



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Town Strategy Committee held on Tuesday, 28th July 2020 at 6.00 pm, via Zoom

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

Apologies: Cllr Mr F Letch

In Attendance: Mrs Rachel Avery, Town Clerk
Mrs Lisa Blake, Special Projects Officer

- 32. To elect a Committee Chairman 2020/21.** It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Brookes-Hocking as Committee Chairman 2020/21. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 33. To elect a Committee Vice Chairman 2020/21.** It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Ross as Vice Committee Chairman 2020/21. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 34. To receive and accept apologies**
It was **resolved** to receive and accept the apologies of Cllr Letch. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 35. Declarations of Interest**
Cllrs Cairney and Downes 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.
- 36. Public Question Time**
There were no members of public in attendance.
- 37. Order of Business**
There were no changes.
- 38. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements**
There were no announcements.
- 39. Town Strategy Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th July 2020, as a correct record.**
Page 8, item 27 – Cllr Brookes Hocking requested that the an amendment be made to state that the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan might be altered due to the economic impact of Covid-19. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Strategy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2020 as a correct record, subject to the typographic amendment. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).
- 40. Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

41. 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: 20/01003/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension following removal of conservatory

Location: Westfield, Alexandra Road, CREDITON

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Thicthener, Westfield, Alexandra Road, CREDITON, EX17 2DZ

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

Reference: 20/00904/FULL

Proposal: Replacement of ground floor windows and doors on West and South elevations

Location: Hillbrow, 1 Park Road, CREDITON

Applicant: Mr B Shears, Hillbrow Residential Home, 1 Park Road, CREDITON, EX17 3BS

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, subject to the replacements being like for like in a wood construction. Concerns were raised regarding the installation of PVC-u windows in listed properties and requested clarification on MDDC's current policy. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/00906/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the replacement of ground floor windows and doors on West and South elevations

Location: Hillbrow, 1 Park Road, CREDITON, EX17 3BS

Applicant: Mr B Shears, Hillbrow Residential Home, 1 Park Road, CREDITON, EX17 3BS

It was **resolved** to recommend NO OBJECTION, subject to the replacements being like for like in wood construction. Concerns were raised regarding the installation of PVC-u windows in listed properties and requested clarification on MDDC's current policy. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Reference: 20/01076/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of two-storey side extension

Location: 51 Spruce Park, CREDITON, DEVON

Applicant: Mr M Bolt, 51 Spruce Park, CREDITON, DEVON, EX17 3HJ

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

Reference: 20/00996/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of rear extension to existing garage and single storey rear extension

Location: 23 Beech Park, CREDITON, EX17 1HW

Applicant: Mr P Beer, 23 Beech Park, CREDITON, EX17 1HW

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

42. 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: 20/00940/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 noted that the following application had been WITHDRAWN:

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

43. To receive an update on Old Landscore School and to consider and agree immediate steps to proceed with the investigation of its use and possible sale to Crediton Town Council.

Cllr Brookes- Hocking provided an overview of how the site had been thought of as a permanent office for the Town Council and additional space for community use. The Town Council had agreed that the building should not go into private ownership as it had significant architectural and historic value, but no other decisions had been made. There is little in the way of community space in that part of the town, and DCC offered a tenancy at will period to enable the Town Council to explore options.

It was noted that the Heart Project felt that the building was too small for their auditorium plans and a community hub would require a town centre setting, but communication between them and the Town Council would be important.

Cllr Downes stated that an options document would be required to understand the requirements of users and how the building could facilitate the needs of the community.

The Special Projects Officer advised that the feasibility study would cover these requirements and a document would support decision-making. It was **resolved** to instruct Dawn Eckhart to undertake the feasibility study. (Proposed by Cllr Harris).

Cllr Harris stated that whilst it was important to undertake this study, the council should not commit the spending of any other funds. The building is currently not fit for purpose and would require a lot of work prior to it being inhabited by the Town Council or for any other use.

It was noted that there had been no update from DCC on the report submitted in June. The clerk would contact them to request an update, a meeting and information on any deadlines they may have.

It was accepted that the current Town Council offices are not fit for purpose and further consideration of this would be required.

It was **resolved** that a progress report on Old Landscore School would be an agenda item for September. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

44. To consider a give way to cyclists restriction in Belle Parade. (This item had been requested by Cllr Downes).

Cllr Downes provided a brief overview of increased road use by cyclists and the importance on making other road users aware of cyclists.

It was **resolved** that in line with the climate emergency declaration, Devon County Council would be contacted to request a change in priority at Belle Parade to allow for cyclists to have a right of way to Market Street. (Proposed by Cllr Downes).

45. To discuss the damage to the fingerpost located at the top of Jockey Hill and to note the decision made by Assets and Amenities on 14th July 2020. A copy of the Assets and Amenities Committee Meeting had been issued with the agenda.

It was noted that this item had been discussed at Assets and Amenities, and further information is awaited.

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

It was noted that Cllr Brookes-Hocking was amending Neighbourhood Plan policies that conflicted with the Mid Devon Local Plan.

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

Cllr Brookes-Hocking reported that use of the food bank during lockdown had increased by over 100% and she would be meeting with them in September. The social prescribing project administered by Involve had gone well, with additional funds being sought to continue the service. Karen Nolan from Involve is planning to call a meeting of the Crediton Health and Well-being Partnership in September. This group brings together the statutory and voluntary groups operating in the field of health and well-being in the town.

48. Close.

The meeting was closed at 6.59pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....