



Credition Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 24 March 2009

Present:	Councillors	Mr F Letch (Chairman) Mr W Brown (part meeting) Miss J Harris Mrs A Hughes Mr N Way (part meeting) Mrs L Brookes-Hocking Mr P Finnegan (part meeting) Mr D Nation (part meeting) Mr R Wright (part meeting)
Absent:		Mr R Adams
In Attendance:	Clerk D & S Fire Service Press	Mr M Maggs Mr A Coxon 2

AGENDA ITEMS

245. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Downes (illhealth) and Scarbrough (personal). Councillor Way would be delayed due to attendance at another meeting.

246. Declarations of Interest

Prejudicial	Councillor Nation	Minute 266
Code of Conduct	Way, Nation 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.

247. Presentation by Devon & Somerset Fire Service

Mr Alan Coxon representing the Devon & Somerset Fire Service gave a presentation and answered questions on the Countryside Project and the new young driver initiative.

248. Public Question Time

None.

Councillor Brown arrived.

249. Chairman's & Clerk's Announcements

The Clerk had no announcements to make.

The Chairman reported that the Mayor's Surgeries were continuing to prove useful.

The Chairman had received an invitation to tour the new premises of a local specialist patisserie. He had also been invited to attend the presentations of this year's Duke of Edinburgh awards in Exeter.

250. Town Council Minutes

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17 February 2009 were received and approved as a correct record.

Councillors Finnegan and Wright arrived.

251. Matters Arising

Minute 228: MDDC should be asked for a descriptive key to the cleaning schedule; the Clerk to request.

Minute 229b: Councillor Way had indicated that he was pursuing this matter and would attempt to resolve any issues raised by the Council.

Councillor Nation arrived.

Minute 240: the issue had been raised with the local Police Beat Manager and taken up with the Chief Assistant Highways Engineer.

252. General Purposes Committee Minutes

a) *Minutes*

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17 February 2009 were received and noted.

b) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Committee were approved as minuted.

253. Matters Arising

Minute 130b: it was suggested that the timing of manual control be extended (from 1600 instead of 1630) with the placement of queue warning signs in both directions. The Clerk to action.

Minute 131d: it was reported that there had been a great deal of interest expressed by residents of Upton Hellions. The date of the meeting would be confirmed shortly.

Minute 137: the County ward member reported (through another councillor) that the pedestrian count did not justify an additional crossing. However, he would make a full report to Council when the full facts are known.

254. Floral Crediton Working Group Notes

a) *Meeting Notes*

Noted.

b) *Recommendations*

The recommendations of the Working Group were approved as noted.

255. Planning

a) *Planning Decisions*

Noted. Decisions notified by the planning authority are appended.

b) *Planning Applications*

None.

c) *Planning Applications/Items for Determination week ending 24 March 2009*

None.

256. Finance

Schedule of Accounts

The schedule of accounts, numbers 002920 to 002933 amounting to £5822.53 was approved.

257. Councillor Reports

Crediton Hospital Campaign Group (Councillor Nation)

It was reported that the group would meet on 25 March in the Council Chamber at 7.00pm.

Crediton Climate Action (Councillor Nation)

A successful and interesting event was held at the Boniface Centre recently on "Food & Farming" which provided information on community supported agriculture (allotments, community gardens etc.).

MDDC Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Nation)

The MDDC Committee would be consulting town and parish councils on the relationship between local and district councils.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS

258. CCTV

a) *Minutes*

Noted.

b) *Update*

Deferred to Part Two discussion at the end of the meeting.

259. Town Council Meeting Dates and Annual Town Meeting

a) *Meeting dates*

Approved with some minor adjustments. The Clerk to circulate the revised list.

It was agreed that the responsibilities and names of the various working groups would be discussed and confirmed at the Council's Annual General Meeting in May.

b) *Annual Town Meeting*

It was reported that the Annual Town Meeting would be held in the Boniface Centre due to difficulties in using the alternative venue suggested by councillors at the last meeting. Details on the arrangements for the public exhibition were given and all councillors were encouraged to take part.

Display boards could be obtained from the Crediton History Society; Councillor Nation to make arrangements.

260. Power of Wellbeing

The Clerk and Councillor Hughes reported that they had attended a recent training event on this topic. Both recommended that the Council should give serious consideration to adopting this important new power.

It was agreed that councillors would read and consider the papers circulated by the Clerk. Future agenda item.

261. Parliament Street Site

No further progress was reported but consultation with Age Concern was continuing.

262. Peoples Park & Scout Memorial Gardens

Awaiting developments and information from consultant.

263. Town Guide

It was reported that a successful launch at the last produce market resulted in over 200 copies being distributed.

Councillor Scarbrough agreed to distribute copies to various locations if given some help. Councillor Brookes-Hocking agreed to draw up a list of locations and circulate to councillors for their assistance.

Agenda item at next meeting to consider a policy on Town Guide inserts (currently only the Festival leaflet).

Councillor Way arrived.

264. Public Recognition Awards 2009

Deferred to Part Two discussion at the end of the meeting.

265. Correspondence Received

1. Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (latest Minutes).

2. Sustainable Communities Act Public Meeting agenda.

3. DIS Extra – NALC latest updates.

4. Lessening the Impact Report – councillors expressed resentment over MDDC's comments that other organisations should be more generous with grants whilst themselves reducing the level of support provided by the district council.

5. Jockey Hill/Blagdon – highways information.

6. Senior Council for Devon Issue 2 – newsletter.

7. Footpath - Willow Walk – letter complementing recent standard of work.

8. Parish Precepts 2009/2010 Payments

9. Town Millennium Clock – details on maintenance.

10. Crediton Road Improvements – Tesco press release.

11. Tarka Rail Association update and change of name.

12. Freesat – details on availability.

13. DCC – Foothpath 28, Crediton –Temporary Prohibition of Pedestrians
14. NHS Foundation Trust Membership – details on appointment of members.

BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

266. Land Registration

Councillor Nation declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion on this item.

The current position on the registration of Council property was discussed. The Clerk provided a brief report.

267. Bench at Western Road

A future agenda item was requested on the public seat at Western Road.

268. Four Mills Lane and Exeter Road

A councillor reported that she had held an informal meeting with residents of Four Mills Lane and Exeter Road. Residents expressed their concern over the volume and speed of traffic using Four Mills Lane. The condition of Norrington House and the adjacent footpath/planters also raised concerns. MDDC ward members agreed to pursue these issues with officers.

A future agenda item.

269. Farmers Market

The next Produce Market would be held on 4 April and the Council would, again, have a stall providing copies of the Town Guide, Town Trail leaflet, the Town Council's Newsletter and other information.

Councillors Brookes-Hocking, Nation, Letch and Hughes agreed to attend.

PART TWO

In view of the sensitive and confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was agreed, in the public interest, that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw.

270. CCTV (deferred from agenda item 14b – minute 258b)

b) Update

The Chairman (CCTV representative) and the Clerk provided an update. No further progress had been made with any outstanding issues and would not be made until a meeting could be held with the CAMM Chairman on his return (7-8 April).

It was agreed that the matter would be the responsibility of the full Council and not delegated to the General Purposes Committee.

271. Public Recognition Awards 2009

Three names were put forward and all were approved to receive an award.

Meeting closed at approximately 8.45 pm.

Signed:

(F Letch, Chairman)

Date:

PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 24 MARCH 2009

Planning Decisions

As notified by the Planning Authority. Please note that the following applications have been decided and a copy of the decision notices are available for your perusal by following the links below.

09/00081/FULL

Land at NGR 284419 99506 (South Of Exeter Road) Crediton Devon

Description: Formation of temporary access (Revised scheme)

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KDLVLXKS7D000

09/00087/FULL

Ernest Jackson Ltd 29 High Street Crediton Devon EX17 3AP

Description: Levelling of site and formation of concrete plinth for water purification plant, location of additional tanks on existing plinth and increase in height of retaining wall

Decision: Grant permission

http://planning.middevon.gov.uk/publicaccess/tdc/DcApplication/application_detailview.aspx?caseno=KDPTA4KS7D000

Planning Applications

None received for week ending 18 March 2009.