



## Minutes of the Planning and Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 19:00 in Old Lansdown School, EX17 3LP

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Jim Cairney, Joyce Harris, Steve Huxtable, Giles Fawssett, Natalia Letch and Paul Perriman
<b>Apologies:</b>	Guy Cochran
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Cllr Frank Letch (part meeting)
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Emily Armitage & Emma Anderson

### MINUTES

#### 1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2024/25

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Brookes-Hocking as Chair. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

#### 2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR 2024/25

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Fawssett as Deputy Chair. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

#### 3 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened at 19.00 and Cllrs introduced themselves.

#### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public present.

#### 5 APOLOGIES

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Cochran. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

## 6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllrs N Letch and Cairney 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.

## 7 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Noted.

## 8 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no requirement to change the order of business.

## 9 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## 10 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Planning & Town Strategy Committee (Proposed by Cllr Fawssett)

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

## 11 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Ref: 24/00358/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of garage and ancillary accommodation

Location: Gamlens, Exhibition Road, Crediton, Devon

**Decision:** It was **noted** that the application has been approved.

Ref: 24/00533/FULL

Proposal: Siting of containers to provide equipment storage, cooking, washing and changing facilities

Location: Land at NGR 284406 100511 Lords Meadow Leisure Centre Commercial

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

Ref: 24/00737/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Location: 9 Waresfoot Drive, Crediton, Devon

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection, however, note the loss of green space and that the porous pavements will do nothing in a heavy rain event. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes Hocking)

Ref: 24/00776/CAT

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

Location: Claremont, Searle Street, Crediton

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to recommend no objection subject to the Tree Officer agreeing that the tree needs to be felled due to it causing damage to the property and that the tree be replaced in a suitable location to the street scene. (Proposed by Cllr Perriman)

## 12 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS:

The decisions were noted.

## 13 BUS SHELTER COMPLAINT

It was agreed for Cllr Perriman as representative for Friends of Crediton Station to enquire who might be the best contact at Network Rail as they are likely the landowners. Cllr Brookes-Hocking suggested to ask Full Council for approval to release funds to move the redundant shelter to the desired location at Redlands.

**Decision:** Cllr Perriman was assigned to inquire about the best contact at Network Rail regarding the bus shelter issue at Redlands Surgery.

**Task:** Follow up on Bus Shelter Issue @Paul Perriman

## 14 DCC TRAFFIC AMENDMENT ORDER - TRO - ENV ID 6076

Cllr Huxtable advised he has sent an email to DCC to ask the reasons for the TRO, as they have not been listed. He will speak to the local residents to enquire why this is being done. Members could not see any reason for the parking being taken away but appreciate property is being damaged by delivery vehicles due to access difficulties.

**Decision:** Cllrs Brookes Hocking and Huxtable were delegated responsibility to follow up on the DCC Traffic Amendment Order.

**Task:** Follow up on DCC Traffic Amendment Order @Steve Huxtable, Liz Brookes-Hocking

## 15 ALLOTMENTS

Cllrs Fawssett and Huxtable agreed to support the Administrative Officer with allotment inspections where possible.

## 16 MDDC WASTE AND RECYCLING DROP-IN SURGERIES

Members agreed to email the Administrative Officer with any problem areas where residents are not recycling. East Steet council flats and Baptist Chapel Court were recognised as areas of concern.

## 17 JOCKEY HILL

The Deputy Clerk advised that an email had been sent to Cllr Frank Letch from a local resident, regarding the serious incident at the bottom on Jockey Hill on 12 May and general speeding issues in that area. The resident requested a speed camera be installed. This request was sent to Devon County Council (DCC) and the response from DCC's Safety Team was in line with those received previously explaining that the data for Jockey Hill shows that the average speed was compliant so at present DCC would not be involved. Following this, DCC's Safety Team followed up with a second response advising that the validated data for the last five years 2018 – 2023 shows during this time there have been two. Jockey Hill does not qualify to be considered under its cluster review process, based on the number of recorded injury collisions.

Cllr Huxtable advised that DCC's data is not consistent with the evidence gathered from the local Speed Watch team, which has recorded several instances of speeding. Cllr Huxtable suggested that more Speed Watch sessions are organised on Jockey Hill, with all speeds noted and recorded in order that evidence of excess speed can be collated, and a case presented to DCC.

**Decision:** It was **resolved** to record and collate additional data, via Community Speed Watch sessions, and build a case to put forward to DCC. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable).

**Task:** Collect Speed Watch Data on Jockey Hill @Steve Huxtable

## 18 LITTER BINS NEAR TARKA VIEW

**Decision:** It was agreed to approach Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) and request the installation of a bin at the bottom of one of the footpaths that joins Tarka View and Exeter Rd, or whether an existing bin at the Wellparks bus stop could be relocated to this position as the bus stops are no longer in use. It was agreed to assess which option would be more cost effective.

**Task:** Contact MDDC to request installation of a bin @Deputy Clerk

It was also requested that staff contact the Tarka View developers or management company to find out when the hedge will be cut as the footpath on Exeter Road is impassable in places.

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**19 CREDITON URBAN TASKFORCE [CUT!]**

Cllr N Letch provided an update following a productive session around the War Memorial on 1 June. Cllr Letch expressed the need for more volunteers and planned to include a piece in the Courier encouraging residents to maintain the area outside their home if they do not have time to come along to the [CUT!] sessions. It was agreed to publicise this in the next newsletter.

**20 BRITIAN IN BLOOM 2024**

The Deputy Clerk advised that the Britain in Blooms judges will be visiting on 16 July and Bert will be joining them on the judging route. 9 It's Your Neighbourhood entries will be judged on the same day.

Cllr Huxtable suggested linking this to the [CUT!] publicity discussed previously and encourage residents to send in before and after photos if they tidy the areas outside their homes in readiness for the judging.

**21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as being Tuesday 02 July 2024.  
The meeting was closed at 20.10.

**22 REPORTS**

Signed .....

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