



**Minutes of the Meeting of Credition Town Council held on
Tuesday 03 August 2021, at 19.00, at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Credition**

Present: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, J Downes, J Cairney, F Letch, J Harris and M Szabo

Apologies: Cllrs G Cochran, S Huxtable, J Ross and H Zorlu

Absent: Cllrs L Martin and P Vincent

In Attendance: R Avery, Town Clerk

0308/68 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Cochran, Huxtable, Ross and Zorlu. (Proposed by Cllr Harris). It was resolved not to accept apologies from Cllr Vincent because his opinion that the location of the meeting was unsuitable and the arrangements for public participation were inadequate were not considered to be acceptable reasons for failing to attend. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

0308/69 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Letch, Downes and Cairney declared that as members of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

Cllrs Letch and Downes declared that as members of the Mid Devon District Council Planning Committee, they would not partake in discussion or vote on planning application 21/00222/MFUL. Cllr Cairney advised that he sits on Mid Devon District Council committees where planning policy is discussed but would partake in the discussion and vote.

0308/70 Public Question Time

The Town Clerk advised that the residents who had requested the bollard at Penton Lane had requested an update. Devon County Council had advised that they would install a footpath sign and way marker which would decrease the width of the path, necessitating the need for a bollard. Cllr Downes advised that Credition Town Council had agreed to the installation of a bollard and should continue to pursue this.

0308/71 Order of business

There were no changes.

0308/72 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that she had been approached by a member of the public about the postponement of the Climate Change community event that had been planned in early 2020. She had agreed to investigate this taking place again, which would require discussion at a future meeting.

The Town Clerk advised that she had received initial feedback regarding the Quality Gold award, which required a small amendment for resubmission.

0308/73 Town Council Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Crediton Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2021 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

0308/74 To receive, and to ratify the decisions therein, the minutes of the following meetings.

- **Amenities and the Built Environment held on 25 May 2021**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

0308/75

Mid Devon District Council - Planning Applications. [MDDC Planning Public Access Portal](#)
Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning application:

Reference: 21/00222/MFUL

Proposal: Erection of a retail foodstore with associated parking, access, servicing and landscaping

Location: Playing Field at NGR 284091 100385 Commercial Road, Lords Meadow Industrial

Applicant: Ms R Brady-Hooper, Lidl Great Britain Ltd

It was **resolved** to object to the application on the following grounds (Proposed by Cllr Harris):

- The application does not reflect the current, urgent need to design for climate change
- Insufficient biodiversity net gain due to loss of trees, lack of information on replacements, loss of hawthorn hedge without replacement coupled with insufficient planting of new trees for natural shade and to improve the street scene especially on the south side; too few bat and bird boxes to encourage wildlife and no ecology plan;
- Lack of design information relating to the proposed swales for water capture; lack of information on re-using this water or whether they are an opportunity for increasing biodiversity; no information on using water captured in proposed water butts.
- The design of the development is tight up to its boundaries and offers very little flexibility for mitigating its impact on the area, suggesting that the site is too small for this development or the development is too large for the chosen location
- Lack of information relating to the pedestrian crossing proposals and no agreed design for it
- Loss of allocated housing land within the Local Plan.

(Proposed by Cllr Harris, 4 councillors voted against the application, Cllrs Downes and Letch abstained).

0308/76 To appoint a councillor to the Parish Paths Committee

It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Cairney to the Parish Paths Committee. It was resolved to appoint Cllr Brookes-Hocking as a reserve. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

0308/77 To appoint a councillor to the Christmas in Crediton Committee

It was **resolved** appoint Cllr Cairney to the Christmas in Crediton Committee, noting that he would attend as many meetings as possible. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-

Hocking).

0308/78 To receive the Youth Work report and consider the recommendations therein

A copy of the report had been issued with the agenda.

It was **resolved** to approve the use of the bungalow for youth sessions.

It was **resolved** to approve the creation of a Youth Work Support Working Group with councillors and interested members of the community, which would support the youth worker in creating a strategic development plan. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking). It was **noted** that the Town Clerk would draft Terms of Reference for the working group, to be approved at the September Full Council meeting.

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).

It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of up to £10,000 to 31 March 2022 to appoint a second youth worker, subject to a funding and management strategy being created to make the case for a youth service after October 2022, to ensure that any provision is not fully reliant on Crediton Town Council. (Proposed by Cllr Downes, 5 councillors voted in favour of the proposal, Cllr Szabo voted against).

It was **noted** that the Town Clerk would create a recruitment pack for approval by Council Affairs Committee members by email to ensure that the vacancy can be advertised as soon as possible.

0308/79 To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 21 September 2021

The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting was closed at 20.21.

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