

The current state of the facilities was poor and users were very concerned over the continuing deterioration. Long standing attempts to obtain funding were now nearing fruition but a small shortfall in funding existed. Current and expected funding details were provided for councillors. The Town Council's support and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

54. Public Question Time

None.

55. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman thanked the Crediton Country Courier for assisting with the distribution of the Council's latest newsletter.

The Chairman had been invited by the Business League to attend a breakfast meeting and networking event. The League met every Wednesday in Crediton.

The Clerk was in the process of organising a link road briefing meeting and all councillors were urged to attend.

56. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 17 June 2008 were received and approved as a correct record.

57. Matters Arising

Minute 37: the Clerk reported that there had been no further progress but he had received a copy of the meeting presentation slides. Councillor Nation indicated that the draft report was available.

58. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8 July 2008 were received and noted. Some corrections were raised by members which would be referred to the next committee meeting.

b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee held on 8 July 2008 were approved.

59. Matters Arising

Minute 29: concern was expressed over the change of use of the High Street building. The Chairman would pursue with the project co-ordinator.

60. Planning

Councillor Adams arrived.

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 Wright declared personal interests in applications 1202 and 1203.

c) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination week ending Tuesday 22 July 2008*

1. *MDDC information on sale of section of land for affordable housing scheme at Clifford Gardens*

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

Noted.

2. *Additional Information on application 08/01091/FULL (Normandy)*

It was agreed to allow the Council's previous comments to stand.

d) *Electronic Delivery of Planning Papers*

The Clerk had circulated the consultation letter from the Planning Authority requesting the Council's views on the electronic delivery of planning applications.

Members strongly objected to the suggested withdrawal of paper plans, largely for two reasons:

1. The retention of paper copies facilitated the process of discussion at meetings especially where there was a need to examine plans in closer detail, debate specific points or share views on individual aspects of the proposals.

2. Not all members were able to easily access electronic copies. Paper plans were not only easier to interpret but were, visually, much less difficult to read.

The Clerk to inform the Planning Authority.

61. Finance

a) *Schedule of Accounts*

Councillors Brookes-Hocking and Harris declare personal interests.

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002827 to 002840 amounting to £6955.56 was approved.

b) *Donation Requests and Skatepark Project*

There were no donation requests.

It was agreed that the Council should support the Skatepark Project but defer a decision on the precise amount of funding until the Council had considered the implication of other projects and the amount of funding made available by Costain was known.

62. Recess Arrangements & Delegation

It was agreed to continue with the normal recess arrangements for planning matters where decisions were delegated to the Clerk in consultation with members and the Chairman.

63. Councillor Reports

a) *Town Plan*

Councillor Brookes-Hocking provided an update on progress with the developing town council plan (copies of suggested main headings with some detail had been circulated to councillors).

Concern was expressed over the delay in the publication of the Parking Review.

A meeting had been arranged with the Newcombes Housing Association to discuss possible future use of their development site in Parliament Street.

b) *Hospital Campaign Group*

Councillor Nation reported on the recent meeting of the Crediton Hospital Campaign Group. Progress was being made. The PCT had acknowledged that feedback had not been dealt with properly and had agreed to hold periodic meetings which should help address the misunderstandings. Not all the services claimed, by the PCT, to be operational were in place.

A plea was made to councillors and the press to let Councillor Nation know of any cases or examples of where the service was not working properly. The issues could then be dealt with by using the improved communication mechanism.

c) *Butt Parks*

Councillor Way reported that improvements had been made to the car park at Butt Parks.

d) *Plastic Bag Free Crediton*

Councillor Wright reported that the project was progressing towards a mid October launch date. Appreciation had been expressed for the Council's donation.

e) *Peoples Park – Scout Memorial Project*

Councillor Wright provided an update on progress with the restoration project. It was hope that regular working group meetings would help move the project forward.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

64. Costain Funding

It was agreed to submit a proposal to Costain supporting the following:

- Crediton Youth Project
- Skatepark Project
- Scout Memorial Gardens Restoration Project

The Clerk to action with councillor support.

65. Appointment of Representatives

Councillor Adams was reappointed, by secret ballot, as the Council's representative on the CCTV Working Group.

No other changes were considered necessary.

66. Draft Proposals for Unitary Local Government

Councillors who attended a recent DAPC meeting on this subject provided an update on the latest developments.

It was generally considered too early to make a formal response at this stage; better to wait until more details became available. Consequently, it was also considered premature to respond to the MDDC questionnaire.

A brief discussion took place on what councillors considered to be the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed changes.

The DAPC had arranged a meeting of the proposed 28 "hub" towns for 11 August and councillors were urged to attend (Clerk to be informed of interest and to inform DAPC). It was expected that the hub towns would cascade information to parish councils/meetings by arranging a further local meeting sometime in September.

It was generally felt that the concept of community boards could, in principle, offer an improvement in the democratic process providing better accountability and involvement.

Efficiency savings in councillor and staff budgets could provide increased resources at a local level. There was an expectation that local councils would take on more responsibility and become actively involved in the operation of the community boards though this would not be compulsory.

67. Town Square

Councillor Brookes-Hocking left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item.

The Chairman updated councillors on his proposals to increase public use of the Town Square.

The Arts Centre had expressed an interest in becoming more involved and putting on regular events.

The Chairman suggested that the Rotary Club could take on the role of managing bookings and organising events; it would be covered by sufficient public liability insurance to take on this responsibility. He also expressed a desire to reinstate the Town Square Working Group to help and advise on possible future use. A contribution from the Council to support any administrative functions would be valuable.

It was agreed to support the Chairman's initiative; he would pursue the issues and report on developments at the next opportunity.

Councillor Brown repeated his concerns about the inadequacy of the seating.

68. Public Toilets

Councillor Nation expressed concern over the failure by MDDC to comply with the recent Town Council's request to place the issue before the Executive. The Chief Executive had replied stating that any further debate would need the involvement of the portfolio holder and the previous decision to close St Lawrence Green once the Market Street toilets had opened was still MDDC's intended course of action.

It was proposed and agreed that a letter be sent to the MDDC Leader restating the Town Council's request. The Council supported Councillor Nation in his proposed action and asked that he make the necessary approaches to MDDC on the Council's behalf.

69. Town Guide

The draft town map was discussed. There were some misleading items which, it was agreed, Councillor Brookes-Hocking and the Clerk would try to resolve with Local Authority Publishing.

It was further agreed that, in the interests of clarity, that a plain, untextured version, of the map should be employed.

A further report would be made at the next Council meeting.

The Council thanked Councillor Brookes-Hocking for her work and the support of fellow working group members, Councillors Nation and Downes.

70. DCC Funding

Councillor Nation left the meeting.

a) *Community Investment Programme*

The County Ward member provided an explanation of the funding programme resulting from the sale of Exeter airport. Approximately £25,000 had been ring-fenced for each ward. The programme would cover the following activity funds:

Local Projects, Green, Community, Economic Development, Schools Estate Development, Major Projects and Programmes.

Applications for funding should be made through the ward member and would be judged by the Investing in Devon Committee.

“Worked-up” and costed proposals would stand a better chance of gaining success.

Several local projects had already been put forward for consideration.

b) *Butt Parks Lighting*

The County Ward member reported that improvements to street lighting had been made at Winswood and Butt Parks. He believed that the investment would make a real difference to residents in the area.

71. Crediton Hospital Bus Stops

The Chairman referred to recent correspondence which indicated the need for bus stops at the hospital.

The County Ward member referred to the long-standing request from the Town Council for this facility. He had spoken to the transportation co-ordinator and officers from the highways group and hoped that action would be taken. In the meantime, it was agreed that the Clerk should repeat the Council’s previous request emphasising the need for stops in both directions with the inclusion of additional stops at Western Road (Boniface Road).

72. War Memorial Area

a) *Clerk’s Report*

The Clerk reported that there had been repeated vandalism and damage caused to the pigeon netting at the War Memorial (resulting in further pigeon infestation) and a smashed pane of glass at the adjacent bus shelter. The Police had been informed and had agreed to monitor the problem. In an attempt to remedy part of the problem the Clerk had consulted a pest control specialist.

b) *Pest Control Quotation*

The Clerk had asked that a pest control specialist provide details on appropriate options with quotations to help eliminate the pigeon problem and reduce the likelihood of further vandalism. The quotation had not been completed in time for this meeting and further discussion was deferred.

73. Town Council Website

It was agreed that issues did not need to be discussed in Part Two provided no details of contractors or costs were mentioned in public session.

An update was provided following a recent meeting of the Communications Working Group. The Working Group had recommended that:

1. members should seek more detailed quotations on the provision of a new website.
2. members should seek more detailed quotations on the outsourcing of the management of the current or any new website.
3. members should seek competitive (like-for-like) quotations for the MDDC hosted site.

It was agreed that it was important to move forward on this matter; expectations were high despite having started from a very low base.

74. Correspondence Received

1. MDDC - draft decision on response to BT payphone closure.
2. 1st Crediton Scouts - letter requesting support for new volunteer leaders. Agenda item at next GP.

3. Mrs Mary Money - letter of thanks for arranging highway repair.
4. Unison - details on strike action - 16 & 17 July.
5. Digital Switchover - details on switchover timetable and programme availability.
6. Affordable Homes UK - details on Boniface Rise development.
7. Crediton Climate Action - July Newsletter.
8. Crediton Climate Action - exchange of emails on tree planting and "canopy cover".
9. Parsons Brinkerhoff - email and copy of Parking review presentation slides. Tabled.
10. DCC Adult & Community Services - exchange of emails on volunteer helpers.
11. Cullompton TC/MDDC - confirmation of CCTV meeting.
12. Newcombes Housing Association - confirmation of CTC/MDDC/NHA meeting.
13. DAPC - agenda for special meeting of County and Larger Councils Sub Committee - 21 July.
14. Bow IT Solutions - change of company details and confirmation of available IT support options.
15. MDDC - request for details on local community events.
16. MDDC - forwarded dog bin request. Agenda item at next GP.
17. Allotment Judging - exchange of emails on judging dates and award categories.
18. MDDC - Big Litter Pick Newsletter - next pick - Autumn 2008
19. Post Office - Area Plan Decision following closure of public consultation.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

75. Market Street Disabled Parking

Councillor Downes asked for an agenda item on this issue at the next Council meeting.

76. Satellite Dishes

Councillor Downes expressed concern over the proliferation of unsuitable satellite dishes appearing, apparently without consent, on listed buildings. He requested an agenda item on this issue at the next Council meeting.

77. Church Street

Councillor Downes expressed concern about pedestrian safety in Church Street and requested an agenda item on this issue at the next Council meeting.

78. Stanbury Court

The Chairman had received reports of anti-social/rowdy behaviour at a public seat in the vicinity of Stanbury Court. The Clerk agreed to raise the issue with local Police.

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

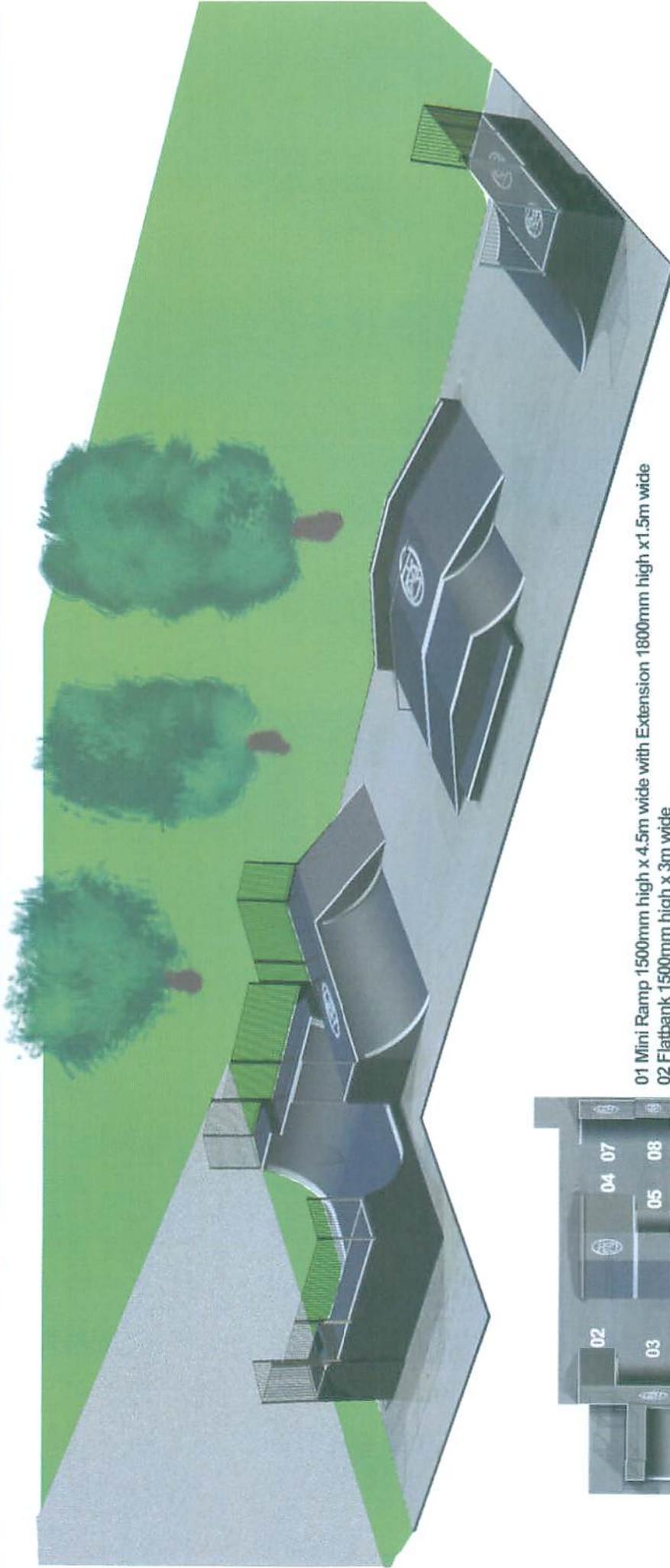
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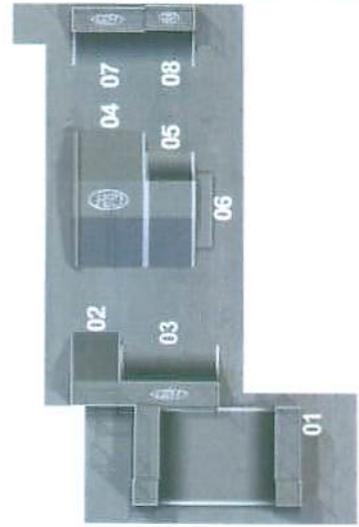
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- 08 Quarterpipe 1500mm high x 3m wide



PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 22/07/08

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type - Application Granted					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/00941/FULL (28/05/08)	Dr J Newall 51 South Street Exeter EX1 1EE		Saleboards 2 High Street CREDITON Devon EX17 3AE	Change of use from A1 (retail) to A2 (estate agency)	Mr Delwyn Matthews
DECISION	Type - Appeal Lodged					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	07/02303/FULL (14/07/08)	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

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01075/FULL (09/07/2008)	Mr I May 1 Francis Court Barrack Road Exeter EX2 5EE		23 Mill Street CREDITON Devon EX17 1EY	Erection of a double garage (Revised Scheme)	Miss Tina Maryan
APPROVED -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01198/FULL (09/07/2008)	Mr M Gulley Credton Milling Co Ltd Fordton Mills Credton Devon	Michael Thorne Construction Bishops Court Gardens Clyst St Mary Exeter Devon EX5 1DH	Land at NGR 284148 99081 Fordton Mills Credton Devon	Change of use of land to access and parking in association with Credton Milling Company	Mr Keith Garside
APPROVED -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01202/FULL (15/07/2008)	Mr David Matthews 8 Union Road Credton Devon EX17 3AW	Mr Philip W Thomas Lakebridge Cottage Bramford Speke Exeter EX5 5DX	Flat 1 7 Union Road Credton Devon EX17 3AW	Reinstatement of lower ground floor to provide additional bedroom	Miss Tina Maryan
APPROVED -						

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
	08/01203/LBC (15/07/2008)	Mr David Matthews 8 Union Road Credton Devon EX17 3AW	Mr Philip W Thomas Lakebridge Cottage Bramford Speke Exeter EX5 5DX	Flat 1 7 Union Road Credton Devon EX17 3AW	Listed Building Consent for reinstatement of lower ground floor to provide additional bedroom	Miss Tina Maryan
APPROVED -						