

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th of October 2020 using virtual Zoom technology as permitted by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Cllr Milton (Chairman), Cllr Bastyan, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Penny (MDDC)

In Attendance: The Clerk and 2 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Way (DCC).

2. Co-option to Council to fill two vacancies:

It was **resolved** to co-opt Emma Benjamin (Proposed – Cllr Milton, Seconded – Cllr Bastyan)

3. To receive declarations of interest – to receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of items on the Agenda:

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Involvement: to receive public comment on items on the Agenda:

One member of the public, a professional ecologist, spoke in support of Item 6 on the Agenda. He outlined an initiative to help combat the loss of wildflower meadows and assist in achieving a net gain in biodiversity by creating wildflower meadows in the Parish. He suggested changing mowing management and reseeded some areas. He offered to help Councillors develop an initiative.

One member of the public commented that the grid cover proposed at Item 15 was not the correct type and suggested an alternative.

One member of the public commented on Item 13 on the Agenda explaining that residents living at the east end of the village suffered unacceptable traffic noise from vehicles including motor bikes travelling too fast, even within the 30 mph zone. Some motorbikes perform wheelies outside the houses. Residents have parked their cars on both sides of the road to force drivers to slow down, but this should not be necessary and residents should not have to put their cars and insurance premiums at risk in this way.

5. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 14th September 2020 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record:

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record

6. Biodiversity Gain: to consider wildlife habitat creation in the parish

Councillors were very supportive of the initiative outlined in public discussion. It was **resolved** to form a working party (**Cllrs Benjamin, Salmon, Westcott and Wood**) to develop, in conjunction with other community groups, a long term biodiversity

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plan for the Parish which will involve the community and include verges and the roundabout plus other areas such as the Village Green. The working party will report back to the Parish Council at the November meeting with budgeting figures.

7. **Mid Devon District Council – Planning Application** – to consider the following application upon which MDDC had asked the Council to comment:

Reference: 20/1454/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension
Location: Amber Lewdon Farm Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: David Dodgeon

It was **resolved** to support this application with the comment that support is conditional upon the access from the road and driveway to the property, which is not shown on the plans submitted, is acceptable to the Planning Officer and Highways.

8. **Mid Devon District Council – Planning Decision** – it was noted that MDDC has refused permission for the following development for reasons as filed:

Reference: 19/01188/FULL
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to allow 1 pitch for the siting of 1 static caravan, 2 touring caravans and associated works for the use of gypsy and traveller family
Location: Land at Shortacombe Lane, Yeoford
Applicant: Mrs A Tyrer

9. **Climate Change** – to receive an update on Climate Change initiatives:

Cllr Wood reported that she had spoken to the school about her proposed initiative to encourage children to walk to school when possible. The idea was well received. She now awaits hearing from the school and will report at the next meeting.

10. **Proposed Planning Reforms:** to consider a response to the Government’s White Paper

After lengthy discussion of the draft response Cllr Westcott had circulated it was **resolved** to incorporate some of the comments suggested and then circulate the response to all councillors again before it is submitted.

11. **Devon Air Ambulance Landing Site:** to receive an update

The Clerk reported that DAA is making progress on the proposed site but that fencing and the electricity supply have yet to be confirmed. DAA are not yet ready to give firm costings for the installation. **Clerk** to bring draft costings to the next meeting for budget discussions.

12. **Hard to Recycle Items:** to consider the provision of recycling facilities for hard to recycle items in the parish

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Cllr Salmon asked that further efforts be made to provide for the recycling of hard to recycle items, particularly plastic food wrappers. **Clerk** to liaise with Cllr Salmon.

- 13. Traffic Speed and Noise in Cheriton Bishop and local roads:** to consider next steps and a Community Speed Watch

Cllr Milton reported that the police had carried out some speed checks in the village on the previous Saturday afternoon. Cllrs commented that checks should be made at rush hour and busy times at weekends. The Neighbourhood Watch team have proposed two sites for a Community Speed Watch (opposite and adjacent to The Old Thatch). The Police will now assess those sites. Four volunteers will be needed to carry out the checks and they will first need training. **Cllrs Benjamin** and **Milton** and one member of the public volunteered.

- 14. Glebelands Play Area:** to receive an update on refurbishment

The Clerk reported that MDDC's refurbishment of the play area is due to commence on the 2nd of November. When it is complete the Parish Council will enter into a lease of the Play Area from MDDC. **Clerk** to bring costings to the next meeting so that they can be included in budget planning. **Cllr Bastyan** will write a short piece for the Newsletter and Facebook. Clerk to remind MDDC that the large oak tree on the boundary must be cut back before the commencement of the lease.

- 15. Flooding:** to consider how to remedy localised flooding on Church Lane

Cllr Wood reported on the frequent flooding that occurs on Church Lane as a result of poor drainage. The problem has been ongoing for several years and despite being reported to DCC and Highways no action has been taken to remedy the situation save by local residents clearing blockages. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council would on this occasion purchase a grill/drain cover in an attempt to remedy the problem. **Cllr Wood** will check the specification of the grill/drain cover needed and take this forward.

- 16. Allotments:** to consider the provision of allotments within the parish

The Clerk reported that 8 parishioners had expressed interest in having an allotment. The landowner has explained that he expects to be ready to move this forward in the Spring. In the meantime the **Clerk** will research how best to set up the allotments. **Clerk** to update interested parishioners and check whether allotments are permitted on the Village Green.

- 17. Review of Assets:** to consider which assets will require repair or replacement before the end of the next financial year

The Parish Council has a responsibility to audit and inspect its assets each year. Cllr Wood reported that the two picnic benches on the Village Green are rickety and in need of repair. It was **resolved** that the benches should be replaced and that the

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new benches should be larger so that they can comfortably seat adults. **Cllr Wood** will research prices for the next meeting. The **Clerk** is to check whether the salt spreader, mower and strimmer need servicing or maintenance. **Clerk** also to check and report back on the terms of the Licence for the Village Green.

- 18. Projects/Items for Expenditure for 2021/22:** to discuss ideas for the next financial year so that provision can be made in the budget.

Glebelands play area, allotments, the war memorial site, the DAA Night Landing site, the Biodiversity project and a shed for storage of PC equipment were identified.

- 19. Accounts 2020/21: to approve the following payment and receipts:**

The following payments were authorised:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Zoom (refund to Clerk – September	Admin	£7.19
Clerk (September)	Salary	£284.48
Clarity	Newsletter	£79.81
A W Matthews (refund to Chair for valuation	Admin	£24.00
DALC	Training	£44.81

The Clerk reported on the accounts for the end of the second quarter. Expenditure is currently under budget for the year. It was noted that the second half of the precept has been received (£6835).

- 20. Parish Volunteers:** to consider how to recognise the work of volunteers in the Parish

Cllrs reiterated their thanks to the volunteers in the parish and it was resolved that Cllr Wood would circulate some ideas.

- 21. To receive a report from the Chairman** (for information only):

The Chair has arranged a meeting with Steve Tucker of Highways and Cllr Way at the War Memorial to discuss replacement of the unsafe surface. The Village Tidy up was very successful (including painting the bus shelters). The Chair thanked all who took part and in particular the organisers - Tim Vooght, Peter Endacott and Cllr Coren. The application to re-register The Old Thatch as a village asset was successful. The registration will expire in September 2025. Thanks to the members of the public who had attended this evening's meeting.

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22. To receive a report from Councillors (for information only):

Cllr Wood reported that the Parish Council Handbook is ready to circulate to all councillors.

23. To receive a report from Councillor Way (DCC): (for information only)

Cllr Way was not present.

24. To receive a report from MDDC Councillors (for information only):

Cllr Coren reported on an estate hedge inspection and blocked drains at the bottom of Glebelands. There will not be a Remembrance Day Service this year but there will be an opportunity for the Parish Council to lay a wreath at the War Memorial. **Clerk** to order wreath.

25. Correspondence: to receive a report from the Clerk of correspondence received:

No relevant correspondence that has not been previously reported.

26. Dates of Next Meetings: (to be on Zoom unless agreed otherwise)

9th November, 14th December, 11th January, 8th February, 8th March

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