



## Meeting notes of Credition Cluster meeting held on Wednesday 03 August 2022 at Old Landscore School

**Present:** Dee Ross (DR) (Credition Town Councillor), Rachel Avery (RA) (Town Clerk – Credition Town Council), Rachel Hodder (RH) (Parish Clerk - Credition Hamlets Parish Council), Jim Enright (JE) (Newton St Cyres Parish Council Chairman), Liz Brookes-Hocking (LBH) (Credition Town Council Mayor and Chairman), Brian Fyfe (BF) (Sandford Parish Councillor), Elizabeth Dolton (ED) (Sandford Parish Councillor)

Apologies had been received from Shobrooke Parish Council.

BF had circulated a list of items proposed for discussion through the newly formed cluster group, which were as follows:

1. An update on the Credition Neighbourhood plan – section by section
2. Pedlarspool be revisited for an update including:
  - the archaeological survey of the site
  - the proposed new school
  - public provision of EV charging points
  - the allocated Traveller's site
  - meeting with the developer
  - the road layout and configuration in the new estate and surrounding lane network
3. PROW matters including walk and cycle path infrastructure
4. The use of Q land applications. Are planning applications received an abuse of the legislation?
5. An update regarding the cycle footpath to Exeter
6. Speed limits – use of 20 is plenty and arterial road speed in rural settings.
7. Identification of Sandford Parish in its own right. The use of the Gazetteer fails to serve the democratic intention of consultation on planning matters. This may be considered a matter by other parishes.

JE reported on concerns for Newton St Cyres around the Pedlars Pool application, with increased traffic and possible concerns around the new cycleway.

RH stated that concerns for Credition Hamlets included speed limits, poor road standards, accessibility to the High Street and development of QE and lack of education places and medical provision as development in and around Credition increases. LBH stated that there are school places available in all Credition schools.

LBH provided a brief update on the following:

- There is a shared interest in the creation of a new cycleway, with JE agreeing that lobbying for cycling infrastructure was important as a cluster. The area needs a sustainable commuter route
- The Credition Masterplan is now being discussed, with consultancy being approved by MDDC cabinet before the autumn

- Crediton Neighbourhood Plan referendum taking place in September, which focusses on community, sustainability, support a one site QE, development of a hub (Crediton Heart Project), protection of historic buildings, use of railway and retaining and creating green open space and wildlife corridors.

The following issues where co-operation would be beneficial were agreed:

- Separate discussion around the Pedlars Pool development, including the travellers' site, the request from Crediton Town Council to have a meeting with Bellway Homes and to obtain an update from the planning officer
- Safety on the A377, including the cycleway and increased communication with DCC
- Upcoming developments and upcoming strategic documents (including Crediton Master Plan and Plan Mid Devon) and increased communication with MDDC
- Speeding on lanes
- Abuse of valley/river landscapes.

An initial action was considered and it was requested that each council add the following item to their next agenda:

*'To consider lobbying Devon County Council for:*

- *Addressing speeding on local roads*
- *An appropriate cycleway for Crediton – Exeter that fully meets the requirements of the area.'*

It was agreed that this meeting had been beneficial and all in attendance would be willing to continue to meet, with more structured agendas being created and circulated.