



# Credition Town Council



## Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 6 March 2007

**Present:**                    **Councillors**                    **Miss J Harris**                    **Chairman**  
    **Mr W Brown**  
    **Mr C Haydon**  
    **Mrs J Pitts**  
    **Mr B Edwards**  
    **Mr R Adams (part meeting)**  
**Absent:**     **Mr P Taylor**  
    **Mr J Downes**

**In Attendance:**     **Mr M Maggs**                    **Clerk**  
    **Press**

**105. To receive apologies**  
 None.

**106. Declarations of Interest**

Code of Conduct	Councillor Haydon	As a member of more than one authority, declared that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.
Personal	Councillor Harris	07/00317/MOUT
Prejudicial	Councillor Pitts	07/00317/MOUT, 07/00368/LBC

**107. Chairman's Announcements**  
 None.

**108. Public Question Time**  
 None.

**GENERAL PURPOSES** (*items for discussion and determination*)

**109. Planning.**

**a) Notification of Decisions made by the Planning Authority.**

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

**b) Planning Applications.**

Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.

Councillor Harris left the meeting for the duration of the debate on application 07/00317/MOUT. Councillor Pitts left the meeting for the duration of the debate on applications 07/00317/MOUT and 07/00368/LBC

**c) Items for Determination**

None.

The Clerk to enquire about the change in the publication date for the Notification List. The change seriously affected the Council's ability to respond within the 21 day consultation period.

**110. Allotments**

**a) Tenants Association AGM**

Noted with appreciation. The next meeting of the Boniface Allotments Association was scheduled for 12 March when, it was hoped, further comments would be provided on a future programme of works and the revised tenancy agreement.

An allotment inspection would be arranged at a mutually convenient time to include representatives from the Association. A report would need to be submitted before the annual rent demands were sent out (31 March).

**b) Revised Tenancy Agreement**

Approved, pending a response from the Boniface Allotments Association with one addition:

5y: add "Wherever possible bonfires should be contained within a metal container".

**c) Issues Raised by Tenants**

None.

**111. Bandstand**

The Chairman, Council Chairman and the Clerk explained the current ambivalence between MDDC's requirement of £5 million public liability insurance and the Town Council's £2 million for the use of the Bandstand. Advice appeared to indicate that £5 million was the norm. The Clerk was requested to enquire whether MDDC would review its policy specifically in relation to the Bandstand.

**112. Alcohol Free Zone Signage**

The Clerk was requested to contact the MDDC Licensing Officer with a view to reviewing and replacing the wording used in the current signage with future consideration given to making a contribution to any costs. Members expressed a preference for the wording used by Portsmouth City Council. The Clerk to inform Tiverton Town Council of this committee's decision.

**113. Local Government White Paper**

Noted.

The Chairman of the Council, reported on the recent DAPC Larger Council's Sub Committee which dealt with this issue in some detail.

In addition to the comments made at the February Town Council meeting it was generally agreed that:

- It was vital to maintain the independence of local councils whilst valuing the importance of possible partnership arrangements.
- Clear lines of responsibility were essential in order to avoid confusion and duplication of effort.
- Funding needed to be devolved along with any responsibilities in order to avoid double taxation.
- The committee was happy for DAPC, in conjunction with DCC, to progress any opportunities which helped transform public services following the implementation of the LG White Paper.

**114. Downeshead Lane**

Deferred to next meeting. The Clerk to investigate the current status with the Public Rights of Way and County Solicitor's Departments at County Hall.

### **115. Royal Garden Party 2007**

Councillor Pitts was proposed, seconded and nominated as the Town Council's representative in the DAPC ballot.

### **116. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1. Band Stand correspondence between Town & District Council related to public liability insurance.
2. Crediton & District Access Group – Scout Memorial Gardens Access Issues. Noted, Clerk to place on file for future use in development of a suitable project.
3. Crediton Hamlets – Main road on street parking issue west end of Crediton.
4. Devon County Council – Budget 07/08 and Local Government White Paper information.
5. Mid Devon Transport Group – Information Guide.
6. Crediton Chamber of Commerce – Notice of Meeting 27 February 12:30pm Crediton Inn.
7. Crediton & District Access Group – Requirement for dropped kerbs in Crediton.
8. Mid Devon District Council – Council Meeting 28 February.
9. DAPC – letter, agenda and minutes of Larger Councils Sub Committee meeting 1 March.
10. MDDC – agenda and minutes of Standards Committee meeting 5 March.

### **BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD**

#### **117. Stoney Park**

Agenda item next GP meeting.

#### **118. Allotment Signage**

The new signage should have been installed and would be checked during next inspection. Councillor Adams also to check.

#### **119. Upper Deck Opening**

Councillors were reminded to let the Clerk know if they were able to attend the official opening on 21 April.

#### **120. Silbury Place**

Drainage problems were reported. The Clerk to report.

#### **121. Peoples Park Trees**

The Clerk had made three copies of the recent report available for members. Agenda item at next Council meeting. Additional copies from Clerk.

### **PART TWO**

#### **122. Mayor's Reception Public Recognition Awards**

The previous recommendation was fully supported. No other suggestions were made.

#### **123. Administration**

An update was provided by the Chairman. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to liaise and proceed with any relevant and appropriate administrative actions. Further report at next Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

(J Harris – Chairman)

Date:

# PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 6 MARCH 2007

## Planning Decisions

The Committee noted the following appeal decision as notified by the Planning Authority:

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Type - Appeal Granted</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	06/00727/FULL (28/02/2007)	Mr & Mrs I M Pring Bangor Peoples Park Road Crediton EX17 2DA	Stephen Armstrong Chartered Architect Orchard Cottage Dunsford EX6 7DD	Bangor Peoples Park Road Crediton EX17 2DA	Erection of extension	Mr Charles Bladon

## Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application</b>					
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	07/00317/MOUT (21/02/2007)	Somerfield Group Somerfield House Whitchurch Lane Bristol BS14 0TJ	Mr Richard Lemon Roger Tym & Partners Fairfax House 15 Fulwood Place London WC1V 6HU	Somerfield Stores Ltd Mill Street Crediton Devon EX17 1EY	Outline for the erection of replacement food retail unit with associated car parking and revised access (Revised Scheme)	Mr Keith Garside
<b>DEFERRED - to allow further discussion and deliberation by full Council, preferably in conjunction with additional information in relation to application 06/02670/OUT</b>						

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	07/00331/FULL (21/02/2007)	Mr & Mrs J Wilson Old Moose Hall Bowden Hill CREDITON Devon EX17 3EJ	D J Wright 31 Bourn Rise Pinhoe Exeter EX4 8QD	Moose Hall Bowden Hill CREDITON Devon EX17 3EJ	Formation of balcony	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	07/00278/FULL (28/02/2007)	Mr & Mrs Hamlin 5 Mount Road Rochester Kent ME1 3NG		10A North Street CREDITON Devon EX17 2BT	Re-roofing and alterations to existing single storey extension	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>APPROVED</b>						

<b>APPLICATION</b>	<b>Type - Application Number</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Agent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Officer</b>
	07/00365/FULL (28/02/2007)	Mr & Mrs D Ledger 6 Alexandra Way CREDITON Devon EX17 2EA	Kester Merrington K & K Architects Aller Cottage Aller Road Dolton Winkleigh EX19 8PP	6 Alexandra Way CREDITON Devon EX17 2EA	Installation of raised decking with storage under	Mr Jeremy Ebdon
<b>NO OBJECTION</b>						

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	07/00376/FULL (28/02/2007)	Mr R Smout 5 Monks Close Crediton Devon EX17 2EL	Mr Shiraz Riaz Everest Ltd 7 North Orbital Commercial Park Napsbury Lane St Albans Herts AL1 1XB	5 Monks Close Crediton Devon EX17 2EL	Erection of conservatory	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>APPROVED</b>						

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	07/00368/LBC (28/02/2007)	Wotham Hills & Jaques 130A High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LQ	Mr E Holden, Dip,Arch., RIBA Architect Tanners Yard 100 High Street Crediton EX17 3LF	Wotham Hills & Jaques 130A High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LQ	Listed Building Consent for internal alterations	Mr Charles Bladon
<b>APPROVED</b>						