularly as a result of proposals contained in the AQMA action plan.

## **81. Standing Orders**

Deferred to next meeting to allow members more time to read the suggested amendments. The Clerk provided an explanation for the need to change SO number 36 to reflect current practice and to comply with guidance from the Standards Board for England. A full electronic copy of the marked changes had been available for viewing on the Councillor page of the Town Council website. Additional paper copies would be made available on request.

## **82. Highways (Resurfacing of Broad Close)**

It was confirmed that the Town Council would continue to press the Highway Authority for action on this issue.

## **83. 137 High Street**

Councillor Taylor declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of discussion on this item.

A brief report was made on the importance of this building and its serious state of neglect. The Clerk provided details on current progress, having spoken to the MDDC Conservation Officer. Work was promised to recommence shortly. Funding deadlines

needed to be met before the New Year. He would request formal confirmation from MDDC.

#### **84. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1. MDDC – reply to complaint about non-functioning Town Square uplighters.
2. Mrs J Seward – letter and reply on Town Square memorial seat. Comment on run-down shops.
3. MDDC – agenda and minutes for Standards Committee meeting – 4 September.
4. DCC – Care Direct leaflet – health and social care for adults.
5. DCC – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic – 19 to 22 September inclusive – Pounds Hill.
6. Highways Agency – letter and brochure on A30 Fingle Glen Junction Improvements – elected members meeting – 12 October – Pathfinder Village.
7. DCC – letter confirming changes to bus services – 315 – following takeover by Stagecoach.
8. CAMM – letter on proposed Farmers’ Market at Rare Breeds Centre. Agenda item at next meeting.
9. DAPC – agenda, minutes and papers for forthcoming AGM – 30 September – Exeter.
10. DAPC – Sep/Oct Newsletter.
11. DAPC – training for new clerks and requirements for Quality Council status – October 12, November 16 – Exeter and 26 October – Crediton.
12. Local Authority Publishing – letter on publication of town guides (examples in Information File).
13. Involve (Voluntary Action in Mid Devon) – review of charities work in supporting local communities.
14. Devon Towns Forum – details on Funding Master Classes.

#### **BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD**

##### **85. Town Square Lighting**

The Chairman had reported problems with the lighting. An email had been received from MDDC providing an explanation and confirming that the matter was being dealt with.

##### **86. Pavement Problems**

Problems were reported from a variety of locations (East Street, Union Road, Dean Street). The Clerk to report to the Highways Authority.

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## **PART TWO**

##### **87. Administration**

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

# PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 19 SEPTEMBER 2006

## Planning Decisions

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

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01643/FULL (13/09/2006)	Mr & Mrs I Pring Bangor Peoples Park Road Crediton EX17 2DA	Stephen Armstrong Orchard Cottage Dunsford Nr Exeter EX6 7DD	Bangor Peoples Park Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DA	Erection of single-storey extension and conservatory	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01672/LBC (13/09/2006)	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc DPM West Regent House St Johns Lane Bedminster Bristol PO Box 358 BS99 2EN	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc 30 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AH	Listed building consent for the installation of transaction slip bin adjacent to ATM machine on front elevation	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Withdrawn</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/00954/OUT (06/09/2006)	Midas Homes Ltd - Mr M Edwards Homeside House Silverhills Road Newton Abbot TQ12 5YZ		Land At NGR 283 714 99715 & 283828 99804 Exeter Road Crediton EX17 3BH	Outline for the erection of 81 no. dwellings	Mr Keith Garside

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01629/CLU (06/09/2006)	Bradleys	Barzey Associates Woodleah Tedburn St Mary Exeter EX6 6AF	118 High Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3LG	Certificate of Lawful Use or Development - Change of use of first and second floor offices (including access at ground floor) to dwelling.	Ms Marie Stainwright
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01584/FULL (06/09/2006)	Mr & Mrs J Cairney Cairney's Bistro 31 East Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3AX		31 East Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3AX	Variation of condition no. 3 of planning permission no. 4/18/2001/1286 to provide pre-bookable take-away meals and outside catering services	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Application Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01489/FULL (06/09/2006)	Miss M Devlin 2 Albert Place High Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3JS	Mr M Rotchell MCIAT 37 Maple Drive EXMOUTH EX8 5NR	2 Albert Place High Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3JS	Conversion of 1 no. dwelling into 2 no. dwellings	Mr Delwyn Matthews

## Planning Applications

The Town Council considered the following applications:

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01908/FULL (29/08/2006)	Devon Community Housing Hillfields House Matford Court Sigford Road Exeter EX2 8NL	Bailey Partnership Trinity Court 37 Southernhay East Exeter EX1 1PD	Land At NGR 283502 100588 Clifford Gardens Crediton Devon EX17 2AG	Erection of 10 no. dwellings	Mr Keith Garside
	<b>APPROVED -</b>					
<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01962/FULL (12/09/2006)	Mr & Mrs P Whitby 2 Taw Vale Terrace Station Road Crediton EX17 3BU	L. G. Playle Forge Newton St Cyres Exeter EX5 5BY	2 Taw Vale Terrace Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3BU	Demolition of single garage and erection of double garage	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	<b>APPROVED -</b>					
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	06/01963/LBC (12/09/2006)	Mr & Mrs P Whitby 2 Taw Vale Terrace Station Road Crediton EX17 3BU	L. G. Playle Forge Newton St Cyres Exeter EX5 5BY	2 Taw Vale Terrace Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3BU	Listed Building Consent for the demolition of single garage and erection of double garage	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	<b>APPROVED -</b>					



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	06/02011/FULL (12/09/2006)	Ernest Jackson Ernest Jackson & Co Ltd High Street Crediton EX17 3AP		Ernest Jackson & Co Ltd High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AP	Insertion of replacement doorway	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	<b>APPROVED -</b>					
<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01845/FULL (05/09/2006)	Mr M Ladd Mount Jocelyn Crediton Devon	Chris Hodgson Engineering Ltd Seven Acres Hollacombe Chumleigh EX18 7QH	Westward Business Centre (Crediton Sewing Machine Services) Mill Street Crediton EX17 1HB	Erection of replacement storage building	Mr Charles Bladon
	<b>APPROVED -</b>					
<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/01872/LBC (05/09/2006)	N Hesford & P Thomas 18 Exeter Road Crediton EX17 3BL		18 Exeter Road Crediton Devon EX17 3BL	Listed building consent for installation of external flue	Mr Charles Bladon
	<b>APPROVED -</b>					