



**Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on  
Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 6.00 pm, at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton**

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk

**Absent:** Cllr Mr P Vincent

**114 To receive and accept apologies**

There were no apologies.

**115 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Letch, Wyer, Downes and Cairney declared that as members 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.

Cllr Harris declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 'To discuss car parking at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre and to consider lobbying Mid Devon District Council to introduce a parking permit scheme at the car park for the use of Lords Meadow Industrial Estate businesses and their staff', as one of her relations owns a business situated at Lords Meadow Industrial Estate.

**116 Public Question Time**

There were no questions.

**117 Order of Business**

There were no changes to the order of business.

**118 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements**

Cllr Wyer advised that the salt spreader, funded by a Devon County Council grant, had arrived and was ready for use.

**119 Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, as a correct record.** It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Wyer. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**120 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**121 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: 19/01481/FULL  
Proposal: (Revised drawings & additional information) Conversion of public house into 6 dwellings and demolition of existing toilet block, pub kitchen and toilets above  
Location: Kings Arms, Park Street, CREDITON, Devon  
Applicant: Mr L O'Cathail, Madasa Ltd, the Cottage

It was **resolved** to OBJECT to the application for the following reason:

- Overdevelopment of the site
- Poor design
- Lack of parking

(Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Reference: 19/01899/HOUSE  
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to side following demolition of existing utility room  
Location: 4 Blagdon Rise, CREDITON, Devon  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs G Cochran, Dunstone House, 4 Blagdon Rise, CREDITON, EX17 1EN

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Reference: 19/01910/CAT  
Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 1 Fir tree within the Conservation Area  
Location: The Beeches, Old Tiverton Road, CREDITON  
Applicant: Mr R Webber, The Beeches, Penton, Old Tiverton Road, CREDITON, EX17 1EF

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

Reference: 19/01832/LBC  
Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 8 rear windows and polycarbonate roof, removal of rear porch and installation of rear door  
Location: 9 North Street, CREDITON, Devon  
Applicant: Mrs C Bowyer, 9 North Street, CREDITON, EX17 2BT

It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Reference: 19/01943/FULL  
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building to house cattle  
Location: Land at NGR 282701 099834 (Backs Barn) Park Lane, CREDITON  
Applicant: Mr J Stephens, J.E.F & K.F Stephens, Swannaton, Sandford, CREDITON, EX17 4EW

Cllr Cairney declared a personal interest as he has a business relationship with the applicant.

It was **resolved** to recommend APPROVAL. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Reference: 19/01988/CAT  
Proposal: Notification of intention to pollard 1 Horse Chestnut tree within the Conservation Area  
Location: QE Academy Trust, Western Road, CREDITON  
Applicant: QE Academy Trust

It was **resolved** to OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

- As detailed in the arboriculturalist's report pollarding may compromise the tree resulting in its death.



- The arboriculturalist believes the tree may be used by bats, therefore pollarding may impact on a bat roosting area.

The Council would support option one in the arboriculturalist's report which is to remove the unsafe limbs. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

## 122 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 Wyer)

Reception: 19/01585/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension after demolition of existing garage, erection of rear covered way and extension to porch (Revised Scheme)

Location: 7 Barn Park, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 3JD

Applicant: Ms Phyllis Hannaford, 7 Barn Park, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 3JD

Reference: 19/00125/LBC

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

Location: Higher Park Farm, CREDITON, Devon

Applicant: Mr S & Mrs H Curran, Higher Park Farm, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 3PR

Reference: 19/00124/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of barns into entertainment venue and accommodation

Location: Higher Park Farm, CREDITON, Devon

Applicant: Mr S & Mrs H Curran, Higher Park Farm, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 3PR

Reference: 19/01537/TPO

Proposal: Application to carry out crown reduction works to 1 Oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 06/00008/TPO

Location: Primavera, Pounds Hill, CREDITON, Devon

Applicant: Mr Melvyn Robinson, Primavera, Pounds Hill, CREDITON, Devon, EX17 1DT

- 123 To receive a report from the Clerk regarding Old Landscore School following a recent meeting with Mr David Bowles, Corporate Asset Manager (Surplus Land & Estate and Property Intelligence) at Devon County Council and agree any actions.** The Clerk provided Councillors with an update on a recent meeting with Mr Bowles. She advised that in the New Year she would be creating a business plan and proposal for the long term use of the building, which would then be presented to Devon County Council for consideration in February 2020 and form the basis for future negotiations. She confirmed that following this process the full and final proposals will be presented to Council for consideration.

- 124 To discuss car parking at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre and to consider lobbying Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) to introduce a parking permit scheme at the car park for the use of Lords Meadow Industrial Estate businesses and their staff.** This item had been requested by Cllr Harris who declared a personal interest as a relation of hers owns a business on Lords Meadow Industrial Estate. Cllr Harris explained that MDDC has introduced a charging structure at the Leisure Centre, which has stopped local businesses and their staff from using the overflow car park. This has created problems as the industrial estate does not have parking facilities. She suggested that MDDC could sell parking permits for the overflow car park, thus providing an income stream for MDDC and providing local businesses and their staff parking facilities. She also suggested that in



the rare occasion when there are events on at the Leisure centre the permit scheme could be suspended for that odd day.

It was **resolved** for the Town Council to write to MDDC to request it introduces a parking permit scheme at the overflow car park at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

**125 To consider whether the Council would like to accept the offer of a business crime prevention assessment for your town. The assessment would be conducted by Andrew Sharman from the South West Business Crime Centre in association with Devon and Cornwall Police's Business Crime Lead and at no cost to the council.** Further information had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to accept the offer of a business crime prevention assessment for the town. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

**126 To consider whether the Council wishes to join the Rural/Market Towns Group, membership of which costs £130 per annum** Further information had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** for the Council to join the Rural/Market Towns Group for one year, membership of which costs £130 per annum. The benefits of membership would be reviewed in 2020 to establish whether it is worthwhile i.e. is it delivering on its aims and objectives. (Proposed by Cllr Downes)  
The Town Clerk was asked to advise the Chamber of Commerce of the initiative.

**127 To consider and comment on Mid Devon District Council's Animal Welfare Licensing Policy.** Further information had been issued with the agenda. It was **resolved** to support the policy. The Council felt that animals in Mid Devon should be protected by the best possible licensing scheme. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking) Cllr Cairney abstained from voting.

**128 To consider which days the Town Council would like to propose for the four free parking days at St Saviours Way car park in 2020, which are offered Mid Devon District Council.** The Clerk advised that historically this has been the day of Christmas in Crediton and the three Saturdays in December leading up to Christmas, however, they can be taken any time in the year.

It was **resolved** to request a Saturday in November (date to be confirmed) for the Christmas in Crediton Parade and Lights Switch-On, two Saturdays leading up to Christmas and the remaining day to be left open for now and decided in 2020. (Proposed by Cllr Downes)

**129 Close**

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date: 07/01/20