



# Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 11 December, 2007

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Miss J Harris (Chairman)</b> <b>Mr W Brown</b> <b>Mr R Adams (part meeting)</b> <b>Mrs E Brookes-Hocking</b> <b>Mr P Finnegan</b> <b>Mr D Nation</b> <b>Mr R Wright</b> <b>Mr John Downes</b> <b>Mr D Sansom</b> <b>Mr N Way (part meeting)</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Assistant Town Clerk</b> <b>Devon Partnership NHS</b> <b>Mid Devon District Cncl.</b> <b>Press</b> <b>Public</b>	<b>Mr M Ashley</b> <b>Mr I Tulley</b> <b>Mr K Finan</b> <b>2</b> <b>3</b>

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 159. Apologies

Councillor Letch (business commitment).

### 160. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Nation	Minute 165 Hospital Action Group
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 165 Hospital Action Group
Prejudicial	Councillor Harris	Minute 168 Planning App. 07/01958 & 07/02267
Personal	Councillor Finnegan	Minute 168 Planning App. 07/02288/FULL
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 168 Planning App. 07/02284/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor Sansom	Minute 168 Planning App. 07/02303/FULL
Prejudicial	Councillor Brown	Minutes 178c Admin & Personnel Cmtte.
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minutes 178c Admin & Personnel Cmtte.
Code of Conduct	Councillor Nation Councillor Way Councillor Wright Councillor Downes	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.

### 161. Public Question Time

Councillor Way arrived.

The Chief Executive of the Devon Partnership NHS Trust addressed the Council to outline the background behind the application for Foundation Trust status and the proposed new structures.

Councillor Adams arrived.

## **162. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman proposed bringing forward the Crediton Hospital and Mid Devon District Council Crediton Area Offices Items to allow visiting presenters to leave on completion. This was agreed.

## **163. Town Council Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20 November 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

## **164. Matters Arising**

*Minute 143:* the Assistant Town Clerk was asked to find out if the new route 50 bus timetable was yet available.

*Minute 152:* it was confirmed that this item had been deferred pending individual inspection.

*Minute 153:* It was confirmed that this item will go before the District Executive on 10 January 2008.

## **165. Crediton Hospital**

Members discussed the information given by the Devon Partnership NHS Trust Chief Executive. It was noted that Boniface Ward was closed as a result of staffing issues and that alternative resources and emergency provision were being provided. It was emphasised by members, however, that facilities had been closed before alternatives had been put in place and that the Trust will not gain Foundation Status until next year, until which time resources cannot be redeployed. Concern was also expressed as to the continuing level of bed provision given the reduction from 24 to 14, and potentially 8 in future, over three years, especially given that the Devon Primary Care Trust is itself under strategic review. Scepticism was also expressed concerning the number of people who would become members of the Trust.

Mr I Tulley departed.

## **166. Mid Devon District Offices, Crediton**

Mr k Finan joined the Meeting.

The Head of Customer Services at Mid Devon District Council explained the statutory requirement to make 3% cost savings per year over the next seven years and outlined the four options suggested for Mid Devon to consider. The Town Council were adamant that services should be retained in the town and although it is accepted that there may have to be budget cuts, services should be maintained as much as possible at current levels. Members agreed that The Town Council will not be content with anything less than a significant and conspicuous District Council presence at the Crediton Area Office. The Town Council would consider providing alternative services, but only if the cost of providing those services was fully reimbursed by the District Council. The Town Council is in favour only of option 1 in the District's proposal, as being the only option that fulfils the 'significant and conspicuous...presence' condition. Councillors also expressed great concern over the practicality of being able to travel to Tiverton by public transport in light of the almost non-existent service. This is even more the case for residents in the extreme west of the district. The Council noted the Head of Customer Services' comments on alternative provision of services, but expressed incredulity that the District thought that Town Council had staffing resources to provide such services. Members made it plain that additional resources could only be provided by double taxation, in the absence of any District Council funding, which would be unfair on Crediton residents. This would also result in one third of the local district's population paying for services for the other, rural two thirds.

Mr K Finan departed.

The three members of the Public departed.

## **167. Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee Minutes**

It was agreed to defer this item and Matters Arising to Part 2.

## **168. 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.

Councillor Harris declared a Prejudicial Interest in applications 07/01958 & 07/02267 and left the room for all debate on these applications.

Councillor Sansom declared a Prejudicial Interest in application application 07/02303/FULL and left the room for all debate on this application.

### *c) Items for Determination*

None.

## **169. Finance**

### *a) Schedule of Accounts*

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002739 to 002747 amounting to £6,218.09 was approved.

### *b) Donation Requests*

None.

## **170. Allotments (all issues deferred from General Purposes Committee meeting)**

### *a) Current Status*

The Clerk reported that there were no vacant allotments, two allotments having been created by splitting the vacant plot.

### *b) Replacement Allotment Numbering System*

Councillor Adams presented his suggestion for the plot numbering scheme using alpha-numeric characters tacked or screwed to the posts. It was estimated that this will cost £166.64, a slight saving on the previous proposal. This proposal was accepted and Councillor Adams asked to progress the work.

### *c) Matters Raised by Tenants*

None.

## **SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS**

## **171. Councillor Vacancy**

Councillors expressed their concern and regret at the resignation of Councillor Baker. Members agreed to co-opt another Councillor if members of the public have not requested a Claimed Poll by 20 December 2007, the deadline.

## **172. Council Representatives' Reports**

### *a) Councillor Wright informed members of the latest news from the Mid Devon*

*Community Safety Group. This included the anti-inconsiderate car-parking initiative, the relinquishing of Police responsibility of parking control and stray dogs to the District Council as well as new litter and refuse regulations. Copies of the "Managing Anti-Social Behaviour" leaflet were also handed out.*

### *b) Councillor Adams informed members that the CCTV project would now not go live until the New Year.*

## **173. Committee Membership, Appointees and Representatives**

### *a) Councillor Wright was appointed as the Council Representative to Crediton Climate Action Group.*

### *b) There were no changes made to the General Purposes Committee.*

### *c) Councillor Adams was nominated as a candidate for the Parish Representative to the Mid Devon District Council Standards Committee.*

## **174. Consultation Draft; "Creating Strong, Safe And Prosperous Communities"**

Members agreed to defer this item to the next Town Council Meeting.

## 175. Correspondence Received

1. Greentrees Arborealists:- Risk Assessment confirmation; Peoples' Park tree Works.
2. EU Regional Policy:- Inforegio Newsletter; Sept. 2007.
3. SCOPE, Supporter Services:- Nationwide house to house collection dates 2008-2009.
4. MDDC:- Election Accounts 2007.
5. Mr M Haggar:- Complaint over condition of boundary wall; Peoples' Park.
6. MDDC:- Meeting With Parish Clerks; 12 Dec.'07 – Cancellation.
7. MDDC;- Developing closer links with Town & Parish Councils.
8. CCD:- Getting Ready For Enterprise Mar. & Apr. 2008.
9. DCC:- e-mail re. Exeter's Unitary Status bid.

## BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

### 176. A377 Traffic Problems

A member reported that there had once again been considerable chaos on the A377 following an accident to the east of town. Councillor Brown requested an agenda item for the next meeting on the prosecution of contractors who contravene their traffic control licence.

### 177. MDDC Car-Parking Review

It was confirmed that the results of MDDC review would not now appear until the New Year.

## PART TWO

### 178. Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee

- a) The minutes of the Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee meeting held on 14 November 2007 were received and noted. The Assistant Clerk to clarify a query over the wording of the Clerk's current, extant Job Description.
- b) The recommendations of the Administration and Personnel Sub-Committee meeting held on 14 November 2007 were approved with the following amendment:  
*Minute 7:* insert "and the list of additional tasks undertaken" after "working hours..."  
The Protocol for Member/Officer Relations and Dignity at Work Policy was deferred pending clarification of para. 11.5.5; 4<sup>th</sup> Bullet Point.

Councillor Brown declared a Prejudicial Interest and left the Chamber.  
Councillor Harris declared a Personal Interest.

- c) *Minute 8:* was amended by the replacement of "...seek a resolution." with "...pass on the nature of the grievance to make the Member concerned aware."

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Meeting closed at 10.08pm.

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:

## PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 11/12/07

**Planning Decisions** – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	<a href="#">07/02041/FULL</a>	Mr G Lewis Mr Weeks 48 Beech Park Crediton EX17 1HW	The Conservatory Centre Bernaville Nurseries Three Horseshoes Cowley Exeter EX5 5EU	48 Beech Park Crediton EX17 1HW	Erection of replacement conservatory	Miss Tina Maryan
	(24/10/07)					

### **Planning Applications**

The Town Council considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type – Application – Deferred from 20/11/07					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	<a href="#">07/02157/CAT</a>	P & J Tucker Kinross Pounds Hill Crediton EX17 1DT		Kinross Pounds Hill Crediton EX17 1DT	Notification of intention to carry out works to trees within a Conservation Area.	Miss Tina Maryan
	(07/11/07)					
<b>APPROVED</b>						

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	<a href="#">07/02198/FULL</a>  (21/11/07)	Midmoor Homes Ltd Wayside Bow Crediton Devon EX17 6HX	Scott & Rowe Chartered Architects The Loft Studio 14 York Road Exeter EX4 6BA	Land at Elmfield House Fordton Crediton Devon EX17 3DH	Erection of two dwellings and two double garages (Revised Scheme)	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	<a href="#">07/02223/ARM</a>  (21/11/07)	Mrs D Petherick 1 Lanscore Close Crediton EX17 3QR	Mr M Bailey Cawdron Cottage Liftondown Lifton PL16 0DA	Land and Buildings at NGR 282652 100356 Lanscore Close Crediton Devon	Reserved Matters for erection of 1 dwelling following Outline granted by planning permission 04/01669/OUT	Mr Keith Garside
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	<a href="#">07/02253/FULL</a>  (28/11/07)	Mr M Tarr Oaklea Villa 1 Belle Parade Crediton EX17 2AA	Mr P Martin AGS Home Improvements Manor Buildings Brunel Road Newton Abbot TQ12 4PF	Oakleigh Villa 1 Belle Parade Crediton Devon EX17 2AA	Erection of conservatory	Miss Tina Maryan
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	<a href="#">07/01958/FULL</a>  (05/12/07)	South West Construction David Dennis Development Proposals Ltd Casely Lustleigh Newton Abbot TQ13 9TN	Watts & Associates The Stores Village Street Bishops Tawton Barnstaple Devon EX32 0DG	56 East Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3BA	Conversion of dwelling into 2 dwellings	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	<a href="#">07/02267/FULL</a>  (05/12/07)	South West Construction Unit 2 Padbrook Industrial Estate Chancel Lane Exeter EX4 8JU	EJW Architects Baltic Wharf St Peters Quay Totnes TQ9 5EW	16 & 17 Charlotte Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3BG	Erection of 9 flats with parking facilities following demolition of redundant garage (Revised Scheme)	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>OBJECTION</b> – 3 Storey structure will form a “canyon” effect with the flats opposite which will have a very negative impact on air quality in an area which already suffers badly. In addition, the size and design of the building are not in keeping with the local environment.						

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	<a href="#">07/02284/FULL</a>  (05/12/07)	Peck & Strong 3 Creedy Vale Units Down End Lords Meadow		Unit 2 Marsh Lane Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES	Change of use from steel storage unit to unrestricted B2 and B8 use, and installation of upvc windows, roller-shutter door and replacement roof.	Mr Keith Garside
<b>NO OBJECTION</b> – Subject to adequate conditions upon overnight noise, eg. 10.00 pm to 06.30 am, especially with regard to the positioning of air conditioning and refrigeration units to minimise noise intrusion to nearby residents.						

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	<a href="#">07/02288/FULL</a>  (05/12/07)	Mr & Mrs Huda 45 Threshers Crediton EX17 3JJ		45 Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3JJ	Erection of two storey extension	Miss Tina Maryan
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	<a href="#">07/02303/FULL</a>  (05/12/07)	Mr M Salter R J Salter & Sons 28 Marsh Road Lords Meadow Crediton EX17 1EU	Mr D Armstrong WWD Ltd Chiltern House Matford Court Sigford Road Exeter EX2 8NL	Hillside Buller Road Crediton Devon EX17 2AX	Erection of 6 flats with parking facilities following demolition of bungalow	Mr Delwyn Matthews
<b>OBJECTION</b> – The proposed building will excessively overlook neighbouring, lower level properties. Councillors were also concerned about increased traffic levels in the narrow part of Buller Road.						