



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 1 February 2011

Present:	Councillors	Miss J Harris (Chairman) Mr F Letch Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr T Connell Mrs A Hughes
In Attendance:	Councillors	Mr N Way (part meeting) Mr R Adams Mr W Brown (part meeting)
	Clerk	Mr M Ashley
	Public	1 (Allotment Association Representative)
	Press	1

AGENDA ITEMS *(for discussion and determination)*

136. Apologies

Councillor P Finnegan for health reasons and Councillor N Way for late arrival. It was agreed to defer Item 10, Devon County Council Issues, pending his arrival.

137. Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct	Councillor Way	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 Hughes	Minute 144b: 11/00014/FULL

138. MDCC Conservation Officer Presentation

The Conservation Officer for MDCC gave a short presentation on the District Council's conservation policy within the overall planning strategy. The officer then fielded questions from committee members on the issue.

Councillor Brown left the meeting.

139. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

140. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Committee Chairman suggested advancing item 9, Allotments, to before Item 8, Planning, for the convenience of the Boniface Allotment Association Representative. This was agreed.

141. General Purposes Committee Minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7 December 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.

142. Matters Arising

Minute 128: Councillor Brookes-Hocking informed members that there would be a display about recycling at the Council's Farmers' Market Stall and that she

had met with the District Council Recycling Officer to get information and material for the display.

143. Allotments

- a) The Clerk updated members on current issues, vacancies and the present state of the waiting list.
- b) The Clerk updated members on the condition of the Barnfield Entrance ramp and that the Town Council groundsman was having difficulties accessing the site with his vehicle. Members agreed to the laying and compacting of scalplings on the ramp and the reshaping of the path just inside the gate, to the South. It was also agreed to lay the hard surface as two wheel tracks, rather than a solid path. One hundred and fifty pounds was authorised to fund this and the Allotments Association supported the proposal.
- c) There were no new issues raised by tenants or the Allotment Association.

144. Planning

- a) *Planning Decisions*
The Planning Decisions were noted.
- b) *Planning Applications*
Comments made in respect of planning applications considered at this meeting are appended.
- c) *Supplementary Applications and Applications/Items for Determination week ending 1 February 2010*
None.

145. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority

The objections of the Devon & Cornwall Police Authority to the proposed introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners as laid out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill was considered by the Committee. Members agreed with the Police Authority's view on the cost, geographical challenge and political transparency of the proposals and the Clerk was requested to write to the Authority and the Bill Committee to express this.

146. Memorabilia

It was agreed that Councillor Brookes-Hocking would review the memorabilia list, inviting Councillor Nation to assist her, to sort items to be offered on loan to the Crediton Area History & Museum Society for display in the museum.

147. Mid Devon District Council

Councillors asked the Clerk to express their thanks to the District Council Conservation Officer for an informative and very useful session on conservation issues in Crediton. Members also asked that the Council be kept updated on the progress of the conservation policy re-appraisal in Crediton.

AGENDA (*items for discussion and recommendation*)

148. Royal British Legion – “Great Poppy Party Weekend” Event

Members agreed to recommend the Council do not organise an event for this weekend. Councillors expressed support for any event the local Royal British Legion Branch may hold.

149. Devon County Council Matters

- a) *Local Flooding Survey*
Councillors considered locations within and around the town liable to regular flooding and suggested a number of them to be passed on to the County Council. It was also noted that some of the flooding appeared to be due to clogged or blocked drains and that this could be alleviated by more regular inspection and cleaning.
- b) *Town Square Parking Order*
The revised plan for parking signage on the Town Square was received and noted. Members noted the measures proposed to clarify the regulations on parking on the

town square as well as assist the parking enforcement officer to enforce those regulations. Overall, members accepted the utility of yellow line road markings as an adjunct to signage.

150. Correspondence Received

Correspondence

1. DCC – Signed copy of Local Project Fund grant agreement for Peoples Park and Scout Memorial Gardens. Project must be completed within one year of signing (18 January).
2. Gilbert Stephens Solicitors - Confidential Letter - confirming responsibility for tenancy.
3. Councillor Hannon (DCC) – copy email on proposed budget cuts to support for domestic violence.
4. Census 2011 – information on forthcoming census.
5. Red House – email expressing thanks for Council support.
6. MDDC – Invitation: Chairman’s Invitation to Civic Lunch; Fri. 04 March 2011.
7. MDDC – Press Release: Meeting dates; 31 January onwards.
8. MDDC/CTC – e-mails: Forward Planning attendance at a Council meeting in March 2011; (DMDDP). (*Future Agenda Item*)
9. DCC – Guidance: Winter Maintenance Community Self Help Schemes. (*Future Agenda Item*)
10. Defra – Notification: Consultation on the future of the public forest estate. (*Future Agenda Item*)
11. Equality & Human Rights Commission – Guidance: Public Sector Equality Duty; (The Duty comes into force 6 April 2011). (*Possibly A Future Agenda Item*)
12. DCC – Annual Report: DCC Pension Fund Annual Report & Accounts 2009-2010.

Information

1. Involve – January Newsletter.
2. The Playing Field – DPFA Winter Newsletter.
3. Mid Devon Transport Stakeholder Forum – leaflet and agenda for next meeting (8 February).
4. MDDC – Parish Matters Newsletter – January 2011.

Business Brought Forward

Councillor Way entered the meeting

151. Events Working Group

Councillor Letch reported that the Events Working Group meeting of 8 February, referred to in the agenda, was being rescheduled as another meeting had been set for this date.

152. High Street Traffic Congestion

Councillor Connell requested a future agenda item on traffic in the High Street following the announcement of the closure of the milk factory’s lorry depot in Crediton and the effect this would have upon congestion with the rerouting of these vehicles from North Tawton. It was agreed that this would await the first report of the Council’s Transport Working Group.

153. Local Government Spending Cuts

Councillor Way requested a future agenda item on this issue once details of service cuts become clearer.

154. Metered On-Street Parking

Councillor Brookes-Hocking reported attending a meeting in Totnes where metered parking had already been instituted. A future agenda item was requested as it was believed that the County Council would revisit this issue later in the year, despite having put their proposals in abeyance for the present.

155. War Memorial Bus Stop

Councillor Hughes reported that swastikas had been inscribed into the glazing, thus defacing the bus stop.

156. Four Mills Lane Disabled Parking Bay

Councillor Hughes reported that a resident of Four Mills lane would like to request the installation of a disabled bay in the lane. Councillor Hughes was informed that the resident should make the request to Devon County Council.

157. Exeter Road Derelict Commercial Site

Councillor Hughes requested information on plans for the future of the derelict commercial property at the junction of Park Road and Exeter Road. It was reported that the owner did have plans for the site but that there were ongoing issues with S106 infrastructure fees.

158. Parking in Parliament Street

Councillor Hughes reported the developers vehicles parking overnight on the pavement in front of the development site on Parliament Street next to the telephone exchange. The Clerk would pass this information on to the Police and MDDC parking enforcement.

159. Devon County Council – Town Square Parking

Councillor Way gave a brief update of the situation as County Council Ward Member with regard to the Town Square Parking Order. It was noted that, in spite of reports in the press, the County Council believed they had a case against any parking fine appeals.

Meeting closed at approximately 21:02.

Signed:

(J Harris, Chairman)

Date:

Crediton Town Council

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2011

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01703/FULL Full planning application
	Address: 3 Jennifer Close High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LJ
	Description: Installation of dormer window to front
	Decision: APPLICATION DELETED
Web link: 10/01703/FULL	

DECISION	Type – Decision
	Reference: 10/01806/ADVERT Consent to Display an Advertisement
	Address: Land at NGR 284419 99506 (The Red Deer) Exeter Road Crediton Devon
	Description: Erection of 2 externally illuminated signs comprising brewery logo and pub name; 1 externally illuminated double-sided twin post pub sign; 1 internally illuminated lantern on a bracket; 1 non-illuminated wall plaque; 1 non-illuminated double-sided twin post sign
	Decision: Grant permission
Web link: 10/01806/ADVERT	

Planning Applications -

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	Reference: 11/00014/FULL Full planning application, registered 17/01/2011
	Address: Land at NGR 283629 100288 (Car Park For Holy Cross Church) Church Lane Crediton Devon
	Description: Creation of additional parking spaces and works to the layout of the existing car park including the removal of central island and 1 Holly tree (Revised Scheme)V
	Web link: 11/00014/FULL
Approved -	

APPLICATION	Type – Application
	11/00079/CAT Conservation Area Trees, registered 17/01/2011
	Address: Ivy Cottage, St Lawrence Drive, Crediton, Devon GR 262613 100480
	Description: Notification of intention to reduce the height of 2 Leyland trees and reduce the height of 1 multi-stemmed Bay Laurel tree
	Web link: 11/00079/CAT
Approved -	

Planning Applications - For Information

APPLICATION	Type – Application – Crediton Hamlet
	Reference: 11/00076/FULL Full Application, registered 20/01/2011
	Address: Land at NGR 282186 100059 (Westwood Barns), Westwood, Devon
	Description: Engineering works comprising reduction in ground levels and regrading of site
	Web link: 11/00076/FULL
No Comment -	