



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 February, 2007

**Councillors:**

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

**In Attendance:**

**Press**  
**Police**  
**Clerk**                      **Mr M Maggs**

**185. Apologies**

Received from Councillors Harris and Haydon (personal commitments).

**186. Declarations of Interest**

Personal	Councillor Pitts	Minute 195b – 07/00150/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor Taylor	Minute 195b – 07/00150/FULL, 06/02675/LBC
Prejudicial	Councillor Way	Minute 195b – 07/00150/FULL
Personal	Councillor Downes	Minute 195b – 07/00150/FULL
Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute 195b – 07/00233/ARM
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 195b – 07/00214/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor Pitts	Minute 199 (Supermarket Planning Meeting)
Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation 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.

**187. Public Question Time**

None.

The Neighbourhood Beat Manager introduced Sergeant Gareth Twigg, the new Neighbourhood Team Manager. Sergeant Twigg, who lived locally, outlined his priorities for reducing crime in the town. Local Police would be concentrating, in particular, on anti-social behaviour, the detection of crime and road safety matters. He would be pleased to discuss any issues with councillors and would provide the Clerk with his email contact details.

Councillors raised concerns over the decriminalisation of on-street parking and asked the Sergeant to investigate parking problems in The Burrowe.

**188. Chairman's Announcements**

None.

**189. Town Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23 January 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following further amendment:

*Minute 169 (Minute 154):* replace "A point was made that..." with "A member expressed concern as to whether....".

**190. Matters Arising**

*Minute 174b:* details of the wording used by Portsmouth City Council had been circulated by the Clerk. Agenda item at next meeting.

**191. Extraordinary Town Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 12 February 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following corrections:

*Minute 181:*

*Bullet point 9:* insert "be" between "should" and "treated".

*Bullet point 12:* replace "where" with "were".

*Bullet point 14:* delete second "was".

*Bullet point 16:* replace "significant" with "significantly".

*Minute 183:*

*Fourth paragraph:* replace "what" with "where" and "be required" with "come from".

**192. Matters Arising**

None.

**193. General Purposes Committee Minutes**

Councillor Adams arrived.

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 February 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendments:

*Minute 102:* include explanation "The Town Council meeting scheduled for 17 April would be moved to 24 April. The General Purposes Committee meeting for 1 May would be cancelled. The Annual Town Meeting would be held before the General Purposes Committee meeting for 3 April, venue to be arranged."

*Minute 92:* replace "personal" with "prejudicial" for Councillors Pitts and Harris.

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

**194. Matters Arising**

*Minute 97:* the request had been submitted.

*Minute 100:* the Chairman, following discussion with the Clerk, explained the ambivalence between MDDC and Town Council policy on this issue. The Clerk would check with DAPC for current guidance. Agenda item at next meeting.

*Minute 101b:* the Clerk would contact the DAPC Secretary as speaker and would use his discretion over choice of venue.

**195. 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.

- c) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination-week ending 20 February 2007*
  - 1) *Planning Applications*  
None.
  - 2) *Items for Determination*  
None.

## **196. Finance**

- a) *Schedules of Accounts*  
The schedule of accounts, numbers 002581 to 002587 amounting to £3654.27 was approved.
- b) *Donation Requests*  
The Chairman read out the request for the provision of a Maypole, primarily for use on the Town Square. Representations were made to use remaining funds from the Youth Allocation. The Clerk pointed out that this was not a donation request but a request for the Town Council to purchase a Maypole; no current or future allocation had been made. Consequently, it was agreed to vire across sufficient funding (£300) from the Youth Allocation to a new Property allocation. The Clerk to organise and liaise with the Chairman of the Town Square Working Group.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **197. Local Government White Paper**

The Chairman provided a brief explanation. The issue had been raised at DAPC meetings. Due to the short period of consultation, the DAPC and principal authorities had proceeded to provide a draft response.

It was agreed that the issue would be deferred to the next General Purposes Committee for more detailed discussion. However, councillors were generally supportive of proposals to give local councils greater control and responsibility provided that the devolution of responsibilities came with sufficient associated funding.

The Clerk explained that the majority of examples of partnership working referred to arrangements between principal authorities or other organisations/agencies. However, there was one very good example of local council involvement in the provision of improved services to the community which, he believed, should be given further consideration by councillors.

### **198. Crediton Hospital**

The letter from the Devon PCT Chief Executive, with supporting information, had been circulated to councillors.

Councillors appreciated the informative response but expressed concern over the measures taken to alleviate the temporary financial difficulties and sought reassurance that, once the difficulties had been rectified, "normal" service would be reinstated. Three councillors had attended the recent Patient & Public Forum and it was made clear that redundancies had already occurred, something that appeared incompatible with so-called "temporary" measures. Some members agreed that the changes had been introduced with indecent haste and insufficient consultation. Councillors were concerned that any further reductions would seriously jeopardise the operational viability of the hospital and result in eventual closure.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Devon PCT Chief Executive (copy to Devon Partnership Trust) expressing these concerns and requesting an assurance that the measures were temporary and made solely to rectify the current financial difficulties. The Clerk would provide the press with details.

## 199. Crediton Traffic Action Group

The Chairman outlined the recent success of CTAG and the community in averting closure of the Exeter Road. He requested a debriefing from the recent meeting with Devon County Council officials.

It was reported that the DCC Executive was due to meet to approve funding of £140,000 for the completion of a feasibility study into the provision of a link road. DCC appeared to be more active than originally perceived. The DCC Leader had offered to attend a Town Council meeting to answer questions and provide further information if necessary.

The DCC Ward Member considered that there was a definite will, on the part of DCC Executive, to progress issues.

The Chairman provided details of recent costings carried out by a qualified engineer and former Town Councillor. Recent experience of the threatened Exeter Road closure and supermarket developments have galvanised some action.

A suggestion was made that DCC officers were over-generous in advising that future developments would not unduly exacerbate current traffic problems.

A short debate on the proposed supermarket application occurred. Councillors Adams and Pitts declared prejudicial interests and left the meeting at this point.

Councillors were satisfied to hear that the MDDC Environmental Control Officer had produced a report indicating that an increase in pollution, as a result of the proposed developments at Exeter Road, would be unacceptable. It was hoped that the Planning Committee meeting to discuss the application would be held in Crediton. To this end, it was agreed to support Councillor Nation's motion at the MDDC Council meeting to be held on 28 February; the Clerk to inform MDDC.

Councillors Adams and Pitts rejoined the meeting.

## 200. Code of Conduct

The Chairman formally presented the letter of apology from Councillor Adams in relation to his breach of the Code of Conduct following a recent complaint and the subsequent decision of the Standards Committee.

Councillor Adams indicated that he would have appealed the decision but expressed concern over the amount of public time and cost involved in further extending the process.

## 201. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. EDF Energy – details on revised meter reading regime for Bandstand.
2. MDDC – Poster announcing public debate on MDDC services – Tiverton 27 February at 1900.
3. Standards Board – decision to refer two further complaints for local investigation.
4. Boniface Allotments Association – draft AGM minutes.
5. MDCSP – Creedy LAG meeting minutes – 18 January.
6. Fairtrade Partnership – notes of meeting held on 31 January.
7. DCC – letter acknowledging CCTV requirements and commitment to accommodate.
8. NALC/Defra/SLCC – review of Quality Status Scheme.
9. Boniface Link Association – Notice and agenda for AGM – 1 March.
10. Upper Deck Restoration Group – invitation to attend opening on 21 April at 1100. Clerk to be contacted before deadline.
11. Parsons Brinkerhoff – details on improvement works on A377 at High Street, Downes Bridge and Western Road. Passed to councillors for information.
12. Audit Commission – details on appointment of new external auditor and new fee scales.
13. MDDC – notice of hearing before Licensing Committee – Pinar Takeaway – 5 March. Clerk to contact MDDC – no further representations by TC.
14. Victim Support Devon – request to attend meeting to raise awareness. No requirement to attend – Clerk to inform.
15. SLCC – Larger Councils Conference – 26 April – London.

16. MDDC – District Council Elections – public meetings and leaflets.
17. DCLG – revised Code of Conduct – Consultation Papers.
18. RD&E NHS Foundation Trust – details on constituency meetings.

## **BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD**

### **202. QECC Awards**

The Chairman reported on recent awards received by QECC. He would write a letter of congratulations.

### **203. Downeshead Lane**

Problems were reported with the private road. This was an on-going and very long-standing problem. A brief explanation was provided. Agenda item at next meeting.

### **204. DCC Highways**

The DCC ward member reported that he had spent some time giving the new Chief Assistant Engineer a tour of the town, indicating the main issues.

### **205. Downes Bridge**

A member expressed concern over the bus lay-by proposals for Downes Bridge. He would raise the matter on an individual basis.

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## **PART TWO**

### **206. Mayor's Reception and Public Recognition Awards**

One suggestion was put forward for receipt of an award at the forthcoming annual Mayor's Reception. It was agreed that further consideration would be given to this matter at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

## PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2007

### Planning Decisions

The Town Council noted the following decisions as notified by 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>
	06/02543/CAT (01/02/07)	Crediton Church Corporation	VRJ Holloway Boniface Centre Church Lane Crediton EX17 2AH	Holy Cross Church East Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AH	Notification of intention to carry out works to 21 trees within a Conservation Area	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>
	06/02544/TPO (01/02/07)	Crediton Church Corporation	VRJ Holloway Boniface Centre Church Lane Crediton EX17 2AH	Holy Cross Church East Street Crediton Devon EX17 2AH	Application to carry out works to 2 Lime trees protected by Tree Preservation Order No 06/00005	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Appeal Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/00902/FULL (08/02/07)	T & M Project Management Ltd Site Office Dartmoor Railway Inn Station Road Crediton EX17 3BX		Dartmoor Railway Inn Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3BX	Conversion of part of redundant public house outbuildings to 3 no. flats and 2 no. studio flats	Mr Keith Garside

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Appeal Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/00903/LBC (08/02/07)	T & M Project Management Ltd Site Office Dartmoor Railway Inn Station Road CREDITON EX17 3BX		Dartmoor Railway Inn Fordton CREDITON Devon EX17 3BX	Listed Building Consent for the conversion of part of redundant public house outbuildings to 3 no. flats and 2 no. studio flats	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>
	06/02639/FULL (08/02/07)	CMS Jones 1 Blagdon Close CREDITON Devon EX17 1EL		1 Blagdon Close CREDITON Devon EX17 1EL	Erection of extension to workshop to provide garage with additional storage	Mr Charles Bladon

### Planning Applications

The Town Council considered the following applications:

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	07/00150/FULL (07/02/07)	Mr J Cummings Altaso Threshers CREDITON Devon EX17 3NL	Mrs Inka Lee-Wright Friends Gallery Coldharbour Mill Uffculme Cullompton Devon EX15 3EE	Land at NGR 283438 100110 Treetops Barnfield CREDITON Devon EX17 3HY	Erection of 1 dwelling with annex	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>					

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	07/00214/FULL (07/02/07)	Midas Homes Ltd Mr M Edwards Homeside House Silverhills Road Newton Abbot TQ12 5YZ		Land at NGR 283828 99804 Exeter Road CREDITON Devon EX17 3BH	Variation of condition 3(ii) of planning permission 06/01031/FULL to provide for provision of off-site surface water sewer along Four Mills Lane and Station Road prior to first occupation in lieu of surface water sewer along Exeter Road and Station Road	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>
	06/02675/LBC (14/02/07)	K. J. Hotton Higher Furzeland Furzeland Hill Coplestone CREDITON Devon EX17 5NX		137 High Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3DU	Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	<b>APPROVED - Councillors wished to draw attention to the hazardous state of the private pavement to the front of the building and any alterations or improvements to the building should include long overdue repairs to this area.</b>					

**Type - Application****Number**07/00233/ARM  
(14/02/07)**Applicant**PDS Ltd  
1 Pear Tree Way  
Landkey  
Barnstaple  
Devon  
EX32 0UH**Agent**TFQ Architects  
Tern Point  
Odhams Wharf  
Topsham  
Exeter  
Devon  
EX3 0PB**Location**Land Adjacent to  
79 Willow Walk  
Crediton  
Devon  
EX17 1DD**Proposal**Reserved Matters for the  
erection of 1 dwelling**Officer**Mr Jeremy  
Ebdon**NO OBJECTION**