



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on
21 September 2010

Present: Councillors

Mr F Letch (Chairman)
Mr W Brown
Miss J Harris
Mr N Way (part meeting)
Mr T Connell
Mr P Finnegan
Mr D Nation
Mr R Wright
Mrs E Brookes-Hocking
Mrs A Hughes
Mr R Adams

In Attendance: Presentation

Mr D Scott (Fwd Planning & Conservation
Manager, MDDC)
Mr M Ashley
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Mr Frank Rosamond (Chairman MDDC)

Clerk
Press
Councillor

AGENDA ITEMS

74. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Downes (personal commitment).

75. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 82, 85 & 87: DCC Ward Member
Prejudicial	Councillor Adams	Minute 85b: Potential Supplier
Prejudicial	Councillor Nation	Minute 84a & 84c: Finance
Code of Conduct	Councillors Wright, Way and Nation	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.

76. Presentation

The MDDC Forward Planning Manager made a short presentation outlining the Development Management Development Plan Document & Infrastructure Report which will steadily replace the Local Plan. The first and second parts, the Core Strategy and Infrastructure Allocations plan, are now complete. This process will revisit the Local Plan to see which elements are no longer necessary if they are already covered by national policy.

77. Public Question Time

None.

78. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

a) The Clerk reported on forthcoming staff leave and the implications for office staffing through September and into November.

- b) The Chairman reported that he will be taking the Mayor's Chain to Avranches and that the issue of the insurance had been checked. In addition, the Chairman announced that the office printer was being replaced on a similar contract to that currently held. In the meantime, as the current printer is on it's last legs, Councillors were requested to consider carefully before asking for any quantity of printed material.
- c) The Mid Devon District Council Chairman made a brief representation to Council, highlighting his responsibilities for forging links with Town and Parish, the District Council's improved financial situation, although noting that looming cuts will affect services but the Council are taking efforts to minimise this. Mention was also made of the likely impact upon local organisations and voluntary groups, the Town and Parish Councils' Charter, the Scrutiny Committee, the strategy on tackling anti-social behaviour as well as efforts to attempt to improve economic development with local businesses.

79. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 27 July 2010 were received and approved as a correct record with the following addition:

Minute 57: It was noted that Mr Mike Szabo is a community representative on the Working Group.

80. Matters Arising.

Minute 59a: Councillor Brown noted the immediate refusal of MDDC Planning for a site meeting. Councillors objected to not having had a site meeting and asked the Clerk to write to MDDC to re-request this meeting. Members noted that the proposed plans conflict with planning policies. Individual Councillors would also hold a meeting at the cemetery, Councillor Brown to suggest timings.

Minute 66: Councillor Brookes-Hocking reported that the final copy has gone to the publisher.

81. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 September 2010 were received and noted.

b) Recommendations

The recommendations of the Committee were approved as minuted.

c) Matters Arising

Minute 56: Councillor Nation expressed the view that the District Council budget consultation was a pretty cynical exercise. Any responses will be used to support swinging cuts, focusing on any respondees who do not believe in public service provision. Local support group options to reduce funding either to 0% or 25% over 4 years will effectively kill these organisations. It was noted that the Clerk had already written expressing the Council's disenchantment.

Minutes General: One Councillor mentioned that there were not enough spare paper agenda and minutes copies left for Councillors at the office the previous week. The Chairman again reminded Councillors that they needed to inform the Clerk's Office if they required paper copies of agendas or minutes and only individually addressed copies would be left for collection in future.

82. Floral Crediton Working Group Notes

a) The meeting notes of Floral Crediton Working Group held on 15 September 2010 were received and noted.

b) The recommendations of the working group were approved as noted.

It was highlighted that the proposed planting of the roundabout on the Exeter Road was only a small project to prevent the area becoming weed ridden and maintain the tidiness of the roundabout as it will not be adopted until next year. Only planting bulbs around the edge of the bed on the roundabout was being considered at this stage.

83. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

Councillors noted the refusal of application 10/00824/MFUL but objected to the Planning Officers comment that the development would enhance the current state of the site, a de-facto building site, and that the developer should ensure the site is returned to its original condition, prior to the commencement of work.

b) *Planning Applications*

Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 21 September 2010*

There were no additional planning applications and items for determination.

d) *Development Management Development Plan Document (DMDPD), Consultation MDDC*

Councillors noted the difficulty in comprehending the scoping documents, couched as it was in "planning officer speak", and it was considered that the District Council needs to make more effort in ensuring consultees can understand in simple terms the significance of changes. Concern was expressed over the possibility of dropping local policies where they are currently covered by Central Government, national guidelines, which themselves may be dropped when they are shortly to be reviewed. The Clerk was therefore requested to write to the District Council expressing the Council's concerns about the possible loss of desirable policies if dropped both locally and at national level and in addition requesting that consultation documents need to be more user friendly for laymen to understand.

84. Finance

a) *Schedule of Accounts*

Councillor Nation declared a prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the duration of discussion on Cheque 3151

The Schedule of Accounts, numbers 3137 to 3159 (as listed) totalling £8,257.83, was approved.

b) *Town Square Christmas Tree Funding*

A number of Councillors considered the proposal overly expensive and suggested an alternative idea. It was agreed to defer this to October's General Purposes Committee to allow this suggestion to be pursued.

c) *Other Donation Requests*

Councillor Nation declared a prejudicial Interest and left the meeting for the duration of discussion on this item

The Clerk reported that a donation request had been received from the History Society for the town's Museum. However, it had been received too late to properly assess possible funding and to check the request through. It was agreed to defer this to October's Town Council meeting.

85. Property

a) *Peoples Park & Scout Memorial Restoration Project*

Councillor Wright tabled a report and updated members on the proposal for the Scout Memorial Garden. It was also reported that the County Council had responded to the query over dropped kerbs and that a meeting with the Chief Assistant Highways Engineer had been arranged in the town for 12:00 on Friday 24 September to discuss the Highways issues linked with the project. It was also noted that the Town Council has permitted development rights for certain of its properties and would therefore not need planning consent for the garden renovation. It was also reported that investigations were progressing into a footpath alongside the road and the possible installation of a solar powered street light in, or near the memorial garden. Councillor Wright was thanked for his efforts on the project.

- b) *Town Council Promotion Stand (deferred from July Town Council and September General Purposes Committee)*
Councillor Adams tabled a product brochure, declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of the debate on this item.
Councillor Brookes-Hocking agreed to investigate the possible solutions and costs. It was agreed to defer this item.

86. Councillor Reports

- a) *Devon County Council Highways Issues*
Councillor Way reported that the site meeting on Friday for Peoples' Park would also include the issue of parking in Courtis Gardens. It was also noted that there may be time to visit one other location and any suggestions should be passed to the County Ward Member.
- b) *Planning Training*
Councillor Connell reported that he had attended a planning training course run by the Devon Association of Local Councils at Tiverton which had proved very informative.
- c) *Town Council Newsletter*
Councillor Brookes Hocking reminded all members that the deadline for articles for the newsletter was the end of the week.
- d) *Involve Mid Devon - Annual General Meeting*
Councillor Hughes reported that she had attended the AGM of Involve MidDevon which had been excellent.
- e) *Town Square*
Councillor Nation reported that the District Council had agreed to restore the permeable state of the CEDEC surface and the work should be carried out shortly.
- f) *New Police Sergeant*
The Chairman reported that he had met the new Police Sergeant. The issues of parking on town housing estates anti-social behaviour incidents were raised and the Sergeant would investigate these.

87. Devon County Council

- a) *Highway Issues*
Councillor Way reported that residents of Albert Road now have an issue with parking in the street and having their entrances blocked. It was noted that this is no longer a private road and is now adopted by the County Council and that this is a new problem having arisen from alterations carried out and is not a longstanding issue. It was agreed to petition the County Council to institute waiting restrictions in support of the residents of Albert Road.
- b) *Winter Service Review*
It was emphasised that, in the event of future extreme weather, the provision of grit bins needs to be a priority. It was also noted that the County Council are producing a guidance leaflet for residents explaining the issues of pavement gritting and the possibilities of litigation. Councillors were also informed that the County Council would not fund any additional grit bins and any requests from local councils to pay for any bins had to be agreed with the County's local Service Group to ensure they can be maintained and replenished. However, there was now an alternative of bagged salt which local councils can purchase and store if necessary. It was agreed that the Council needed to confirm the actual position of bins within the town and that the list of suggested grit bins be forwarded to Councillor Way. It was noted that this may need to return to Council as an agenda item.
Councillor Nation left the meeting.

88. Community Action Days

Councillor Wright reported to members the feedback from residents of the Barnfield area of the town and that the Police and a Councillor would be holding residents surgeries at Newcombes and at Spruce Park on the second Wednesday of every month. It was noted that two more people had volunteered for the speed-watch project, (as well as one for the

Council's proposed Events working Group), and it was suggested that the initiative be extended to Exeter Road near to Haywards Primary School if the volunteers can be given the clearance to monitor this area. There was also a volunteer vacancy reported to cover the scheme's administration at the Police Station should anybody wish to get involved but not want to go out on the street.

89. Licensing

a) Mid Devon District Council - Licensing Policy Consultation

Councillor Wright reminded the Council that this consultation document had previously come to Council and this was the final, revised document for consultation. Council made no further comment on the document.

b) New Premises Licence Application

The Licence application for the proposed public house at Wellparks was received and noted. Members did not object to the application providing that the police were satisfied with the terms of the license and that the stipulations and provisions were in line with other, similar licensees.

90. Crediton Car Club

Following the presentation by Sustainable Crediton at the previous General Purposes Committee meeting, members agreed to offer their support to the group and it was agreed that the County Council be requested to consider utilising the current, rarely used, High Street taxi parking space for this project.

91. Unpleasant Smells in Town

Councillor Connell informed members that the recent unpleasant odours around the lower, eastern end of town was due to tank flushing at Milklink. The Clerk reported that the problem had been reported to the District Council who had passed it to the Environment Agency for action.

92. Correspondence Received and Items of Information

Correspondence

1. DCC – Notification: Footpath 5 closure, (Crediton Hamlets), 6 Sept.2010 – 6 Mar.2011.
2. CLAG – Minutes: Meeting of Tues. 14 Sept. 2010.
3. DCC – Letter: Notification of Devon Car Free Day 22 Sept. 2010.
4. DCC – e-mail: Results of Haywards Primary School Crossing Patrol Site Meeting.
5. Liverpool Victoria Insurance – Letter: Incident at stone bridge on Shobrook Lane. (*Details forwarded to DCC EAHM*).
6. Dept. for Communities & Local Government – e-mail: Thank you for responding to consultations on “Local Referendums to veto excessive Council Tax increases”.
7. Crediton RFC – Thank You letter: Donation for supporting Training Coaches.
8. DCC – Letter: Local Government Pension Scheme; 2010 Actuarial Valuation.
9. Devon & Cornwall Police – Speed Monitoring Reports: Results for Exeter Road; 19 Aug. & 8 Sept.2010.
10. Crediton Country Courier – Press Release: “Crediton is rated fifth best town in which to live”
11. JB Confidential – Letter: Information on the destruction of office confidential waste.
12. Sustainable Crediton – Letter to MDDC: Concerns over Public Liability Insurance for Town Square bookings. (*Future Agenda Item Copy to Councillors*)
13. BlackRock – Statement: People's Park Charity Dividend & Interest receipts.
14. DCC – Notification: Parish Lengthsman's Timetable; Oct. 2010 – Mar. 2011.
15. DCC – Consultation: Network Rail's feasibility report on the closure of Salmonhutch Pool crossing to road traffic. (*Future Agenda Item*)

Information

1. SLCC-Notice of AGM: 16 Aug. 2010.
2. CCD – Quarterly newsletter: Village Green; Sept. 2010.
3. SW Ambulance Service – Newsletter: Twentyfourseven; Summer 2010.

4. LINK Devon – Newsletter: Autumn 2010.
5. DCC – Newsletter: Emergency Management Sept. 2010 & “Watermark” Emergency flooding leaflet.
6. Involve Mid Devon – Annual Report: 2009-2010.
7. MDDC – Newsletter: Mid Devon Talk; Autumn 2010.
8. DALC – Newsletter: Sept. 2010 & Autumn-Winter Training Course timetable.
9. The Clerk – Magazine: Sept. 2010.
10. Community Housing Aid – Newsletter: Nightstop Devon; Spring 2010.

Business Brought Forward

93. The Long, High Wall at the back of Peoples’ Park

Councillor Brown wished to know what was happening about this unsightly wall and was informed that it was still under review.

94. Union Terrace Bench

Councillor Adams asked for an update on the situation with regard to the installation of a seat at this location. The Clerk informed him that he would find out and update the Councillor later in the week.

95. Street Sweeping

Councillor Harris reported that the roads were still not being swept in accordance with the schedules and emphasised that it was impossible for the District Council’s operatives to maintain their work programmes when they are being continually taken off their normal work to help elsewhere. The Town Council needed to find out what the road-sweeper situation was from the District Council.

Councillor Way left the meeting.

96. District Council Survey Questionnaire

Councillor Harris informed members that the District Council’s housing tenants have received a form, supposedly to provide a better service, that included highly personal questions on sexuality, original sex & if it had been changed. Tenants were also concerned as to the costs of such a survey. Members expressed their disquiet but also suggested tenants ignore such questions if they find them unpleasant.

The meeting closed at approximately 21:47.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

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PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/00824/MFUL Major Planning Application
	Proposal: Erection of 7 houses, 3 coach houses and 4 flats
	Address: Land at NGR 283335 100449 (Adjacent To Telephone Exchange) Parliament Street Crediton Devon
	Decision: Refuse Permission
Web link: 10/00824/MFUL	

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 10/01391/CAT Works to Trees in a Conservation Area, registered 03/09/2010
	Address: The Old Palace Church Lane Crediton Devon EX17 2AH
	Description: Notification of intention to fell 1 Ash tree within the Conservation Area
	Web link: 10/01391/CAT
No Objections -	

Type – Application

Reference: **10/01396/FULL** Full planning application, registered 07/09/2010

Address: Fordton Cottage Crediton Devon EX17 3DH

Description: Installation of air source heat pump

Web link: [10/01396/FULL](#)

No Objections -

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SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/00873/MFUL Major Planning Application
	Address: Land to South of Exeter Road Wellparks Crediton Devon EX17 3PP
	Description: Erection of 21 dwellings with associated parking (Revised scheme)
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 10/00873/MFUL	

Planning Applications

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 10/01321/LBC Listed Building Consent, registered 14/09/2010
	Address: 20 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AH
	Description: Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations
	Web link: 10/01321/LBC
No Objections -	

Type – Application

Reference: **10/01322/FULL** Full planning application, registered 14/09/2010

Address: 20 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AH

Description: Formation of external staircase

Web link: [10/01322/FULL](#)

No Objections -

Type – Application

Reference: **10/01424/FULL** Full planning application, registered 10/09/2010

Address: Leapfrogs Nursery School East Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AX

Description: Erection of wall-mounted canopy over part of playground

Web link: [10/01424/FULL](#)

Approved -

Type – Application

Reference: **10/01426/FULL** Full planning application, registered 13/09/2010

Address: 7 Cherry Gardens Crediton Devon EX17 3HR

Description: Installation of window to gable end

Web link: [10/01426/FULL](#)

No Objections -