



**Minutes of Credition Town Council Meeting, held on
Tuesday, 28th October 2014, at 7pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition**

Present: Cllrs Miss J Harris, Mr M Szabo, Mrs L Brookes-Hocking, Mr A Wyer, Mr P Vincent, Mr J Downes, Mr R Adams and Mr D Webb (part meeting)

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk
1 member of the press

1410/120 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Mr F Letch, Ms G Ford, Mrs A Hughes, Mr N Way (Proposed by Cllr Harris seconded by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

1410/121 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Downes declared as a member of more than one authority, 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.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking declared a personal interest in agenda item 9, planning application numbered 14/01735/FULL, as the applicant is known to her.

1410/122 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

1410/123 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

1410/124 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

1410/125 Town Council Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Credition Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd September 2014, as a correct record. Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve, and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23rd September 2014, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo, seconded Cllr Wyer)

1410/126 Matters Arising - At the direction of the Chairman, to report on matters arising from the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd September 2014, for information only.

There were no matters arising.

1410/127 To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- Christmas in Credition Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2014
- Administration & Personnel Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2014
- Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2014
- Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 22nd October 2014

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Christmas in Credition Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2014. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Administration & Personnel Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2014. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2014. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

It was **resolved** to receive and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 22nd October 2014. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

1410/128 Mid Devon District Council – Planning Applications

Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

Reference: [14/01735/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Erection of a 2.5m high acoustic fence
 Location: Three Corners, Pounds Hill, Crediton, EX17 1DT
 Applicant: Mr K Jeram, Three Corners, Pounds Hill, Crediton, EX17 1DT

Cllr Brookes-Hocking declared a personal interest as the applicant is known to her. It was **resolved** to recommend **NO OBJECTION**. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

1410/129 Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decisions

It was **resolved** to note that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed: (Proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Szabo)

Reference: [14/01089/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Conversion of redundant workshop/stores to form 1 dwelling
 Location: 4 West View, Rear of 18 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AH
 Applicant: Mrs T Coles, Easter Close, St. Lawrence Green, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2BD

Reference: [14/01090/LBC](#)
 Proposal: Listed Building Consent for conversion of redundant workshop/stores to form 1 dwelling
 Location: 4 West View, Rear of 18 High Street, Crediton, Devon
 Applicant: Mrs T Coles, Easter Close, St Lawrence Green, Crediton, EX17 2BD

Reference: [14/01359/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services) (Revised Scheme)
 Location: Black and Grey Ltd, 115 High Street, Crediton, Devon
 Applicant: Mr G Carter, Devon Sales & Lettings Ltd, 5 High Street, Crediton, EX17 3LG

Reference: [14/01308/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Change of Use from A2 (Professional and Financial Services) to Class A1 (Retail)
 Location: Devon Lettings Ltd, 5 High Street, Crediton, Devon
 Applicant: Mr G Carter, Devon Lettings Ltd, 5 High Street, Crediton, EX17 3AE

Reference: [14/01261/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Completion and retention of decking to rear of dwelling
 Location: 29 Spruce Park, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HH
 Applicant: Mr N Windsor, 29 Spruce Park, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3HH

Reference: [14/01324/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Erection of a dwelling
 Location: 3 Blagdon Close, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1EL
 Applicant: Mrs S Vallance, 3 Blagdon Close, Crediton, EX17 1EL

Reference: [14/01442/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Removal and replacement of shop front and alterations to public access
 Location: 135 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3DU
 Applicant: Co-operative Estates, Department 10114, 5th Floor, 1 Angel Square, Manchester, M60 0AG

Reference: [14/01522/CAT](#)
 Proposal: Notification of intention to fell one Chestnut Tree within a conservation area
 Location: Raddon Bungalow, Pounds Hill, Crediton, Devon
 Applicant: Mr P Hitchings, Raddon Bungalow, Pounds Hill, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1DT

Reference: [14/00923/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Erection of a 2 storey extension to rear, first floor extension over garage and erection of carport to side
 Location: Wallbrooke, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3DB
 Applicant: Mrs P Pounder, Wallbrooke, Fordton, Crediton, EX17 3DB

It was **resolved** to note that Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has advised the following application has been REFUSED: (Proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Szabo)

Reference: [14/01410/FULL](#)
 Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to form 1 dwelling and erection of detached single garage
 Location: 7 Golden Joy, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1EA
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Saunders, Creedywood, 7 Golden Joy, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1EA

1410/130 To receive a recommendation from the Town Clerk to amend Crediton Town Council's Standing Orders by removing Standing Order 3I, in order to comply with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014, which came into force on 6th August 2014.

It was **resolved** to remove Standing Order 3I with immediate effect, in order to comply with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014 (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Szabo)

1410/131 To consider Devon County Council's proposals for budget savings for 2015/16 in Waste Management and agree a course of action. Further information had been issued with the agenda.

It was **resolved** to object to the introduction of further charging as this could cause an increase in fly tipping, abuse of black plastic bags and negatively impact on landfill rather than addressing the issue of recycling and reuse. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Szabo)

It was further **resolved** to:

- Write to Devon County Council to advise it that Crediton Town Council was very interested in its consultation on waste management, however what is needed is a much more sustainable approach to waste management, as the current consultation is not engaging citizens in finding a solution to waste problems but getting bogged down in minor detail.
- Invite the Head of Waste Management at Devon County Council to carry out a presentation in Crediton regarding the future of waste management.

(Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

1 member of the public arrived.

1410/132 To consider Devon County Council's proposed cuts for 2015/16 on the highways service and agree a course of action. Further information had been issued with the agenda.

Cllr Webb arrived at 7.31 pm.

It was **resolved** to:

- Write to Devon County Council objecting to the proposed cuts in the highways provision, highlighting extreme concern that Devon County Council is not doing anything to reduce the impact that severe weather events have on the county. The proposed cuts are short-sighted, they will compromise safety, cause damage to historic/heritage assets, adversely impact the landscape and create a visual eyesore for residents and visitors to the area.
- Devise a severe weather plan for Crediton
- Place the cost of purchasing grit on the Town Council budget, in order that grit bins can be replenished and the Town Council can operate a basic snow warden scheme.
- Request Devon County Council continue snow warden training
- Ask the Clerk to investigate grass verge cutting within Crediton Town to ascertain areas that may be affected, with a view to the Town Council budgeting to provide this service.
- Ask the Clerk to investigate the costs of weed clearance in the town with a view to the Town Council budgeting to provide this service.

(Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Downes)

1410/133 To discuss the planter situated outside Lloyds Bank and to agree who will take on the responsibility of looking after it following offers from the community.

The Clerk advised that Crediton Lions and Mr & Mrs Jewell of Crediton had both offered to take on the responsibility of looking after the planter.

It was **resolved** to grant Crediton Lions the responsibility of looking after the planter, with the situation being reviewed in October 2015, to ensure all parties were happy with the arrangement. The Clerk was asked to pass on the Council's thanks to both parties for their very kind and generous offers. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo, seconded by Cllr Downes)

1410/134 To consider the need for storage facilities in the vicinity of the Town Square and discuss how such an acquisition could be financed if any became available.

The Clerk explained that should the council take over the management and maintenance of the Town Square with a view to promoting wider community use, a storage facility may be required to store equipment. Therefore, it is prudent for the Council to consider how such a need could be met in the future, including the funding that would be required to lease or buy such a facility.

It was **resolved** for the Finance and General Purposes Committee to investigate what would be an appropriate amount of money to be included in the council's budget, in order to build up a fund. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

1410/135 To consider whether the Town Council is prepared to be part of a joint Crediton, Avranches and Fulda Town Councils' funding bid for a theatre and music production in the summer of 2016. Further information regarding this production had been issued with the agenda.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking declared a personal interest.

Mr Brookes-Hocking expanded on his request and the initial discussions he had had with the Mayor of Avranches. Councillors asked question regarding the project, and clarified that there could be no costs incurred by the Town Council. Mr Brookes-Hocking confirmed it was support, not work or money that was required.

It was **resolved** to support the request and for Crediton Town Council to be part of a joint Crediton, Avranches and Fulda Town Council funding bid for a theatre and music production in the summer of 2016. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer, seconded by Cllr Szabo)

1410/136 To consider a request from *Destination Okehampton* for a contribution from Crediton Town Council towards funding an experienced rail consultant to examine the feasibility of reinstating the former London & South Western Railway route. Further information had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to allocate the sum of £1,000 from Crediton Town Councils 2015-2016 budget. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo, seconded by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

1410/137 Councillor Reports - To receive the following reports, and at the discretion of the Chairman, to receive reports from Councillors (Town, District, and County) and representatives of the Council - strictly for information only.

Cllr Letch

- A report from Cllr Letch regarding the Community Council of Devon Conference had been issued with the agenda.

Cllr Wyer

- advised members that following the Newcombes Meadow Community Group consultation at the beginning of October, construction on the new play area will commence in the middle of November and it is hoped that the area will be open by Christmas.

1410/138 Correspondence and Matters To Note - To receive Council correspondence and matters to note.

Copies of the correspondence and matters to note had been issued with the agenda.

Correspondence:

1. *Eastern Locality TCS Commissioning Intentions Document*
2. *Crediton and District Lions Club - Crediton Talking Newspaper event*
3. *Response to Mr Silvester re: cleanliness complaint*
4. *Response to Mr Green - concerns re: Town Square*
5. *Response to Ms Groom re: residential parking*
6. *Highway Review 2015-16*
7. *DCC - Proposals for budget savings for 2015-16 in Waste Management*
8. *Mr Wills CCTV request - Subject access request*
9. *MDDC - October 2014 Update for town & parish councils*
10. *NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG - Mid Devon Councillor Briefing Date*
11. *Newcombes Meadow Community Group - Play area project update*
12. *MDDC - Meetings with Clerks and Chairs*
13. *MDDC - Review of Polling Places and Polling Stations*
14. *Sandford PC - St Lawrence Green Toilets*

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- 15. *Devon Twinning Circle AGM invite*
- 16. *Crediton & District Lions Club – Invitation to Crediton Talking Newspaper event*

Matters To Note:

- 1. *Healthwatch Voices Autumn Edition*
- 2. *Fields in Trust – Autumn 2014 Newsletter*
- 3. *Devon Senior Voice – Autumn 2014 Newsletter*
- 4. *Healthwatch Voices – Autumn 2014*

Cllr Adams requested further information on item 8 of correspondence.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking requested further information on items 9, 12 and 13 of correspondence.

It was **resolved** to note the correspondence. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

1410/139 Business brought forward

Cllr Szabo:

- Advised that the three tier planters needed removing from the town square. The Clerk advised that she was waiting for Plantscape to collect them.

Cllr Downes

- Expressed concern that the town square was not being utilised to its full potential, especially with regard to local businesses using it for customer seating. Cllr Downes offered his services in trying to rectify this situation.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking

- Reported that she had received little response from people reporting they had been fined for parking in a loading bay. At present the information she has is largely anecdotal.

PART TWO

1410/140 It was **resolved** that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking, seconded by Cllr Wyer)

1410/141 To receive an update from the Clerk regarding the land at Stonypark, to discuss future lease arrangements and agree a course of action.

The Clerk provided Councillors with an update. Due to the confidential nature of this item no further information can be disclosed.

1410/142 Close
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....

Initials.....