Crediton Town Council





Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, 5th March 2019 at 6.00 pm, at Crediton Library, Belle Parade, Crediton

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Brookes-Hocking, Mr F Letch, Miss J Harris, Mr J Ross, Ms K Piercy, Mr A Wyer, and Mrs A Hughes

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

159 To receive and accept apologies

It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Mr J Downes. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

160 Declarations of Interest

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

161 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

- **162** Order of Business There were no changes to the order of business.
- **163** Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements There were no announcements.
- 164 Town Strategy Committee Minutes To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th February 2019, as a correct record. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th February 2019, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

165 Matters Arising

Page 57, minute number 155 – Cllr Letch advised that he had sent an invitation to Mr Adrian Welsh, Cllr Richard Chesterton and Ms Christie McCombe at Mid Devon District Council to the public consultation being held on Wednesday, 6th March 2019.

166 Mid Devon District Council - Planning Applications <u>MDDC Planning Public Access Portal</u> Mid Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications:

Reference: 19/00157/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Norway Spruce tree within the conservation area
Location: Caer Eden, Peoples Park Road, Crediton
Applicant: Mr P Cleave, Caer Eden, Peoples Park Road, Crediton, EX17 2DA

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION as long as MDDC's Tree Officer's professional opinion is that the work is necessary. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Reference: 19/00227/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to carry out various works to 15 trees in a conservation areaLocation: QE Academy Trust, Western Road, Crediton, EX17 3LU

Applicant: Mr B Brook, QE Academy Trust, Western Road, Crediton, EX17 3LU

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION as long as MDDC's Tree Officer's professional opinion is that the work is necessary. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

Reference: 19/00271/FULL

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 17/00061/FULL relating to tree protection plan

Location: Land at NGR 283973 99786 (Fairpark), Exeter Road, Crediton

Applicant: Mr T Newstead, Moorview Homes Ltd, Mardale, Copplestone, Crediton, EX17 5LF

It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL of the replanting scheme. The Town Council would also request that there is a condition imposed, which allows for as a minimum, the oak trees grow to maturity. (Proposed by Cllr Hughes)

Reference: 19/00229/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the demolition of stores to provide courtyard area and provision of access ramp (Revised Scheme)

Location: Crediton Community Bookshop, 21 High Street, Crediton

Applicant: Ms D Lalljee, Crediton Community Bookshop, 21 High Street, Crediton

It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL. (Proposed by Cllr Ross) Cllr Letch abstained from the vote.

Reference: 19/00228/FULL

Proposal: Demolition of stores to provide courtyard area and provision of access ramp (Revised Scheme)

Location: Crediton Community Bookshop, 21 High Street, Crediton

Applicant: Ms D Lalljee, Crediton Community Bookshop, 21 High Street, Crediton

It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL. (Proposed by Cllr Ross) Cllr Letch abstained from the vote.

167 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 Brookes-Hocking)

Reference: 18/01928/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of 2 single storey extensions and decking with glass balustrade
Location: Highfield, Alexandra Way, Crediton, Devon
Applicant: Mr Ken Greenwood, Highfield, Alexandra Way, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2EA



Reference: 19/00108/NMA

- Proposal: Non Material Amendment for 18/01032/HOUSE to change the north facing ground floor window to a door
- Location: 11 Meadow Gardens, Crediton, Devon

Applicant: Miss Karen Todd, 11 Meadow Gardens, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1EJ

Reference: 18/01868/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for repairs to roof

Location: 19 Dean Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3EN

Applicant: Miss E Wainwright, 19 Dean Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3EN

- **168** To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan and to consider a request for additional funding for consultant advice. Cllr Brookes-Hocking explained that the Neighbourhood Plan consultants had reviewed the plan and made numerous recommendations. This had proved very worthwhile as one of the consultants is a Neighbourhood Plan Inspector. So far, the work had taken 4.5 days. Cllr Brookes-Hocking had requested an indication of how many more days consultative work is required in order to finish the project. They have estimated 6 more days are required. This would leave a shortfall of £600 in the Neighbourhood Plan Earmarked Reserve Fund. Cllr Brookes-Hocking also requested for the Council to make funds available for a further 4 days, if needed, which would be an additional £2,000. It was **resolved** to recommend to full Council that £2,600 is allocated from the General Fund to the Neighbourhood Plan Earmarked Reserve fund. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)
- 169 To consider a report, prepared by the Clerk, regarding the possibility of the Town Council acquiring the Devon County Council premises located at Old Landscore, Greenway, Crediton, EX17 3LP and agree any actions. A copy of the report had been issued with the agenda and was considered by members. It was resolved for the Clerk to proceed with exploring the possibility of the Town Council acquiring the building, as per the recommendations in the report prepared by the Clerk, and to recommend to the Town Council that £5,000 is allocated from the General Fund towards researching the feasibility of the project. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)
- 170 To receive an update on the public consultations taking place on Wednesday, 6th March 2019, at the Boniface Centre and agree any last-minute actions. The Clerk confirmed the presentation material was complete. Refreshments had been purchased with a £20 gift card supplied by Tesco. Enough tea and coffee had been purchased to cover the Annual Town Meeting on 27th March 2019 as well. Cllr Letch requested that the minutes record the Council's thanks to the office in getting the presentations together, in fairly difficult circumstances, in order for the Council to move the projects forward.

Cllrs suggested that an A board and leaflets would be a good idea, however, it was noted this was too late to prepare.

171 To consider and agree how the Town Council can become more involved in influencing proposed footway and highway works within the town, especially in relation to proposed/new developments and in particular, Exeter Road/A377 in the light of the Tarka View development. Cllr Brookes-Hocking gave an overview of a recent meeting she and the Town Clerk had attended with Mr Steve Short, Neighbourhood Highways Team at Devon County Council. During discussions Mr Short had offered for members of the Town Council to meet with him and Mr Ian Sorensen, Highways Development Management Officer (Mid Devon District) at Devon County Council, to



discuss how the Town Council and Highways could work together to influence proposed footway and highway works, in particular those proposed as a result of the Tarka View development. It was **resolved** for Cllrs Wyer and Brookes-Hocking to meet with Mr Sorensen and Mr Short. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

- 172 To consider a request for support from Sandford Parish Council for its grant application to the Communities Together Fund to provide new play equipment. A copy of the grant application had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Letch pointed out there were several mistakes in the application and asked the Clerk to advise the Parish Clerk of this. It was resolved to support Sandford Parish Council's grant application to the Communities Together Fund. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)
- 173 To consider and comment on Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee's (DASWC) consultation on its review of the Reuse Credit Scheme (RCS). Further information had been issued with the agenda and was discussed by members. It was resolved to note the consultation. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

174 Close

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Signed. (Chairman)

Date: 09.05/2019.

