



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 23 January, 2007

Councillors:

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

In Attendance:

- Public (1) Mr D Coryton (Community Safety Partnership)**
- Press**
- Police (4)**
- Clerk Mr M Maggs**

The meeting was attended by the Devon & Cornwall Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager (acting Sergeant) who introduced one new Police Constable and two new Police Community Support Officers. The revised policing structure was explained; a new Sergeant had been appointed and would take up his post shortly, two beat managers would be employed in the town supported by one PCSO. Two further PCSO's would be employed on rural duties who would also assist with high visibility town patrols. There had been a 2% reduction in reported crimes in Credition during 2006 with a total of 791 reported incidents. Alcohol related crimes were a major factor and councillors were urged to support the installation of CCTV. PCSO's would be able to deal with a wide range of incidents and were allowed to serve fixed penalty notices (e.g. cycling on pavements). Further powers to include traffic enforcement were being considered. The acting Sergeant provided additional information particularly in relation to Alcohol Free Zones and the Decriminalisation of Parking (minute 173b and c).

162. Apologies

None.

163. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Pitts	Minute 172c – CCTV, Grants & Donations
Prejudicial	Councillor Downes	Minute 172c – Grants & Donations
Personal	Councillor Taylor	Minute 172c – CCTV, Grants & Donations
Personal	Councillor Adams	Minute 172c – CCTV
Prejudicial	Councillor W Brown	Minute 172c – Grants & Donations
Prejudicial	Councillor W Brown	Minute 171b – 07/00019/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor E Brown	Minute 171b – 07/00019/FULL

Personal	Councillor Haydon	Minute 171b – 07/00057/FULL
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 171b – 06/02670/OUT
Prejudicial	Councillor Pitts	Minute 171b - 06/02670/OUT
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 171b – 06/02670/OUT
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 178
Personal	Councillor Letch	Minute 178
Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation Councillor Haydon Councillor Way	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.

164. Public Question Time

None.

The Chairman of the Creedy Local Area Group of the Community Safety Partnership (CLAG) provided a brief update on progress with funding for the proposed installation of CCTV cameras and hoped the Council would provide the requested support.

165. Meeting Management

It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed that the CLAG Chairman and the Police be allowed to take part in the debates on CCTV (agenda item 10c), Alcohol Free Zones, Policing and the Decriminalisation of Parking (agenda item 12). These items would be advanced before Planning.

166. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reminded councillors that the annual Mayor's Reception would take place on 10 April. He provided an update on the proposed closure of Exeter Road; results of the survey would be announced early the following week.

167. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12 December 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendments:

Attendance: Councillor Letch was present.

Planning Application Presentation: before minute 135 insert "Councillor W Brown arrived."

Minute 139 (Minutes 114 and 134): replace with "Minute 134: Councillor Harris did not leave the meeting."

168. Matters Arising

Minute 146: reply from MDDC in correspondence file.

169. Extraordinary Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9 January 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following addition:

Minute 154: add "A point was made that a councillor and member of the business community was failing to declare an appropriate interest in relation to Planning Application 06/02670/OUT."

170. Matters Arising

Minute 156: it was reported that the Chairman and two councillors thoroughly enjoyed the breakfast provided as part of the recent National Farmhouse Breakfast week. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks.

Minute 157c: The Chairman reported that an Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council would be held on 12 February to discuss application 06/02670/OUT. The Head of MDDC Planning, MDDC Area Planning Officer and an officer from DCC Highways would attend.

171. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

- b) *Planning Applications*
Councillor Way arrived. Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.
- c) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination-week ending 23 January 2007*
 - 1) *Planning Applications*
None (plans unavailable).
 - 2) *Items for Determination*
None.
- d) *Area Development Plan Documents*
The Planning Authority had requested the Council's views on the allocation of development land in preparation of revised Area Development Plan Documents (part of Local Development Framework).
Councillors expressed great difficulty in formulating their views with so many questions, particularly in relation to infrastructure improvements, remaining unanswered. The feasibility study into a single site school needed to be completed and any proposals for infrastructure and air quality improvements needed to be clear before appropriate suggestions for land use could be sensibly debated. The Clerk to inform MDDC.

172. Finance

- a) *Additional Schedules of Accounts*
The additional schedule of accounts, numbers 002574 to 002580 amounting to £4460.78 was approved.
- b) *Finance Committee Minutes*
The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9 January 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendments:
 - 6.2 *Subscriptions*
Delete first sentence.
 - 6.5 *Amenities*
Add "Crediton 2009 – an allocation of £200 was recommended for the next three years."
CCTV
Add "Any additional allocation above £1000 to come from reserves"
- c) *Budget & Precept*
Councillors Downes and W Brown declared prejudicial interests and left the meeting for the duration of the debate on Grants and Donations.
The Clerk reported that there was a discrepancy of £200 in the recommended budget - as a result of the separate allocation of funds to Crediton 2009. Proposed spend for 2007/8 should, therefore, be £85295 and not £85095 with the recommended amount to be taken from reserves as £5295.
The recommendations of the Finance Committee held on 9 January 2007 were approved with the following adjustments and amendments:
 - 6.4 *Property*
Peoples Park – Scout Memorial Gardens
The Clerk reported that he had made some initial progress on the proposed restoration project for the gardens. It was confirmed that the installation of a handrail should await further developments.
 - 6.5 *Amenities*
CCTV
Following representations from the CLAG Chairman and a commitment to provide any necessary additional support and funding from CLAG/CAMM/Chamber of Commerce, it was agreed to increase the recommended allocation to £2000. The additional £1000 to come from reserves. With these assurances, the Council agreed to take ownership of the equipment.

A formal motion to approve the report and the recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9 January 2007 was carried, setting a precept of £80000 for the financial year 2007/8 with a total budget of £86295 (£6295 to come from reserves).

d) *Donation Requests*

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

173. Conduct of Meetings

A councillor expressed his unease with the conduct at Council meetings. Three points were raised:

- *Speaking*
Members should not interrupt the debate or a councillor who is speaking. Members should wait in turn and for the direction of the Chairman before speaking.
- *Motions*
Motions should be formally put and voted on.
- *Declarations of Interest*
Declarations should be made, wherever possible, at the beginning of the meeting and made visibly and clearly for all to see and hear. The nature of the interest should also be stated.

Councillors acknowledged the difficulties and agreed to observe Standing Orders and adopt the use of better practice at future meetings.

174. Police Matters

a) *Town Policing*

The Police were thanked for their efforts, for attending the meeting and for keeping councillors up to date with developments. No further action was required.

b) *Alcohol Free Zones*

Further clarification and confirmation of current Police practice was provided by the acting Sergeant at the beginning of the meeting.

It was confirmed that the Police would use their discretion in enforcing the legislation governing the management of Alcohol Free Zones. Enforcement would only occur if a public order or nuisance issue arose. The legislation provided the Police with additional, discretionary powers in this respect and it was not the intention of the local Police to implement a blanket ban on the consumption of alcohol in these zones.

The issue of appropriate signage was discussed and it was agreed that the Council would review the wording of the signage in order to help clear any misunderstandings.

c) *Decriminalisation of Parking*

The Clerk had circulated information from MDDC and DCC on the decriminalisation of on-street parking. The acting Sergeant explained that the Police were consulting the County and District Councils on this issue. The Police had given notice that, from March 2008, they would no longer take responsibility for the enforcement of on-street parking. The use of Traffic Wardens would be phased out. Discussions were being held with MDDC over the use of PCSO's and District Officers.

Further information would be provided when the current discussions had been completed.

175. Annual Meeting

The Chairman provided a brief summary of the Clerk's proposals to regularise the Annual Town Meeting. The Clerk had circulated further information.

It was agreed to defer the issue to the next General Purposes meeting (with delegated powers) to allow members more time for consideration.

176. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Devon Wheels 2 Work – donation request. Further info requested by Clerk.
2. BTCV – details on services.

3. Crediton Police – reply about ASB at Butt Parks.
4. Highways Agency – draft statutory orders for Fingle Glen upgrade.
5. MDDC – reply to TC request for traditional seating in Town Square.
6. DCC – reply to TC comments on bus clearway at St Lawrence Green.
7. CRAMP – thanks for recent TC donation for Christmas Fayre.
8. MDDC/DCC – exchange of emails on outstanding issues with Town Square.
9. CTAG – recent emails on proposed closure of Exeter Road.
10. Bramwell Associates – letter from Tesco public affairs consultant – submission of application for new store.
11. East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership – details of meetings.
12. DAPC – details on developing a Senior Council for Devon.
13. South West Regional Assembly – RSS (Regional Spatial Strategy) for South West.
14. MDDC – Standards Committee agendas and Annual Report.
15. Devon Primary Care Trust – acknowledgement of TC letter on Crediton Hospital.
16. Members of the public – letters of objection to Tesco application of new store. To be made available at ETC on 12 February.
17. Mr K Barker – letter requesting TC support for X-Ray study of Saxon heritage. Clerk to action.
18. Devon Countryside Access Forum – request for new members.
19. Mr R Page – copy correspondence with SWW on proposed Sewer works – Exeter Road.
20. C Addyman – request for dog bin at Southfields. Passed to ward member for action.
21. DCC – request for details on appropriate local events for Climate Change Roadshow.
22. MDDC – Notice - Off Street Parking Variation Order (parking charges) for Mid Devon area. Agenda item at next GP.
23. MDDC – Standards Committee decisions on recent complaints and letter of apology – agenda item at next TC.
24. Upper Deck Restoration Project – notes of last meeting.
25. CCD – Access Project for rural community buildings – details.
26. DCLG – consultation on revised Code of Conduct – deadline 9 March – agenda item next GP.

177. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

None.

PART TWO

178. Administration

The Chairman and Clerk provided an update.

A formal motion, based on details provided by the Clerk, to authorise a retirement payment under the Local Government Pension Scheme to the former Deputy Town Clerk was carried.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 23 JANUARY 2007

Planning Decisions

The Town Council noted the following decisions as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number 06/02215/FULL (1/11/2007)	Applicant Creative Furniture	Agent AJH Buildplan 13 Hedgerow Close Crediton EX17 1DB	Location C Symonds & Son (Crediton) Ltd Exeter Road Crediton Devon	Proposal Demolition of office and coal store and erection of retail furniture store, workshop and office	Officer Mr Keith Garside
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number 06/02336/FULL (1/17/2007)	Applicant R J Brooks & Son Ltd Unit 3 Commercial Road Business Park Commercial Road Crediton Devon EX17 1ER	Agent AJH Buildplan 13 Hedgerow Close Crediton EX17 1DB	Location Land At NGR 284397 100273 Commercial Road Crediton Devon	Proposal Change of use from class B2 to class B8	Officer Mr Jeremy Ebdon
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number 06/02400/FULL (1/17/2007)	Applicant W. V. J. Property Development Company Limited C/o Hillside Chulmleigh EX18 7EA	Agent Allen V. J. Stockel Hillside Chulmleigh EX18 7EA	Location Buildings At NGR 283150 100291 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AH	Proposal Conversion of building to 1 dwelling and reinstatement of 2 dwellings	Officer Mr Keith Garside

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number 06/02434/FULL (1/17/2007)	Applicant Somersfields Stores Ltd Somersfield House Whitchurch Lane Bristol BS14 0TJ	Agent CDA - Mr P Davies 86 King Street Manchester M2 4WQ	Location Somersfield Stores Ltd Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EY	Proposal Erection of refrigeration plant unit to the rear of service yard	Officer Mr Jeremy Ebdon
DECISION	Type - Application Refused					
	Number 06/02435/OUT (1/17/2007)	Applicant Mr A B Courtis C/o Nigel Cant Planning Sutton Farm New Buildings Crediton EX17 4PS	Agent Nigel Cant Planning Sutton Farm New Buildings Crediton EX17 4PS	Location 21 Victoria Crescent Crediton Devon EX17 1DZ	Proposal Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and formation of access	Officer Mr Jeremy Ebdon
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number 06/02451/FULL (1/11/2007)	Applicant Mr D Moore Upaver Jockey Hill Crediton Devon EX17 1DP	Agent Reed Construction & Development The Linhay Nymet Rowland Bow EX17 6DB	Location Upaver Jockey Hill Crediton Devon EX17 1DP	Proposal Reserved matters for the erection of 2 detached dwellings with garages and alteration to vehicular access	Officer Mr Keith Garside

Planning Applications

The Town Council considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	06/02504/FULL (1/9/2007)	Mr Laurence Parker Crediton Bowling Club Belle Parade Crediton EX17 2AA	Mr Laurence Parker Sunnyside Alexandra Road Crediton EX17 2DP	Crediton Bowling Club Belle Parade Crediton Devon EX17 2AA	Erection of extension	Mr Jeremy Ebdon
	APPROVED -					
APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	06/02530/FULL (1/9/2007)	Page Partners LLP West End Lords Meadow Trading Estate Crediton EX17 1ES		Land At NGR 284126 100188 (South Of Amber House) West End Lords Meadow Trading Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES	Erection of storage building	Mr Charles Bladon
	NO OBJECTION - on condition that adequate measures are taken to minimise nuisance to neighbouring properties. Provision of suitable screening. No vehicular activity or noise during unsocial hours.					

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	06/02670/OUT (1/2/2007)	Tesco Stores Ltd C/o Burnett Planning & Development Ltd Golden Cross House 8 Duncannon Street London WC2N 4JF		Land To South Of Exeter Road Wellparks CREDITON Devon EX17 3PP	Outline for mixed use development comprising of foodstore, petrol station, car park. pub/ restaurant, change of use and refurbishment of redundant class B8 building to provide 6 residential units, Class B1a office use, Class B1c light industrial use, Dra	Mr Keith Garside
DEFERRED - to Extraordianry Town Council meeting to be held on 12 February 2007 - for further consideration and consultation.						
APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	06/02713/FULL (1/16/2007)	Mr J Tydeman 32 Avranches Avenue CREDITON Devon EX17 2HB	Mr Mark Crawford Downside Cottage Yeoford CREDITON EX17 5EX	32 Avranches Avenue CREDITON Devon EX17 2HB	Erection of extension following demolition of conservatory	Mr Jeremy Ebdon
APPROVED -						
APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00019/FULL (1/9/2007)	Devon Community Housing Society 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 6 dwellings and 4 flats including associated works for the provision of affordable housing	Mr Keith Garside
APPROVED -						

Type - Application**Number**07/00057/FULL
(1/16/2007)**Applicant**Mr Scott Davey
25 Barnfield
Crediton
Devon
EX17 3HU**Agent**Mr David Grabham
Bridge Cottage
51 Fore Street
Okehampton
North Tawton
EX20 2EF**Location**25 Barnfield
Crediton
Devon
EX17 3HU**Proposal**

Erection of extension

OfficerMr Charles
Bladon**APPROVED -**