

Minute 285

Delete "Despite the confidentiality and sensitivity of the issue, Councillor Adams insisted on holding part of the discussion in open session." The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Brookes-Hocking requested that their vote against this amendment be recorded.

15. Matters Arising

Minute 274:

Councillor Adams again queried the perceived haste in the co-option process. The Clerk and Vice Chairman (Chairman during co-option) confirmed that the proper process had been observed and ample opportunity had been given for members to recommend potential candidates.

Minute 268:

Deferred to Part Two.

16. General Purposes Committee Minutes

- a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 May 2008 were received and noted.
- b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee held on 6 May 2008 were approved with the exception of minute 132. It was agreed to defer a decision on this matter to the next meeting in order for members to seek additional quotations.

17. Matters Arising

None.

18. Planning

- a) *Planning Decisions*
Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.
- b) *Planning Applications*
None.
- c) *Items for Determination*
None.

19. Finance

- a) *Schedule of Accounts*
The schedule of accounts, numbers 002805 to 002819 amounting to £6389.49 was approved.
Account 2818 was discussed separately in order to allow councillors who had declared prejudicial interests to leave the chamber (Councillors Adams) but continue to participate in the discussion of remaining accounts.
- b) *Clerk's Report On Upper Deck Restoration Project*
The Clerk reported that the project working group had now completed its obligations, following the successful restoration of Upper Deck. A small amount remained in the project bank account which would be transferred to the Council for use in any future capital project (as agreed with Heritage Lottery Fund).
- c) *Internal Auditor's Report*
The internal auditor's report was received and noted. No action was required.
It was agreed to confirm the appointment of the internal auditor, following a satisfactory review of the audit process. A formal review would take place at the next budget meeting (Finance Committee). A brief explanation of the process was provided by the Clerk.
- d) *Final Accounts*
The final accounts for year ended 31 March 2008 were received and approved. The Clerk responded to some detailed questions from members and received their thanks for his, and the Assistant Town Clerk's, efforts.
- e) *Annual Return, Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement*
It was formally agreed to approve and sign the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2008, the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

f) *Donation Requests*

None.

20. Councillor Reports

The Chairman delivered greetings from the Mayor of Abbiate Grasso in Italy and expressed his personal desire to further the town's links with other EC countries.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

21. DCC Concept for Unitary Local Government

Councillors confirmed the decision that they would make their views known at the proposed local listening events and again at the public consultation stage.

22. Crediton Parking Traffic Order and Parking Review Report

Deferred, pending receipt of report.

23. Public Conveniences

It was reported that the provision of public conveniences in the town was about to enter a crucial stage.

The trustees of the Old Town Hall had expressed their concern over the future provision of the partnership toilets. Increased costs and MDDC's reluctance to provide an improvement in the annual subsidy could result in the closure of the toilets to members of the public.

The new toilets in Market Street were due to open soon. MDDC had indicated that, when this occurred, the toilets at St Lawrence Green would close. There was a very strong argument in favouring of retaining the St Lawrence Green toilets to provide facilities at the western end of the town for use by bus and coach passengers.

These difficulties, if not resolved, could result in only two public conveniences in the town (Market Street and Newcombes Meadow).

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the MDDC Chief Executive expressing the Council's concern over the potential loss of public conveniences in the town and specifically requesting that the matter (i.e. the closure of St Lawrence Green toilets and the review of the partnership subsidy) is brought before the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

24. Mayor's Chain of Office

Deferred to Part Two.

25. CCTV

Deferred to Part Two.

26. Correspondence Received

1. Crediton Parish Church – Letter: Acknowledgement & thanks for donation.
2. Crediton Fairtrade Partnership – Meeting Notes: Meeting of 30 April 2008.
3. BlackRock Investment – Annual Investment Statement: People's Park Charity.
4. ILCM – Update on the Institute of Local Council Management.
5. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Letter: Appointment of Independent Members to the Authority.
6. Fields In Trust, (formally NPFA) – Annual Review & AGM Agenda.
7. Cumbrian Clock Company – Letter: Introduction to maintenance service. Agenda item at annual budget meeting (Finance Committee).
8. I&DeA – e-mail: S106 Information Newsletter. Circulated to councillors.
9. Crediton & District Access Group – Newsletter: May 2008.
10. Hannah Hewlett – Project: Youth Provision in a Rural Town. Presentation at next GP.
11. Vitalise – Letter: Funding Request. Previously discussed - No action, Clerk to reply.
12. SW Highways – Notification of Road Closures: Salmon Pool Level Crossing; 28 May 2008 & Threshers; 28 July - 1 August 2008.
13. Boniface Allotment Association – e-mail: next meeting information.
14. MDDC – Letter & Agenda: Standards Committee Procedure & Agenda 21 May 2008.

15. MDDC – Letter: Notification of Estate Inspection Dates.
16. MDDC – Scrutiny Review Report: Anti Social Behaviour. Agenda item.
17. Devon Community Recycling & Composting Networks – Notification of Meeting: Totnes; 21 June 2008.
18. DCC – Post Office Closures: Consultation Process. Agenda item.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

27. “Boy Racers”

Problems with “boy racers” at the Station area were reported. The Police were aware of the situation and the matter was discussed with councillors at the recent Police Liaison meeting. The Police would continue to monitor the problems and take action were necessary.

PART TWO ITEMS

That in view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

28. Mayor’s Chain

The Clerk provided a detailed explanation on costs and the need to ensure that an important part of the town’s heritage is maintained with suitable care and consideration. Following a lengthy and difficult debate, it was agreed that the Clerk’s recommendation be approved. The Clerk to action as soon as possible (dependent on the Mayor’s current commitments).

29. CCTV

A brief discussion took place on unassociated staffing issues. It was suggested that the Clerk continues with the “day job” pending a staffing review. The Chairman agreed to arrange a suitable meeting.

Councillor Wright left the meeting.

It was agreed to ask MDDC to consider taking over responsibility for the management and operation of the CCTV system. It was further agreed to liaise with Cullompton Town Council in order to progress the provision of additional district council support.

Meeting closed at approximately 10.35 pm.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 20/05/08

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Appeal Dismissed					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/00718/OUT (12/02/2008)	John Cummings Altaso Threshers Crediton Devon EX17 3NL		Land at NGR 282011 100555 Western Road Crediton Devon	Outline for the erection of 4 dwellings with associated parking	Mr Jeremy Ebdon
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00434/FULL (12/03/2008)	Mr & Mrs Parkinson 35 Tuckers Meadow Crediton Devon EX17 3NU	Mr Phil Routledge BDC Wesley Cottage Morchard Bishop Crediton EX17 6NX	35 Tuckers Meadow Crediton Devon EX17 3NU	Erection of extensions and conservatory	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00496/FULL (19/03/2008)	Mr M Bastin & Mrs B Maggs 3 Hayne Close Exeter Devon EX4 8QU	Mr Richard Archer Architectural Services 18 Newport Street Tiverton EX16 6NL	Land at Kenneggy Broad Close Crediton Devon EX17 3NQ	Erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access	Mr Keith Garside

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00525/FULL (26/03/2008)	Mr D. J. & Mrs Y. Pope C/o Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton EX17 2AT		21 Creedy Road Crediton Devon EX17 1EW	Erection of extension to provide wheelchair access and storage	Miss Tina Maryan
DECISION	Type - Application Withdrawn					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00536/FULL (02/04/2008)	Mrs L Hernandez Normandy Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	Mr S Orrell Dartmoor View Queen Street Winkleigh EX19 8JB	Normandy Alexandra Road Crediton Devon EX17 2DP	Erection of a bungalow and garage and construction of new vehicular access	Mr Delwyn Matthews
DECISION	Type - No Objection					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00617/CAT (07/04/2008)	Mrs Sheila Tucker White Cottage Belle Parade Crediton EX17 2AA	Mr P Tucker Kinross Pounds Hill Crediton EX17 1DT	White Cottage Belle Parade Crediton EX17 2AA	Intention to fell 1 Hawthorn Tree within a conservation area.	Miss Tina Maryan

Planning Applications

Nil