

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF HALBERTON PARISH  
COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2006 AT 7.00PM AT HALBERTON  
VILLAGE HALL

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**1. Present**

K Browse, A Cooper, P Gibbs, B Lane-Smith, R Radford, Mesdames Fisher and Jepps, CCllr Des Hannon, Cllr Derek Thomas Vice-Chairman of MDDC and two Members of the Public

**2. Apologies**

Cllrs Mesdames Armstrong and Hull

**3. Public Forum**

No items were raised.

**4. Election of Chair and Vice –Chair**

Cllr Browse was proposed as Chair and the proposal was seconded. All present voted in favour and the proposal was carried. Cllr Lane-Smith was proposed as Vice-Chairman and the proposal was seconded. All present voted in favour and the proposal was carried. The Clerk advised that it was no longer necessary for the Chairman to sign a declaration of acceptance of office

**5. Appointment of Committees and other Appointments and Amendment of Standing Orders**

It was resolved to amend the Standing Orders to provide for the following Cttes of which all Parish Cllrs would become members

- i. Planning Ctte
- ii. Policy and Finance Ctte
- iii. Amenities (to include the Cemetery)
- iv. Communications, Footpaths and Environment

**6. Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of:-

- i. The Planning Ctte Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006
- ii. The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006

were all approved without amendment.

**7. Matters Arising**

1. Cllr Gibbs had obtained a copy of the Constitution of the Mid Devon Association of Local Councils. He would examine the Constitution to ensure that meetings of the Association were being conducted in the correct manner. The Clerk asked if Cllr Gibbs had been successful in obtaining its most recent set of accounts but so far he had been unsuccessful. He would pursue this further.
2. The vacancy of Councillor on the Parish Council had now been advertised around the village. The PC would be able to co-opt a member onto the PC after 17<sup>th</sup> May if the Proper Officer of MDDC had not been requested for an election to take place before that date.
3. The Clerk had written to the Headmaster of Halberton School in response to the request of the school regarding the siting of a sculpture and sponsorship. She had also addressed other points raised by the school. She was waiting a reply from the school with the further information she had requested.

4. CClr Des Hannon had advised that the application form for Devon County Ctte Funding was in the process of being prepared by officers. As soon as he was in receipt of the same he would pass it to the PC for completion.
5. Hastoe Housing had advised that the vacant house at Pethertons had been let to a couple from Hemyock.
6. A full explanation had been received from Paul Edwards, the Chief Executive of MDDC as to why 'Villages in Action' had had its funding cut. It appeared that there was to be a gradual erosion of the grants budget at MDDC, as it had had to identify savings to protect essential services. Further, MDDC had decided to de-prioritise the arts at a strategic level. However although the budget to VIA had been reduced, MDDC had agreed to link the grant to a three year Service Level Agreement for the years 2006/07 to 2008/09 which would give VIA a degree of certainty about its funding over the next few years.
7. A site meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May to be attended by the Chairman and CClr Hannon regarding Stagecoach's attempt to stop buses going to Pethertons due to 'health and safety issues'
8. Colin Carey at MDDC had still not contacted the Vice-Chairman, despite the Clerk requesting him to do so, in response to the PC's a request for another litter bin for the Rec'. The Vice-Chairman indicated that he would try and contact Mr Carey himself.
9. The Clerk was still waiting to hear whether an Officer from MDDC would be attending a future meeting of the PC to talk about the organic waste collection scheme.

### **8. Chairman's Announcements**

There were none.

### **9. Police Matters**

Brian Wooding, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, reported that there had been a number of complaints about the lack of policing in Halberton but he would speak about the matter in more depth at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **10 Mid Devon District Council Matters**

1. Cllr David Pugsley had been elected as Chairman of MDDC for 2006/07, Cllr Eddie Dennis had been elected as Leader of MDDC and Cllr D Thomas had been appointed as Vice-Chairman. The Chairman was intending to visit each Town and Parish Council meeting during his term of office.
2. A Guidance note had been issued by MDDC following a recent investigation into an allegation that a Member of MDDC had broken the Code of Conduct. The Standards Ctte requested that further guidance be issued to Cllrs regarding the interpretation of "friend"

### **11.Devon County Council Matters**

A confirmatory letter had been received advising that the PC had been awarded a footpath grant of £300 for 2006/07.

### **12. Planning Applications**

The following applications were considered:

<b><u>Ref No:</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Details of Work</u></b>
06/00858/FULL	Mr & Mrs P Wragg	Manderley, 10B Lower Town Halberton	Construction of dormer windows

**PC'S Decision - No objection (It was noted that the work had been carried out before permission had been granted)**

06/00882/FULL	K W Broad	Middle Curham, Ash Thomas	Conversion of 2
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barns into 2 dwellings  
**PC'S Decision - No objection. Cllr Mrs Fisher declared Code of Conduct**  
 06/00855/FULL Mr G Maunder Doctors Farm, Willand Erection of replacement dwelling

**PC'S Decision – Clerk to seek an extension of time from MDDC to consider the application in more depth**

06/00899/FULL Mr & Mrs Martin Netherexe Farm Cottage, Willand Conversion of outbuildings to provide living acc

**PC'S Decision - No objection**

06/00938/FULL Mr I Buckingham 9 Britton Close, Halberton Erection of 2-storey ext

**PC'S Decision - No objection**

06/00971/OUT Messrs Steele & Radworthy land between 38, 40, 46 & 48 (Canworthy Cottage) High St Halberton Outline for erection of 2 dwellings & improved access

06/00973/CAC Messrs Steele & Radworthy land between 38, 40, 46 & 48 (Canworthy Cottage) High St Halberton Conservation Area Consent for demolition of wall and reconstruction of

**PC'S Decision – Clerk to seek an extension of time from MDDC in respect of both applications**

### **13. Planning Decisions received from MDDC**

<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Name/Location</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>No.of Conds</b>
*06/00185/FULL	Midas Homes Ltd, Townsend House, Willand Rd	Granted	13
06/00298/FULL	Mr & Mrs Woodman, The Old Barn, Mt Stephens	Granted	5
06/00445/CAT	Mrs S Lane-Smith, Springfield Lodge, Halberton	Granted	
06/00482/FULL	M & T Howlett, 6 Orpington Ct, Halberton	Granted	2
06/00612/CAT	Mr Nelson, Deanes Well, 6 Lower Town	Granted	

\*Concern was expressed that there was no mention in the Planning Permission of the £25,000 allocated for play provision in the Parish, as previously agreed. The Clerk to urgently look into this matter on behalf of the PC.

### **14. Club 17 – Request for Funding**

The Vice-Chairman declared an interest and left whilst this item was being discussed. It was resolved to provide the Club with a donation of £50 to assist with the running of the Club, with the proviso that at the precept meeting (to be held in November) , that a report be submitted by the Club at that time, as to its financial position.

### **15. Emergency Plan**

It was resolved to hold a Communications, Footpaths and Environment Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 in the Village Hall in order to discuss the Emergency Plan, amongst other matters. It was requested that if any Member was unable to attend that they must let the Clerk know,

### **16. Meetings Attended**

There were no meetings attended

### **17. Committee Reports**

i. Amenities

Cllr Mrs Hull would investigate funding for play equipment

ii. Footpaths

It was resolved to accept Mr Page's quotation for carrying out work on the footpaths in the Parish, in the sum of £350. It was noted that Mr Page had made an excellent job of the footpaths last year and that no complaints had been received from members of the public as to the condition of any path

### **18. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk advised that currently her e-mail was not working. She apologised if anyone had tried to contact her using this method, without success. It was hoped she would be re-connected within the next week or so

### **19. Accounts**

RECEIPTS FOR PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006:

Bank Interest	21.87
Precept	9970.00
TOTAL	£9991.87

PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE PERIOD: 1<sup>ST</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006 £1518.32

#### **PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED**

Cheque No	Amount	VAT	Total	Details
SO	22.83		22.83	MDDC – Council Tax Rates Burial Ground
101010	243.88		243.88	Mrs C McIntyre – (April/May less tax deductions)
101011	918.17		918.17	Allianz Cornhill – Insurance Premium
101012	323.00	56.53	379.53	Gardencare – grasscutting
101013	48.64		48.64	Mrs C J McIntyre – repayment of postage stamps (£21.65), ink cartridge (£21.99) paper (£5)
101014	40.00		40.00	Mrs H Jepps – Cost of providing buffet at Annual Parish Meeting

The above invoices were approved for payment

Balance of bank accounts carried forward	12,267.44
Plus receipts for period 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	9991.87
	TOTAL £22259.31
Minus payments made for the above period	1518.32
	TOTAL £20740.99

Made up as follows:- High Interest 20,340.25  
Current 400.74  
TOTAL £20,740.99

VILLAGE HALLS FUND	£400.00
PARISH PATHS FUND	£2,128.79
PARISH PLAN FUND	300.00
GENERAL FUNDS	£17,912.20
TOTAL	£20,740.99

20. **Members Business**

1. The Chairman advised that Mr A Stevens, of the Farm Shop had received numerous complaints, some of which had been quite abusive, about the extremely unpleasant smell emanating from muck spreading which had been carried out over the recent Bank Holiday. The Chairman stressed that Mr Stevens was completely innocent and that the `culprit` was in fact DCC's tenant farmer. CClr Hannon would investigate and report back to the PC
2. There were also noise problems emanating from land at the back of the village which was being used as a motorbike track. The Clerk to contact Glen Crocker, MDCC's Planning Enforcement Officer to ascertain whether planning permission had been obtained for the land to be used in this manner.

21. **Miscellaneous Matters**

1. A discussion paper had been published entitled `Local Authority Byelaws in England` . The Clerk would circulate this amongst members
2. A parishioner had raised the problem of misleading signage at Willand Industrial Estate. The signage was resulting in many confused lorry drivers (usually from abroad) inadvertently driving their extremely large vehicles through Halberton. The parishioner was concerned as to the health and safety implications of this. CClr Hannon asked the Clerk to let him have full details in order that he could investigate,

22. **Next Meeting**

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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**CHAIRMAN**

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