

To All Crediton Town Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Community Committee**, which will be held on **Tuesday**, July 2, 2024, at 19:00, at Old Landscore School, Greenway, Crediton. EX17 3LP.

This meeting may be livestreamed via Facebook in order to allow Members of the Public to watch the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the following business.

**Rachel Avery FSLCC** 

Town Clerk

Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Please note that:

- Members of the Press & Public are invited to attend under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address councillors in attendance as part of the agenda.
- Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public or press are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public sections of the meeting.
- Under the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 Sch 12 10(2)(b), Crediton Town Council is unable to make any decision on matters not listed within the agenda.
- Crediton Town Council will always attempt to record and livestream meetings to Crediton Town Council's social media platforms.





# AGENDA

# 23 - Welcome & Introduction

Opening of meeting by the Chair and councillor introductions

# 24 - Public Question Time

To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the council (a maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item; verbal questions should not exceed 3 minutes)

# 25 - Apologies

To receive and accept Town Councillor apologies (apologies should be made to the Town Clerk)

# 26 - Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda.

To consider any dispensation requests (requests should be made to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting)

## 27 - Climate Emergency

To note that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making

## 28 - Order of Business

At the discretion of the Chair, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public

## 29 - Planning and Town Strategy Committee Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 04 June 2024, as a correct record (minutes will be issued with the agenda)

## 30 - Chair's and Clerk's Announcements

To receive any announcements which the Chair and Town Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

## 31 - 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:

Ref: 24/00085/FULL (change of description) Proposal: Demolition and erection of 1 dwelling Location: The Cott, Stanbury Court, Crediton, Devon

Ref: 24/00673/FULL Proposal: Replacement of north section of roof to match existing slate roof and raising of ridge height Location: Redvers House, Union Road, Crediton

# Ref: 23/01196/FULL (Appeal)

Proposal: Retention of land as domestic garden, including the erection of play equipment and fence Location: Land at NGR 284534 100658 (81 Willow Walk), Crediton

# Ref: 24/00902/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land for use as community space, retention of structures and installation of ground mounted solar panels Location: Land at NGR 283732 99527 Four Mills Lane, Crediton

# 32 - Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions:

Devon District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

## Ref: 24/00358/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of garage and ancillary accommodation Location: Gamlens, Exhibition Road, Crediton, Devon

## Ref: 24/00290/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of land to secure dog walking area, erection perimeter fencing and replace existing access with timber gate Location: Land at NGR 282641 100229 Tinpot Lane, Landscore, Crediton

Ref: 24/00642/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of porch extension following removal of existing structures (Revised scheme) Location: Yeo Vale, Four Mills Lane, Crediton, Devon

## Ref: 24/00507/FULL

Proposal: Demolition of existing garages and erection of 3 affordable dwellings and associated parking, landscaping and other minor associated works Location: Garages and Forecourt, Churchill Drive, Crediton, Devon

## Ref: 24/00776/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Willow tree within the Conservation Area Location: Claremont, Searle Street, Crediton, Devon

## 33 - Neighbourhood Planning and future land development

To receive the report regarding the release of Earmarked Reserves to support upcoming responses to land development, and to consider recommendations therein, for approval by Full Council

## 34 - Bus Shelter complaint

To receive an update on the bus shelter complaint item from the last meeting and agree any action

## **35 - Moffats Land Allotment**

To consider the estimate received in relation to the installation of a new fence at Moffats Land allotment and agree any action

## 36 - Barnfield Allotment

To consider the estimates received in relation to the damaged stone wall at Barnfield allotment and agree any action

#### 37 - Town Square

To discuss Mid Devon District Council's role in the maintenance of the Town Square and agree any actions

#### 38 - Date of next meeting

To note that the date of the next meeting will be 03 September 2024

#### 39 - Reports Pack

#### Attachments – for internal use only

Al 29 - Minutes.pdf Al 33 - Land Use EMR Virement.docx Al 35 - Estimate - fence.pdf Al 36 - Estimate 1 - wall.pdf Al 36 - Estimate 2 - wall.pdf



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

| Present:       | Cllrs Liz Brookes-Hocking, Joyce Harris, Steve Huxtable, Giles Fawssett,<br>Natalia Letch and Paul Perriman |
|----------------|---|
| Apologies:     | Guy Cochran   |
| In Attendance: | Cllr Frank Letch (part meeting)   |
| Minute Taker:  | 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**

<u>Decision</u>: 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.

<u>Decision</u>: Cllr Perriman was assigned to inquire about the best contact at Network Rail regarding the bus shelter issue at Redlands Surgery. <u>Task</u>: 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.

<u>Task:</u> Contact 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. @Administrative Officer

# 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 .....

Dated.....







#### Land Use Framework and associated costs

| Report by: | Town Clerk                        |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| То:        | Community Committee               |
| Date:      | For consideration on 02 July 2024 |

#### Recommendation

To consider the report regarding the release of Earmarked Reserves to investigate land use for future developments sites in Crediton.

## 1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out proposals to release Earmarked Reserves, for approval by Full Council, to investigate land use for future development sites in Crediton.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 A Cop Crediton/Crediton Town Council-supported Community Conversation took place on Saturday 23 March; topics included open spaces, energy, employment, housing and biodiversity.
- 2.2 Whilst development was discussed broadly, a site of interest is south of Barnfield, which was cited in the Greater Exeter Strategic (GESP) Plan (no longer being progressed) and is likely to come forward as part of the HELA process for the Mid Devon Local Plan.
- 2.3 Crediton Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan, made in September 2022, will be due for review in the next 12 months, and highlights the need for appropriate land use.

## 3. Proposals

3.1 The Community Committee are requested to consider, for approval by Full Council, the release up to £5,000 from Earmarked Reserves to support the investigation of land use by appointing relevant professionals to undertake surveys and visioning work for the land south of Barnfield, to support the update of the Neighbourhood Plan and to actively respond to forthcoming consultations relating to any proposals.

#### 4. Financial Implications

4.1 £5,000 would be allocated from the Localism Earmarked Reserve (totalling £30,000 as at 26/6/2024).

## 5. Climate Implications

- 5.1 Any investigations would support the sustainability statement of the Crediton Neighbourhood Plan (Policy E3 (p.37) and Appendix 2 Sustainability Statement (p.58)).
- 5.2 Any investigations would support Crediton Town Council's commitment to the climate and to positively influence land development.

## 6. Conclusion

6.1 Investment in professional support will provide Crediton Town Council with robust evidence to support consultations in the future.



Crediton Town Council, 8A North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT



9th June 2024

Dear Emily,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with an estimate for the section of fencing at the Newcombes Meadow allotments site. Further to my visit on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and from the discussions I had with you I have been able to draw up a ball park figure for the project, based on the following;

- 1) Remove existing wire fencing and posts.
- 2) Replace the section (approximately 35m) with 1800mm (6ft) high timber closed board fencing. This will be secured to 100mm x 100mm posts concreted into the ground at 1800 centres.
- 3) Boards will sit on top of a 150mm gravel board and topped off with a capping rail.
- 4) Due to the complexities of the site i.e grievances with the neighbour I would need someone there on the first day to agree the boundary line.
- 5) Logistically I am assuming a vehicle can gain access as far as the small gate behind the bowling green.
- 6) All waste to be removed from site

I would estimate a cost of £4,230 plus VAT.

If you require any further information on the estimate, then please call or e-mail me at <u>jay@landscapegardenerexeter.co.uk</u> Thank you once again for your enquiry and opportunity to provide this estimate.

Regards

Jay Northfield <u>www.landscapegardenerexeter.co.uk</u> 07709 206 150

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Dear Emily Armitage / Crediton Town Council.

Estimate for repair of boundary stone wall at Barnfield allotments, Crediton.

Inspection Findings.

Double skin, random rubble, local stone wall built in 2 skins and capped, all in local stone. Built, pointed in sand and cement.

Nominal area of about 1 metre square fallen away leaving a single skin and structurally less stable. Advise repairing to avoid wall degrading exponentially with same or similar stone and pointed to match existing style. Areas of wall in need of re point, insertion of helical stainless bar where cracking. Small areas of stone fallen away and loose stones. Some pointing needed on top stones to avoid weathering.

**Estimated Cost:** 

Labour £ 1200.00

Materials £ 400.00

Total: £ 1600.00

Many thanks, Glen Hawkins.

J. Brooks & Son Lig



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> CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL BARNFIELD ALLOTMENTS BY EMAIL ONLY

> > 25/06/2024

Dear Emma

#### WORKS TO DAMAGED WALL AT BARNFIELD ALLOTMENTS

Further to your enquiry we are pleased to enclose our estimate for the works stated below for your kind attention.

Please do not hesitate to give us a call or an email on the contact details above.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

#### Signed for and on behalf of R J Brooks & Son Limited

#### ESTIMATE ;- FOR WORKS TO THE DAMAGED WALL

This estimate is for the following work to be completed;

Supply labour and materials for works that include, To rebuild a section of the stone wall at the above address. Leave site tidy.

TOTAL £862.80 plus VAT

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This estimate is based on current prices and availability of labour, plant and materials, we reserve the right to adapt our estimate after acceptance should there be any price rises before works are started. All materials remain the property of R J Brooks and Son Limited until the final invoice is paid in full.

If this estimate is acceptable, please give your written confirmation along with a signed copy of our terms and conditions. We can then arrange a suitable date to commence works, upon agreement of a start date we kindly request a 50% upfront deposit payment of your total works which can be paid preferably by bank transfer. The remaining balance will then be due upon completion of the works.

N.B. where applicable your deposit will be used against buying materials for your job to secure, we have these items in readiness to commence works.