



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 6.00 pm, via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Mrs E Brookes-Hocking (Committee Chairman), Miss J Harris, Mr F Letch and Mr J Ross, Mr J Downes and Mr J Cairney

In Attendance: Mrs Rachel Avery, Town Clerk
2 members of the public

17. To receive and accept apologies

None received.

Cllr Cairney joined the meeting at 18.04.

18. Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr Brookes-Hocking declared personal interest in item 8 (24).

19. Public Question Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

20. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

21. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

22. Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th June 2020, as a correct record.

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2020 as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Ross).

23. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

24. To receive a presentation from the Town Team regarding the 'Share in the Square' project and to consider further Town Council support.

Standing orders were suspended.

Rod Brookes-Hocking provided an overview of the project and reported on its immediate popularity. He thanked the district and town councils for their support with the project so far. Working with the Arts Centre, a £33,000 lottery bid has been submitted to secure funding for the support of activities primarily aimed at keyworkers which may include quizzes, food workshops and advice sessions. If the bid were successful, these activities would run to the end

of October.

He hoped that a collaborative approach, including the Town Team, Town Council and Arts Centre, could support further funding opportunities.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding risk assessments, insurance liability, lack of public consultation and individuals not adhering to social distancing rules. The Town Team holds a £10m public liability insurance cover and has the voluntary support of the Rotary Club to support the enforcement of social distancing and to disinfect the tables.

There was discussion regarding the storage of the tables, however an agreement with the Farmers' Market means that they will remain the square for the summer period.

Standing orders were reinstated.

It was **resolved** to support funding applications for activities on the Town Square. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

25. 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 applications:

Reference: 20/00705/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of ground floor and first floor, erection of extension and partial demolition to create 1 flat

Location: Rear of 20 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AH

Applicant: Ms R Board, The Old Rectory, Upton Hellions

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00704/FULL

Proposal: Refurbishment of ground floor and first floor, erection of extension and partial demolition to create 1 flat

Location: Rear of 20 High Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AH

Applicant: Ms R Board, The Old Rectory, Upton Hellions

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00903/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the erection of single storey extension and landscaping following demolition of existing scullery

Location: 14 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AT

Applicant: Mr D Smith, 14 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AT

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00901/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension and landscaping following demolition of existing scullery

Location: 14 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AT

Applicant: Mr D Smith, 14 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AT

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00889/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of a workshop/gym

Location: The Old Reservoir, Southfield Drive, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2ET

Applicant: Mr J Cheffings, The Old Reservoir, Southfield Drive, Crediton, EX17 2ET

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, subject to a condition being added to approval that the workshop/gym is not be used as a commercial building, that a more suitable roofing material be used and that adequate soundproofing be installed. (Proposed by Cllr Ross).

Reference: 20/00936/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to rear following demolition of existing extension

Location: 55 East Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3BA

Applicant: Mr A Rose, 55 East Street, Crediton, EX17 3BA

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00940/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Elder tree within the Conservation Area

Location: Dung Lane (R/o 71 High Street), Crediton, Devon

Applicant: Mr R Stephens, Hazeldene, Threshers, Crediton, EX17 3PB

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

Reference: 20/00447/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of former school building to a dwelling

Location: Crediton Preparatory School, Searle Street, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2AT

Applicant: Mr John Norton, Hill Budge Terrace, Crediton, Devon

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00970/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the conversion of barns into entertainment venue and accommodation

Location: Higher Park Farm, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3PR

Applicant: Mr S Curran, Higher Park Farm, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3PR

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, subject to the character of the building being retained as per the Heritage Statement and Historic Building Recording document, and that advice from the Conservation Officer is adhered to. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

Reference: 20/00918/HOUSE

Proposal: Demolition of garage

Location: Fair Havens, Mill Street, Crediton, EX17 3AA

Applicant: Mr C Reed, Reed Construction and Developments Ltd, 106 High Street, Crediton, EX17 3LF

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

26. 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).

Reference: 20/00605/FULL

Proposal: Formation of 5 additional parking spaces and erection of retaining wall

Location: Parr House, Lennard Road, Crediton, Devon

Applicant: Newcombes (Crediton) Housing Association Ltd, The Armstrong Room, Parr House, Lennard Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 2AP

Reference: 20/00764/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 1 Leylandii and 2 Holly trees within the Conservation Area

Location: Glebeside, Union Road, Crediton, Devon

Applicant: Ms K Bowen, Glebeside, Union Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3AW

Reference: 20/00834/NMA

Proposal: Non-Material Amendment for 19/00124/FULL to allow change of roof material to natural slate

Location: Higher Park Farm, Crediton, Devon

Application: Stephen Hargreaves Architecture and Design Ltd, 2 Church House, Castle Street, Tiverton Devon EX16 6GA

27. To note that a public consultation on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is due to take commence in September. Further information had been issued with the agenda.

There was discussion regarding the aims of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. It was noted that the document would be amended due to the impact of Covid-19.

It was **resolved** to note that public consultation will commence in September. (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

28. To consider and agree the Town Council's administrative support of the Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that Andi Wyer had previously supported the administration of the sub-committee in a voluntary capacity, but this was longer tenable given the considerable administrative responsibility.

It was **resolved** that the administration of the Climate Change and Sustainability Sub-Committee would be considered by the Council Affairs committee, with the view to it being clerked and administered by a member of staff. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

29. To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan and agree any actions.

It was noted that Cllr Brookes-Hocking had recommenced work on amending policies required for the Neighbourhood Plan.

30. To discuss the social care provisions in Crediton and agree any actions.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that she would contact Involve and the Food Bank to understand what support may be required in the town as lockdown restrictions lift, especially in the longer

term. Cllr Letch reported Involve had worked with Age Concern, who had recently been provided with a grant from NFU Mutual.

31. Close.

The meeting was closed at 7.24 pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....