**Hemyock Parish Council**

**Monthly Meeting**

**held at Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 5th October 2022**

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| Subject | Action |
| 1. **Present**   Mr P Doble (Chair), Mr T Barton (Vice chair), Mrs P Dayus-Jones, Miss P Lawrence, Mr L Povah, Donna Evans (parish clerk) and members of the public. Parish & District Councillor Mr S Clist from item 4.  **Apologies** County Councillor Mr R Radford, Mrs C Matthews, Mr N Moon and Mr A Russell  Due to ill health, Mr R Calcraft has resigned from the parish council. |  |
| 1. **Declarations of Interest/Dispensations**  * Agenda item 3 – Mr Barton has a pecuniary interest as he owns property/land immediately in front of the parcel of land which may be developed. He participated in the open discussions but if or when any planning application is submitted he will not take part in any discussions when the pc is consulted. * Agenda item 6 – Planning – Mr Clist is a member of the planning committee of Mid Devon District Council and chooses not to participate in any planning application consultation. * Agenda item 6.3 – Mr Doble has a personal interest as he is related to the applicant. * Agenda item 7 - Mrs Dayus-Jones has a personal interest as she is a member of Longmead Management Committee. * Agenda item 11 - Mr Doble has a personal interest as he is a trustee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. * Agenda item 11 – Mrs Dayus-Jones has a personal interest as she is an employee of the Healthy Living & Activity Centre. * Agenda item 21 - Mrs Dayus-Jones has a personal interest as she is a member of The Garages Committee. |  |
| 1. **Waddeton Park**   Mr. Simon Steele-Perkins of Waddeton Park Ltd. introduced himself and gave a brief overview of a parcel of land (adjacent to the village cemetery) owned by the company. He has put forward the parcel of land to Mid Devon as a possible development site for the Local Plan and awaits their appraisal. In the meantime, he wishes to open dialogue with the parish to establish, should the site be developed, what sort of development is needed /wanted in the parish.  In summary, the comments made by members of the public were:- Hemyock has had enough development, the roads, schools, doctors cannot cope with any more homes. Affordable homes and not affordable for the young people of the parish. The public transport is poor.  Mid Devon District Councillor Bob Evans confirmed that MDDC has just completed its own housing needs appraisal and this shows there is no affordable housing need in Hemyock.  The pc was asked what money had been received by Hemyock from the 106 money paid to DCC for education. Clerk will ask County Councillor Radford. | Clerk |
| 1. **Public Participation**    1. The street light on pavement adjacent to St Margaret’s Brook and church is covered with greenery. Clerk to report to DCC.    2. A member of the public, also a member of the community speed watch team, asked if the vehicle-activated 20mph sign could be change to a smiley or angry face. The clerk explained that at the time of installation, DCC would not allow this, but she will check what DCC’s current policy is.    3. It was reported that the cricket club is looking for a donation from the parish council towards a new protective fencing/net. The pc awaits a formal request. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 1. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**   **PROPOSAL:** The council minutes of the 7th September are approved.  **PROPOSED:** Miss Lawrence  **SECONDED:** Mr Barton  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). |  |
| 1. **Planning**   The following applications were considered:-   * 1. 22/01682/CLU. Certificate of lawfulness for an existing rear extension. 4 Lower Greenfield, Hemyock.   **PROPOSAL:** The council is content with the application.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Barton  **SECONDED:** Miss Lawrence  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). Mr Povah and Mrs Dayus-Jones abstained.   * 1. 22/01601/FULL. Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling. Goodalls Farm, Hemyock.   **PROPOSAL:** The council is content with the application.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Barton  **SECONDED:** Miss Lawrence  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour).   * 1. 22/01754/FULL. Erection of agricultural general purpose storage building. Culmbridge Farm, Culmbridge Road, Hemyock.   **PROPOSAL:** The council is content with the application.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Barton  **SECONDED:** Mrs Dayus-Jones  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). Mr Doble abstained.  Permission granted noted for:-  6.4 22/01447/HOUSE. Erection of outbuilding to be used as home office and gym. Ploversfield, Culmstock Road, Hemyock. |  |
| 1. **Longmead**    1. Oil tank – MDDC has confirmed that planning permission is required. Mr Povah and clerk to submit an application.    2. Flood lights MUGA – nothing to report.    3. Flooding/drainage – Mr Russell joined the meeting via Teams and talked through the quotations he had obtained. Mr Povah volunteered to draw a plan of the whole site, mark all the drains on the plan and then ask each company to clearly identify what they would do with each drain to resolve the issues. The pc might then consider the proposals and obtain quotations on the same basis. Mr Povah will liaise directly with Mr Russell and report back. Miss Lawrence suggested an overview of all necessary works at Longmead might be in order, so that the pc can make informed decisions.    4. Skatepark – the pc noted the comments from Maverick with regard to the flood risk assessment and necessary measures. The pc does not fully understand the issues and requests a full explanation from Maverick. Miss Lawrence will prepare some questions for Maverick.    5. Benches – Mr Russell requested 3 benches are installed on the northern side of the pavilion for spectators to watch the football. See 14.2 below. | LP/Clerk  LP/AR  PL |
| 1. **Finance**   8.1 Income and expenditure  **INCOME**   | No | Amount | From | | --- | --- | --- | |  | 7,000.00 | SWW claim, Longmead | |  | 735.70 | Skate Jam | |  | 2,100.00 | LG Redwood, cemetery | |  | 250.00 | LG Redwood, cemetery | |  | 19.78 | HSBC, interest | |  | 130.00 | Fine Memorials |   **EXPENDITURE**   | **No** | Amount | Payee | Reason | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | *8.00* | *HSBC* | *Bank charge* | |  | *404.00* | *R Tomlinson* | *Reimbursement, expenses, skate jam* | |  | *1,220.00* | *Ashford’s* | *Legal advice, Station Road pavements* | |  | *500.00* | *Citizen’s Advice* | *Donation* | |  | *45.90* | *R Tomlinson* | *Reimbursement, expenses, skate jam* | |  | *400.00* | *South West Skate Ramps* | *Skate jam* | |  | *23.85* | *EDF* | *Toilets, electricity* | |  | *80.00* | *Hemyock Bowls Club* | *Donation* | |  | *149.20* | *Portal Plan* | *Planning application, BHLAC car park* | |  | *8.00* | *HSBC* | *Bank charge* | |  | 58.94 | CA Hearne | Longmead, electrics | |  | 3,050.89 | AJGIBL | Insurance | |  | 12.00 | Blackdown Healthy Living Centre | Room hire | |  | 12.96 | Spot On | Toilet, consumables | |  | 600.00 | Blackdown Healthy Living Centre | Community shed, donation | |  | 1,093.06 | D Evans | Wages and expenses | |  | 34.15 | HMRC | PAYE | |  | 127.50 | K Amor | Toilet cleaning | |  | 358.50 | I Pike | Village maintenance |   *1-10 already paid – to be ratified*  **BANK RECONCILIATION**   | Account | Amount | | --- | --- | | HSBC Community a/c | 405.72 | | HSBC Deposit | 94,400.11 | | Unity Trust Bank current | 100.00 | | Unity Trust Bank deposit | 61,484.40 | | Unity Trust Bank GF | 712.01 | | Unity Trust Bank P3 | 2,362.88 | | Skipton 1-year Bond | 87,210.35 | | United Trust Bank | 80,452.46 | | Total | 327,127.93 |   **PROPOSAL:** that the income is agreed and the above cheques/payments are paid/agreed.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Barton  **SECONDED:** Miss Lawrence  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). |  |
| 1. **Clerk Update**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Cemetery**   The clerk has appointed a mole catcher to deal with the latest mole invasion. |  |
| 1. **Blackdown Healthy Living & Activities Centre**    1. A planning application for the changes to the car park, fence and wall has been submitted to MDDC. Additional drawings and information have been requested. Clerk and Mr Povah will action.    2. Cavity Wall Insulation. Mrs Dayus-Jones has obtained quotations. One firm is no longer operating in this area, the other she has had personal experience of and is not impressed with their customer service and so recommends the third option. Mr Clist asked if any grants were available. He will make enquiries at MDDC.   **PROPOSAL:** the pc goes ahead with South Coast Insulation £2,932.50, subject to Mr Clist establishing if there are any grants available.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Clist  **SECONDED:** Mr Povah  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). | LP/Clerk  SC |
| 1. **Correspondence**    1. Donation request from Valley Arts.   **PROPOSAL:** the pc makes a donation of £600 to Valley Arts.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Clist  **SECONDED:** Mrs Dayus-Jones  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour).   * 1. Request for permission to temporarily drape poppies over pump.   **PROPOSAL:** the pc gives permission to drape poppies over The Pump.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Clist  **SECONDED:** Mr Dayus-Jones  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour).   * 1. Donation request from Lights Brigade.   **PROPOSAL:** the pc makes a donation of £600 to The Lights Brigade.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Clist  **SECONDED:** Mrs Dayus-Jones  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). |  |
| 1. **Community Land**    1. Legal issues (with regard to the transfer of the community land to the pc) - the clerk has chased Cavanna for a response but has not heard back. Mr Clist will follow up.    2. Surveyor’s report (with regard to the drainage of the community land) - the clerk has chased Cavanna for a response but has not heard back. Mr Clist will follow up.    3. Meeting – the clerk will arrange a meeting on Monday 14th November @ 7.30pm Healthy Living Centre to discuss the masterplan for the Community Land and to listen to the groups who have approached the council wanting to create community spaces on the land (allotments, pavilion and dog-walking area). | SC  SC  Clerk |
| 1. **Matters Arising**    1. Peter Holway Trust – to be carried forward.    2. Benches – the clerk will order 7 benches and 3 picnic tables to be installed at the turbary, BHLAC and Longmead.    3. Station Road pavements (legal paperwork) – nothing has been signed and received by pc’s solicitor. Clerk will make enquiries to establish where the hold-up is.    4. Toilet Cleaner – Mr Barton & Mr Doble will interview the candidates.    5. Street Lights – Enquiries have been made to DCC with regard to the possible turning off of street lights for longer periods to conserve energy. A full response is awaited from DCC. | Clerk  Clerk |
| 1. **County Council Report**   Councillor Radford sent the following report:-  Can`t let this go by without mentioning our late Queen.  What a wonderful person and a great Ambassador for our Country and the Commonwealth, perhaps the most famous lady in the World, may she rest in peace.    Just to let you know, DCC has joined up with MDDC to give free leisure and exercise facilities at the three Leisure Centres, Tiverton, Crediton and Cullompton for all registered Devon Volunteer Carers, until the end of December. I hope many will take it up and it can be continued into next year.    There has not been much activity at County this last August and of course, any meetings in September have been postponed because of the mourning period, but those meetings will take place in time, so it is going to be hectic, particularly the build up to preparing for next year`s budget, below which will be very challenging as you will see.    At month 4 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by £17 million, excluding the dedicated schools grant deficit. This is made up of an underlying overspend of £35.6 million that is being reduced by £18.6 million of Financial Sustainability Programme (FSP) proposed savings and income. There is also a risk that inflationary pressures could result in costs, in addition to this overspend, of more than £10 million this year. The pandemic and geopolitical situation has created huge financial pressures nationally and the County Council is not immune from that. Immediate action is being taken to safeguard the financial sustainability of the authority. Work is ongoing to identify services and projects in both revenue and capital that can be transformed, modernised, remodelled, funded differently, ceased, or postponed. At month 4 £18.6 million of in year savings and additional income has been identified and work is ongoing at pace to increase this figure and further reduce the forecast overspend.  Devon Housing Market - latest data   * Housing affordability in Devon increased to 10.35 times the average salary in 2021. Around 20% higher than the rest of UK. * Average house price is £300,000 in Devon. No area of Devon currently has an average house price that would allow a first-time buyer to access ‘help to buy’ provision of an ‘average’ dwelling. * 3,726 new dwellings added to 385,000 stock in 2021 including 600 ‘affordable homes’ (a net gain of 490 after accounting for a loss of 110 through Right to Buy). Against an increase in working population of around 4000. * At the current rate of net additions to affordable stock, even if we closed housing lists tomorrow, it would still take over 32 years to clear the backlog (reducing to 26.7 years if Right to Buy was scrapped – noted to show that while it (RTB) is a significant factor for a number of reasons, it’s not the whole story). * Housing waiting lists numbers increased to 16,058 households by the end of 2021, with 4,500 requiring urgent accommodation. The number of people classified as homeless across Devon increased by 600 last year. * Private rent stock levels across Devon fell by around 50% between 2019 and 2021. * The number of housing benefit claimants aged over 70 rose steadily through the year, to 7,000, a 4% increase on the previous year. Only 7 additional supported housing units were however completed in quarter 1 of 2022. * The number of individuals living in accommodation consider insanitary, overcrowded or otherwise unsuitable rose to 3,000 by the end of the 2021 across the area. 374 households were in temporary accommodation during Q4 of 21/22, including 70 with children. * Devon had 11,100 second homes registered during 2021, an increase of around 2% since 2019. In South Hams, second homes made up 8.3% of all housing stock in year. It should be noted however that these official figures may significantly underestimate the real number of homes being used for Airbnb and other purposes.     The Council is committed to becoming an organisation that is intolerant to prejudice and discrimination and helping Devon to be a place that is inclusive, compassionate, and caring, where everyone can feel safe. Progress has been made in response to the findings of the Race Equality Audit report, with actions taken to support colleagues and develop a more inclusive culture. Work will continue to address racism in the workplace and our communities and to improve the protection of staff. |  |
| 1. **District Council Report**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Highways**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Footpaths**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Commons Management Group**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Village Maintenance**     1. Mr Povah explained it would be necessary to purchase a special cutting disk for the maintenance person to replace some rotten boards on the raised floodbridge.   **PROPOSAL:** the pc purchases the cutting disk.  **PROPOSED:** Mr Povah  **SECONDED:** Mr Doble  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour).   * 1. Mr Pike was asked to liaise with Trish Slater about grass mowing that she requires at Longmead Environmental Area.   2. Mr Pike was asked to tidy the wild flower areas, that have now seeded. Clerk will inform MDDC of this and remind them not to cut the areas in the growing season. | Clerk |
| 1. **The Garages**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Blackdown Hills Parish Network**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Asset Management**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Items raised by chairman**    1. Following councillor Roy Calcraft’s resignation (due to ill health), he was thanked for his contribution to the community and given a round of applause.    2. Mr Doble was guest of honour at the opening of Cavanna’s new show home at Oak Mount. He has been asked for a quote. The pc would like the emphasis to be on the community land and affordable homes. |  |
| 1. **Items raised by councillors**    1. Miss Lawrence and Mrs Dayus-Jones attended a meeting with a view to creating a warm room in the parish, more news to follow.    2. Mr Povah was asked to liaise with Mr Bawler for this year’s poppy wreath. The pc to make donation of £50.   **PROPOSAL:** the pc makes a donation of £50 to the British Legion poppy appeal.  **PROPOSED:** Miss Lawrence  **SECONDED:** Mr Doble  **DECISION:** passed (all in favour). |  |
| 1. **Public Participation**   Nothing to report. |  |
| 1. **Date of next Meeting**   Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 7.30pm, Healthy Living & Activities Centre, Riverside, Hemyock. |  |

Signed…………………………………………………… …………..Dated………………………………………