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Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 March, 2007

Councillors:

- Mr R Edwards (Chairman)**
- Miss J Harris**
- Mr W Brown**
- Mr N Way (part meeting)**
- Mr D Nation**
- Mr R Adams (part meeting)**
- Mrs E Brown**
- Mr J Downes**
- Mr C Haydon**
- Mrs J Pitts**
- Mr P Taylor (part meeting)**

In Attendance:

- Press**
- Clerk**
- Mr M Maggs**

210. Apologies

Received from Councillor Letch (business commitment).

211. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Councillor Taylor	Minute 218b – 07/00360/FULL
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 218b – 07/00360/FULL
Personal	Councillor Harris	Minute 233
Personal	Councillor Way	Minute 223
Code of Conduct	Councillor Haydon Councillor Nation 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.

212. Public Question Time

None.

213. Chairman’s Announcements

Councillor Taylor arrived.

The Chairman announced that the Managing Director of Jackson’s was retiring and councillors had been invited to attend a farewell function at 1100-1500 on 30 March.

Due to the delayed reports, it would be necessary to make the next meeting an Extraordinary Town Council meeting in order to properly discuss the Tesco planning application. This meeting would follow the Annual Town Meeting which would be scheduled to start at 6.30pm.

214. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20 February 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record.

215. Matters Arising

Minute 187: when made available, the Clerk to pass on contact details. He would also enquire about proposed PCSO staffing levels.

Minute 198: reply received (Correspondence File). Chairman read out relevant extracts.

Minute 199: Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 1415 on 11 April in Boniface Centre.

Minute 206: the Chairman mentioned his intention to make two additional awards at the forthcoming End of Term Reception.

216. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 March 2007 were approved and signed as a correct record

b) There were no recommendations.

217. Matters Arising

Minute 109c: the Clerk provided details of the response from MDDC.

Minute 111: the Clerk reported that no reply had been received. Councillor Haydon had requested copies of correspondence.

218. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

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.

c) *Planning Applications and Items for Determination-week ending 21 March 2007*

1) *Planning Applications*

None.

2) *Items for Determination*

None.

d) *Street Naming*

Deferred for further consideration to the April Town Council meeting. The press was asked to publicise the details. The Clerk was asked to contact the developer to request that a development name should not be used until the Council had considered possible suggestions.

219. Finance

a) *Schedules of Accounts*

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002588 to 002600 amounting to £5060.82 was approved.

b) *Donation Requests*

The request for support from Shelter was not considered appropriate for consideration by the Town Council. The Clerk to inform.

A verbal request for provisional support for the opening of the newly restored Upper Deck would be considered at the next meeting.

Councillor Adams arrived.

220. Allotments

Councillor Way arrived.

a) *Allotment Association Minutes and Update*

Noted.

It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman of the Allotment Sub Committee would discuss the practical and legal issues raised by the Association Committee particularly in relation to inspection, enforcement of tenancy agreements and the proposed change to contract date.

It was agreed to formally thank the Boniface Allotments Association Committee for their efforts. The Clerk to write.

b) *Revised Tenancy Agreement*

Approved with the following amendments:

Clause 5w: insert “and” between “reasonable” and “safe”.

Clause 5y: replace with “keep the use of bonfires to a minimum. If used they must be supervised throughout with water available in close proximity in case of emergency, and must be extinguished at least one hour before leaving the site. Please note that any fire damage to another person's property is not covered by the allotment insurance. Use of a suitable metal container for a bonfire is recommended where possible.”

c) *Matters raised by tenants*

The application for a shed was approved.

d) *Delegation to Clerk for erection of sheds*

Approved.

221. Notices of Motion

1) *Waresfoot Drive Footpath*

Motion Carried.

Clerk to report to DCC for action and confirmation of ownership/responsibility.

2) *Blue Plaques*

Motion Carried.

It was reported that heritage blue plaques have been successfully installed at Winswood House and Buller Square. Councillors expressed their delight with thanks to South West Highway Signs.

3) *Administration*

Deferred to Part Two item at end of meeting.

4) *Agenda Papers to Press*

Motion Failed.

It was agreed that the current provision of information was adequate.

The Clerk outlined his concerns over the practical implications for staff time and whether it was appropriate for information to be released to the press before the Council had debated the issues. He suggested the use of press releases as a means of conveying additional information.

AGENDA ITEMS

222. Peoples Park Tree Inspection Report

Approved for action.

The Clerk to proceed with obtaining estimates for tree works as soon as the recommended additional inspections have been completed.

223. St Lawrence Green Bus Bay

It was reported that revised drawings were being produced as a result of the recent HATOC meeting and the Town Council would be consulted.

224. Town Square Opening

An update was provided on progress with the opening ceremony. Official invitations were being sent out. The Lord Lieutenant would perform the official opening on Monday 7 May and community events had been organised for the day.

Kier West and MDDC had committed funding for the ceremony. The Council agreed to provide additional support up to £200. Additionally, it was agreed that the Town Council would provide up to £50 for a programme/advertising leaflet.

225. Downeshead Lane

Problems with obstruction had been reported. The Clerk to make further enquiries with Highways and the Public Rights of Way team at County Hall. Agenda item when reply received.

226. Alcohol Free Zone Signage

The Clerk provided a brief report. The Licensing Officer had no objections to changing the wording of the signage and indicated that the proposed changes presented a more accurate reflection of the legal position. No funding was available from MDDC or the Community Safety Partnership for replacement signage. It was agreed to investigate the practicality and costs of producing adhesive labels to overlay existing signs. Agenda item when information available.

227. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. MDDC – formal notification of Licensing hearing – Pinar Takeaway.
2. Devon Primary Care Trust – acknowledgement from Chief Executive of TC letter on Crediton Hospital.
3. DCC – temporary prohibition of through traffic – Penstone – 25 April to 2 May.
4. Shelter – grant application. No support. Clerk to inform.
5. Chamber of Commerce – agenda and minutes for meeting – 27 March.
6. D&C Constabulary – letter and newsletter – Neighbourhood Policing Update.
7. MDDC – letter asking for support for British forces overseas (free parcels). Agenda item at next meeting.
8. Department of Constitutional Affairs – advice letter on memorial safety.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

228. Planning Enforcement Issues

Two issues were outstanding – signage at the Church Worker's Institute and High Street. The Clerk had informed the MDDC Enforcement Officer who was investigating.

229. SW Regional Assembly

The County ward member provided a brief report on the decision of the Regional Assembly not to provide funding for a link road under the local small schemes programme

230. Supermarket Planning Applications

It was hoped that the reports would be available for discussion at the next Town Council meeting. The Clerk would chase with MDDC and provide copies for councillors as soon as available. MDDC ward members were seeking a meeting with Planning Officers.

231. East Street Traffic Issues

Long outstanding problems were reported with drainage and vehicles overriding kerbs. The County ward member reported that he had spoken to the area engineer who was looking at a possible solution.

232. Exeter Road/Park Street

It was explained that the outbuilding of the pavement was part of the agreed highway improvements in that area.

PART TWO

233. Administration

Councillor Harris left the chamber for the Clerk's report on staff pay and pensions. The Clerk left the chamber for the Chairman's update on staff issues and Councillor E Brown's notice of motion. The meeting closed before the Clerk, as he had requested, was given an opportunity to address the Council.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed:

(R Edwards – Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 20 MARCH 2007

Planning Decisions – as notified by the Planning Authority:

The Town Council noted the following decisions as notified by the Planning Authority:

None received.

Planning Applications

The Town Council considered the following applications:

APPLICATION	Type - Application Number 07/00355/FULL (14/03/2007)	Applicant Page Concrete & Steele Ltd West End Marsh Lane Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES	Agent	Location Page Concrete & Steel Ltd Marsh Lane Lords Meadow Industrial Estate Crediton Devon EX17 1ES	Proposal Erection of small unit production building	Officer Mr Keith Garside
	APPROVED	on condition that working hours comply with existing site operating conditions.				
APPLICATION	Type - Application Number 07/00360/FULL (14/03/2007)	Applicant	Agent	Location 122 - 123 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3LQ	Proposal Change of use of ground floor from A1 retail to A2 estate agency	Officer Mr Jeremy Ebdon
	OBJECTION	contrary to Local Plan Policy CRE2. The primary shopping area should consist of 70% A1 or A3.				

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number 07/00483/LBC (14/03/2007)	Applicant Mr A Jenkins Priory Cottage Church Street CREDITON Devon EX17 2AQ	Agent Barry Honeysett Bathurst House Smythem Street Exeter EX1 1BN	Location Priory Cottage Church Street CREDITON Devon EX17 2AQ	Proposal Listed Building Consent for internal alterations	Officer Mr Jeremy Ebdon
	APPROVED	on condition that the least obtrusive option be adopted - with the advice of the Conservation Officer.				

APPLICATION	Type - Application					
	Number 07/00487/FULL (14/03/2007)	Applicant Mr & Mrs P Newberry 42 Spruce Park CREDITON Devon EX17 3HG	Agent	Location 42 Spruce Park CREDITON Devon EX17 3HG	Proposal Formation of hardstanding with associated access	Officer Mr Charles Bladon
	APPROVED					