

Crediton Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 17 June, 2008

Present: Councillors Mr F Letch (Chairman)

Miss J Harris Mr J Downes

Mrs L Brookes-Hocking

Mr W Brown Mrs A Hughes Mr R Adams

Mrs L Scarbrough

Mr N Way Mr R Wright

In Attendance: Clerk Mr M Ashley

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AGENDA ITEMS

30. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr N D Nation and Mr P Finnegan (personal commitments).

31. Declarations of Interest

Personal	Councillor Scarbrough	Minute 32 Landscore School
Prejudicial	Councillor Scarbrough	Minute 42 Landscore School
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 32 & 42 Landscore School
Personal	Councillor Wright	Minute 40(b) Planning Applications
Personal	Councillor Way	Minutes 32 & 42 Landscore School
Code of Conduct	Councillors Downes Way and Wright	As members 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.

32. Presentation by Landscore Primary School

Pupils of Landscore Primary School, accompanied by their Headteacher, gave a presentation on the school and some of the projects being undertaken. It was noted that the recent "Car Free Day" had been a great success and had made a big difference to the peace and safety of the roads in that area of town. The importance of the project to improve drainage of the playing filed area was also highlighted and it was pointed out that, once complete, this facility could then be offered as a town resource during vacation periods. The Council Chairman asked the children to think of ideas for uses for the Town Square.

33. Public Question Time

None.

34. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman gave an outline of his activities on behalf of the Council over the past month.

35. Town Council Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council Annual General Meeting held on 20 May 2008 were received and noted as a correct record.

Minute 28: Councillor Brown requested that his vote in support of a proposed amendment to the Minute be recorded. The amendment was not carried.

36. Town Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20 May 2008 were approved and signed as a correct record.

37. Matters Arising

Minute 21:

It was noted that the consultation date is the 7 July 2008.

Minute 22:

The County Council Member confirmed that the car parking survey checking had now been complete and the report is expected within the next month.

Minute 23:

Members stressed the importance of the issue being placed before the Executive of the District Council and emphasised that the conveniences should not be closed before any decision on a partnership operation of them is taken.

38. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 June 2008 were received and noted with the following correction:

Minute 15: Amend "...Smallbridge Farm..." to read "...Smallbrook Farm...".

b) The recommendations of the General Purposes Committee held on 3 June were approved.

39. Matters Arising

Minute 10:

It was noted that Cornwall has 16 areas similar to the proposed 28 Community Board areas of the proposed County Council Unitary bid.

40. 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.

Planning Applications and Items for Determination week ending Tuesday 17 June 2008

None.

41. Finance

Schedule of Accounts

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002820 to 002826 amounting to £8,466.27 was approved.

42. Landscore School Presentation

There were no specific requests arising from the presentation. Members asked the Clerk to express their thanks to the school for the presentation.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

43. Town Council Website

This item was deferred to part two due to the commercially sensitive information involved.

44. Speed Cameras

It was suggested that the A377 from Newton St Cyres through to Barnstable had become something of a racetrack and that the time had come to mount fixed speed camerason the road at the entrance to town. It was especially noted that it was dangerous for young families at the western end of town crossing the road near to Queen Elizabeth Drive. Although it was accepted that flashing speed warning signs are much cheaper than cameras, it was not felt that these were sufficiently effective in slowing traffic speeds. It was therefore agreed to request that one speed camera is installed at each end of town, where the Police consider best sited, within the 40 or 30 MPH speed zones. It was further agreed to request flashing speed warning signs at each end of the A377 within the town. Further discussion covered the unrestricted, National Speed Limit stretches of the A377 from the edge of Newton-St-Cyres through to Copplestone, on which it is believed the fatalities occur in road accidents. It was noted that serious accidents had noticeably fallen since the imposition of 40 MPH limit between Exeter and Newton-St-Cyres. It was agreed to request that a speed limit is imposed of 40 MPH on all currently unrestricted sections the A377 between the two villages of Newton-St-Cyres and Copplestone.

45. Newcombes Housing Association

It was suggested that in light of the recent refusal of planning permission of the proposal for developing the old telephone exchange site on Parliament Street, The Town Plan Working Group proposed making an informal approach to the Housing Association to investigate the site contributing towards the Town's amenities, such as car-parking. This was agreed. It was also noted by the Town Plan Working Group that Crediton Climate Action wish to address the Council on planning issues in the near future.

46. Correspondence Received

- 1. Crediton Twinning Association Letter: Thank you letter re. donation.
- 2. Crediton Volunteer Centre Letter: Thank you letter re. donation.
- 3. Unite Carers in Mid Devon Letter: Thank you letter re. donation.
- 4. DCC Letter: Update on Devon Unitary Status proposal.
- 5. Mid Devon Show Invitation; Chairman & Guest to Mid Devon Show; 26 July 2008.
- 6. EU Newsletter: Inforegio; May 2008; No. 168.
- 7. Home Start Mid Devon Letter: Thank you letter re. donation.
- 8. MDDC Consultation Report: Amenity Buildings on Gypsy & Traveller sites.
- 9. 1st Crediton Scouts Request; Use of the Town Seal on Centenary celebratory badges. *Future agenda item*
- 10. MDDC Consultation Response: Public Conveniences in Crediton.
- 11. Police liaison Meeting Notes: Meeting notes of 19 May 2008. <u>Forward to all Councillors</u>
- 12. MDDC Invitation: MDDC Annual Church Service.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

47. 2nd High Street Pedestrian Crossing

The County Council Member reported to Council that the projected 2nd pedestrian crossing in the High Street is becoming problematic. There are technical issues with the installation as well siting problems in addition to local objections. The crossing may well be abandoned.

48. Norrington House, Exeter Road.

Members were asked if they knew of any plans for the derelict property that had been Wood's Salvage Yard as it was something of an eyesore. It was noted that if there were any plans in the offing, District Council Planning Officers may be aware of them.

49. Roadside Vegetation

It was reported that the Buddleias in Union Terrace near to the Alms Houses are growing out of control and it was wondered whether it may be undermining the wall. The state of the grass cutting around Spruce Park and Butts Park was also raised. It was noted that the District Council will not collect up grass-cuttings. It was however stated that the District Council is replacing its grass-cutting machines with ones that have mulching attachments as the old ones need to be replaced.

PART TWO ITEMS

That in view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

Councillor Scarbrough left meeting

50. Town Council Website

An alternative, basic quotation was tabled which was significantly cheaper than the previous contractor's quote presented to Council. It was noted that this was only a skeleton quotation and it was stressed that a full, like for like quotation needed to be provided by the newly suggested contractor. Councillors Adams and Wright were asked to get the Contractor to provide this.

Meeting closed at 21:56 pm.	
Signed:	(F Letch, Chairman)
Date:	

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17/06/08

<u>Planning Decisions</u> – as notified by the Planning Authority:

Type - Application	Granted				
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00648/FULL (4/9/2008)	Mr D Hincks 7th Floor 12 Calthorpe Road Edgbaston Warwickshire B15 1QZ	Miss Alison Lamont 6 Bassett Court Newport Pagnell MK16 0JN	H S B C 138 High Street Crediton EX17 3DX	Construction of handrails & contrasting nosings to existing entrance to facilitate access for disabled	Miss Tina Maryan
Type - Application	Granted				
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00623/FULL (4/16/2008)	Mr P Stelling Far End Western Road Crediton EX17 3NF		Far End Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NF	Erection of two storey extension	Mr Delwyn Matthews
Type - Application	Granted				
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00658/FULL (4/16/2008)	Mrs L Bundey 6 Leave Acre New Buildings Crediton EX17 4PL		5 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AE	Change of use from retail shop to bakery and shop	Miss Tina Maryan

Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00732/CAT (4/23/2008)	EDBF Ltd The Old Deanery The Cloisters Exeter Devon EX1 1HS	Mr Mark Lewis EDBF Ltd Property Services Dept. The Deanery The Cloisters Exeter EX1 1HS	The Rectory Church St Crediton Devon EX17 2AQ	Notification of intention to fell 1 Tulip tree within the Conservation Area	Miss Tina Maryan

Planning Applications

Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00981/FULL (6/4/2008)	Mr & Mrs D Clarke C/o Mr Keith Mortimer Upper Park 2 Searle Street Crediton EX17 2AT		1 George Hill Crediton EX17 2DT	Erection of single storey extension	Miss Tina Maryan
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08/00892./FULL	Ms F Dale	Mr S Orrell	19 - 21 High	Conversion of stable	Mr Delwyn
(6/1/2008)	22 Fernworthy Park	Dartmoor View	Street	block into 1 dwelling	Matthews

CopplestoneQueen StreetCreditonCreditonWinkleighDevonEX17 5LXEX19 8JBEX17 3AH

No Objections – Provided that the Planning Authority is satisfied that there will be no undue, adverse impact on the amenities of surrounding properties.

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Type - Application					
Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/00894/LBC (6/1/2008)	Ms F Dale 22 Fernworthy Park Copplestone	Mr S Orrell Dartmoor View Queen Street	19 - 21 High Street Crediton	Listed Building Consent for conversion of stable block into 1 dwelling	Mr Delwyn Matthews
	Crediton FX17.5I X	Winkleigh FX19 8.IB	Devon FX17.3AH		

No Objections – Provided that the Planning Authority is satisfied that there will be no undue, adverse impact on the amenities of surrounding properties.

	Type - Application					
	Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
APPLICATION	08/00940/LBC (6/1/2008)	Miss C Fox 2 Bellmont Sandford Crediton EX17 4NH		Arabesque Soft Furnishings 49 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3JX	Listed Building Consent for erection of external awning	Mr Delwyn Matthews

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Number	Applicant	Agent	Location	Proposal	Officer
08/01003/FULL (6/1/2008)	Mr N. Johnson Belair Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NB	Randell Burton Architects Ltd The Studio 7 William Street Tiverton EX16 6BJ	Belair Western Road Crediton Devon EX17 3NB	Erection of extension following removal of lean-to	Miss Tina Maryan

Provided that the Planning Authority is satisfied that there will be no undue, adverse impact on the historic town centre and buildings of Crediton.