# Hemyock Parish Council Monthly Meeting held at Parish Hall at 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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A Rus	Present Ritchie (Vice Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr S Clist, Miss P Lawrence, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mr sell, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and members of the public.  Ogies Mr P Doble (Chair) and Mr T Barton (accepted and approved) and County Councillor R ord.	
The m	neeting was chaired by Mr S Ritchie (Vice Chair)	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> Agenda item 5 – Planning – Mr Clist is a member of the planning committee of Mid Devon District Council and therefore chooses not to participate in any planning application consultation.	
•	Agenda item 5.1 – Miss Lawrence has a personal interest as she is a friend of the applicants.	
•	Agenda item 11 - Mr Ritchie & Mr Russell each has a personal interest as they are members of Longmead Management Committee.	
•	Agenda item 15 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate that uses the commons.  Agenda item 17 - Mr Calcraft has a personal interest as he is a member of The Garages	
•	Committee.  Agenda item 19 - Mr Moon has a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre.	
3. 3.1 3.2	Public Participation A parishioner reported that his daughter had injured herself falling on the uneven pavement leading to the school. The clerk confirmed she had reported this, along with another similar incident, to Highways and she will ask Councillor Radford to chase this.  The chairman of Hemyock Tennis Club read out a statement with regard to the proposed siting of a skatepark adjacent to the tennis courts. Whilst the club is in favour of a skatepark, they do not support it being sited adjacent to the courts due to noise. The club emphasised that it supported the youth of the village through subsidisation of youth fees by senior members.	Clerk
The for Longr 11.3	Skatepark. The parish council had contacted households near to the proposed site and the tennis club and had asked for comments with regard to the proposed siting of the skatepark. The clerk circulated all of the comments received. A representative from the Skatepark team explained the rationale for siting the skatepark in a central location, close to other activities, and in a highly visible place. Representatives from the tennis club explained their views about siting the park so close to the courts. It was recognised that there are many different skatepark surfaces and that noise levels can vary.  PROPOSAL: the pc should visit a skatepark with the quietest possible surface and hear for itself the noise levels. The tennis club and skatepark team to be invited.  PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence SECONDED: Mr Povah	Clerk
	DECISION: passed (all in favour).  Management  Purple Peril/Basketball Hoop, Parish Hall. The chairman of the Parish Hall committee asked that the pc writes to him outlining its reasons for wanting to transfer the assets to the hall committee.	Clerk

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting

PROPOSAL: The council minutes of the 8th July are approved.

**PROPOSED**: Miss Lawrence **SECONDED**: Mr Moon

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

## 5. Planning

The following applications were considered:-

5.1 21/01140/FULL. Erection of replacement timber storage shed. Pring & Son Funeral Directors Culmstock Road Hemyock

PROPOSAL: the parish council is content with the application.

PROPOSED: Mr Calcraft SECONDED: Mr Russell

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

5.2 21/01233/FULL. Change of use of barn to ancillary storage/office use and annexe/holiday

let. Land and Buildings at NGR 315174 115780 (Foxholes Farm) Clayhidon **PROPOSAL**: the parish council is content with the application.

PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Russell

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

To note permission granted for:-

- 5.3 21/00814/HOUSE. 31 Prowses, Hemyock. Erection of single-storey rear extension and front extension to garage and porch.
- 5.4 18/00423/MFUL. Former St Ivel Station, Hemyock. Erection of 11 dwellings.
- 5.5 21/00365/FULL. Downmead, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. Erection of a holiday let.
- 5.6 21/00811/FULL. Upper Whitemoor, Hemyock. Change of use of studio to 1 dwelling.

#### 6. <u>Matters Arising</u>

6.1 Assets of Community Value -

**PROPOSAL**: the chair and clerk to visit the pub and post office to explain the pc's intention to nominate both as community assets.

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SECONDED: Mr Clist

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

Tree – Lickham – Mr Moon confirmed that a parishioner has obtained quotes ranging from £1,800-£2,200 to deal with a fallen tree. After consultation with another contractor and Devon Wildlife Trust, Mr Moon suggested the pc might clear the tree, take up the rotten boardwalk, clear the ditches and insert drainage pipe across the gateway for £2,500.00. This to be split £1,500 pc and £1000 parishioner. With the parishioner to keep the wood but the pc to retain the oak stump

**PROPOSAL**: The pc instructs the contractor as per Mr Moon's recommendation and split the cost with parishioner.

PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Clist

**DECISION:** passed (all in favour).

# 7. County Council Report

Councillor Radford circulated the following report before the meeting:-

DCC is having face to face meetings where decisions have to be made, but still having to respect COVID and social distancing etc. We are advised to attend virtually where we do not require to make decisions.

DCC has shown a modest underspend of £35k on a business with a turnover of approaching £1.5bn. We have put money into reserves and carry forward funds for projects and services impacted by the pandemic.

We want to see more people entering and remaining in the caring workforce. There is some great work taking place across Devon to identify and support unpaid carers that is positively impacting their lives. We want to champion this and the many unpaid carers doing so much. It's vital we provide the support and breaks they need to continue to care for their loved ones.

PD/ Clerk In March, the government announced a new National Bus Strategy - Bus back better - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). Alongside the delivery of this strategy, Devon County Council have committed to working with our local bus operators to form an Enhanced Partnership by April 2022, We have met recently with Stagecoach about this and to understand their vison for the future.

Leader of Devon County Council, Councillor John Hart, has been re-elected as the voice of the South West. He was voted in unopposed as the chairman of South West Councils for a fifth two-year term.

The organisation represents 33 county, unitary and district councils stretching from Cornwall to Gloucestershire and Wiltshire as well as police, fire and rescue services, national parks and town and parish councils.

Councillor John Hart said: "We need to present a united front to the government to ensure we do not remain the poor relation when it comes to funding and that we get a fair share of cash for levelling-up.

"We have worked hard to support the region and been particularly active in lobbying to improve the resilience of our road and rail network.

"We need to improve the supply of affordable housing for our young families who are often priced out of buying a home where they grew up. And we have to move swiftly to ensure that the professionals we are seeking to attract here like nurses, teachers and social workers can find suitable accommodation.

"The South West has long been the poor relation when it comes to funding.

"I will continue to work with councils of all political colours across the region to be a voice for the South West in Westminster and Whitehall and to campaign for a fair deal for local people."

We are expecting further details from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick, on the Levelling Up and pilot Community Renewal funds in the coming weeks. The LEP was pleased to support CRF bids for Devon, Torbay, Somerset and Plymouth as well a number of bids to the Levelling Up fund.

# 8. <u>District Councillor Report</u>

Councillor Clist reported:-

He has attended four meetings about the new Local Plan. He believes that MDDC will come under pressure to build more new homes each year. The cabinet has met to consider the new Public Open Space Protection Orders and, once agreed, MDDC has promised it will add the pc's requested sites.

#### 9. Finance

9.1 Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation.

## **INCOME**

No	Amount	From
1	50.00	Stooks Memorials
2	2,266.67	Clayhidon Parish Council, defibrillators

#### **EXPENDITURE**

No	Amount	Payee	Reason
1.	11.57	South West Water	Cemetery, water bill
2.	218.53	South West Water	Toilets, water bill
3.	120.00	K Amor	Toilet cleaning
4.	351.00	I Pike	Village maintenance
5.	1,184.94	D Evans	Wages and expenses

6.	84.46	HMRC	PAYE
7.	43.86	Npower	Electricity, toilets
8.	126.00	T Brooke	Longmead, maintenance
9.	279.20	Viking	Stationery
10	94.93	Spot On	Toilet consumables
11	1,000.00	Longmead Management Group	MUGA hire

#### BANK RECONCILIATION

Account	Amount
HSBC Community a/c	477.72
HSBC Deposit	94,342.73
Unity Trust Bank current	64.00
Unity Trust Bank deposit	89,694.33
Unity Trust Bank GF	710.97
Unity Trust Bank P3	893.21
Skipton 1-year Bond	86,906.18
United Trust Bank	78,708.72
Total	351,797.86

**PROPOSAL**: that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed.

PROPOSED: Mr Russell SECONDED: Mr Moon

**DECISION**: passed (all in favour).

- 9.2 Recommendations from the Finance Committee
  - 9.2.1 To amend the budget to include expenditure from reserves for the Trim Trail of £45,000 and Bridge at Longmead of £17,500
  - 9.2.2 To make a payment to Longmead Management Group for £1,000 for use of MUGA during summer holidays.
  - 9.2.3 To appoint an additional member to the committee.
  - 9.2.4 To reinvest the United Trust Fixed Interest Bond monies of £79,614 into another 1-year bond at maturity in August.

**PROPOSAL**: that the above recommendations are accepted and Alex Russell will ioin the finance committee.

**PROPOSED**: Miss Lawrence **SECONDED**: Mr Moon

**DECISION**: passed (all in favour).

## 10. Clerk Report

- 10.1 Station Road Pavement the pc is waiting for Land Registry to register the changes to the maps before being able to proceed with preparing the paperwork for signature.
- 10.2 The Maintenance Person contract is due for re-tender. Clerk to liaise with Mr Povah.

10.3 Public Open Space Protection Order - As reported by Councillor Clist, MDDC will submit an amendment to the PSPO to include the areas requested by the pc.

10.4 Overage clause – This item will be covered at the end of the meeting under part 2, where the public will be excluded due to the commercially sensitive nature of the item being discussed.

### 11. Longmead

- 11.1 SWW A claim has been made to South West Water with regard to the reinstatement of the damaged areas at Longmead.
- 11.2 Trim Trail Mr Ritchie is liaising with the contractor with regard to the new concrete surface of the trim trail. The contractor will send an invoice for the work completed so far.
- 11.3 Skatepark see earlier in the minutes.

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11.4 11.5 11.6	Bridge – Mr Povah confirmed that the bridge manufacturer will need at least a month to complete the bridge. In the meantime the abutment and foundations will need to be completed. Mr Povah will press the contractor for a completion date.  MUGA – Mr Russell reported that the area was being used and parents had thanked him for opening it up to the general public.  Trade Waste – as a result of the extra bins the pc has installed at Longmead, more rubbish is being collected. This in turn means we require a larger trade waste bin. This will increase the cost to Longmead Management Group by £2.95 per week.  PROPOSAL: that the pc pays for the increase in trade waste costs to Longmead, £155 per annum. Clerk to liaise with chair of Longmead Management Group.  PROPOSED: Miss Lawrence  SECONDED: Mr Calcraft  DECISION: passed (all in favour).	Clerk
12. H	<u>ighways</u>	
Miss I have	Lawrence asked that Highways review its policies as 4 relatively minor lanes/dead end roads been resurfaced in the village, yet no work has taken place to repair Station Road, Fore Street igh Street. Clerk to write to Councillor Radford and cabinet member for Highways.	Clerk
	<u>Cemetery</u> rton will prepare a report detailing work required at the cemetery, including the extension, rear s from the community land, etc.	ТВ
	Footpaths footpaths are overgrown and impassable. Mr Povah will speak to contractor. Clerk will pass of the lengthsman for Clayhidon.	LP
<b>15.</b> The c	Commons Management Group  ommittee await a report from the AONB with regard to its recent site visit.	
<b>16.</b> 16.1 16.2	<u>Village Maintenance</u> The following were reported as requiring action:- weeds in car park. The hedge is overgrown on the path alongside the rec field. Clerk to ask the hall committee to prompt the homeowner.	
	Garages Youth Project outh club plans to re-open October/November. The pc will elect a new representative once a councillor has been elected.	
18.	Blackdown Hills Parish Network Nothing to report.	
<b>19.</b> 19.1	Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre Crash Barrier – Mr Ritchie will provide Mr Povah with his proposed design for comment. They will report back to council.	
20.	Asset Management Nothing to report.	
<b>21.</b> 21.1	<u>Community Land</u> This item will be covered at the end of the meeting under part 2, where the public will be excluded due to the commercially sensitive nature of the item being discussed.	
<b>22.</b> 22.1	<u>Correspondence</u> Buildings at Risk – Miss Lawrence will consider the request from MDDC.	PL
23.	Items raised by chairman Nothing to report.	
<b>24.</b> 24.1	Items raised by councillors  Cavanna Homes - the entrance to the development is not wide enough and large HGVs are damaging the road and hedgerows opposite. The clerk has already reported the damage to Highways.	
24.1	Car Park – several cars seem to be parked in the car park on a permanent basis. With other developments (e.g. Old School Court) not providing enough parking spaces, this situation will only worsen.	
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25.1	It was reported that at the Cavanna site, following recent rainfall, water ran straight onto the road. Councillors reassured a parishioner that once the development is completed, the attenuation pond should alleviate any drainage problems.	
26.	PR Nothing to report.	
27.	<u>Date of next Meeting</u> Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.30pm, Parish Hall, Hemyock	
Mr Ri	tchie was thanked for chairing the meeting.	
28.	<b>Exclusion of public &amp; press –</b> Chair moved that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential /sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.	
10.4	Overage Following planning permission being granted on the site of the old BMX track, an overage clause has come into effect and the developer has put proposed a valuation.  PROPOSAL: the clerk to obtains quotations from 2 professional valuers.  PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour).  Mr Povah was thanked for insisting an overage clause was added to the original sale of the land.	
21.1	Community Land It was agreed that this would be carried forward until next month's meeting when Mr Barton and Mr Doble will be present	

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