

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th of November 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 Ball, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood and Cllr Coren (MDDC)

In Attendance: the clerk and 2 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Salmon, Cllr Penny (MDDC) and Cllr Way (DCC).

2. Co-option to Council to fill vacancy:

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

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 spoke about planting trees in the parish (see item 6 below), particularly on the verge at the eastern edge of the village. There had been a Parish Council initiative to plant two poplar trees here a few years ago and only one had been planted. Poplar trees were chosen as they are attractive and their size (narrow and not too tall) is appropriate for this particular site. Not all the budget allocated for the trees had been spent.

One member of the public (the applicant's agent) spoke about planning application 20/00619/FULL (see item 7 below). The applicant has made a revised application with changes requested by the planning officer (moving the position of the garage and retaining the shared drive with the neighbouring property). The proposed cladding of the property has also been changed.

5. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 12th October 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. Planting of trees: to consider whether to plant some trees on the verge at the eastern edge of Cheriton Bishop using funds (if any) remaining from an earlier initiative and whether if requested to provide additional money for this project

Councillors were very supportive of this initiative and of plans to plant other trees in the parish. It was **resolved** to allocate a budget of £70 for the planting of 2 poplar trees on the verge at the eastern edge of the village by the member of the public attending the meeting.

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

Reference: 20/01738/CAT
Proposal: Fell 1 ash tree in a Conservation Area
Location: 2 Croft Cottages, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mrs C Jillians

It was **resolved** to support this application as the tree is very close to the cottage and the applicant had been advised it should be felled.

Reference: 20/00619/FULL – revised drawings and information
Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling previously approved under 19/01374/PNCOU, change of use of agricultural land to residential, erection of a garage with new access and landscaping
Location: Medland Farm Barn, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr Cull

It was **resolved** to support this revised application with the comment that the boundary between the proposed garage and the neighbouring property be sufficiently thick to protect the privacy of the neighbouring property.

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

Reference: 20/01286/FULL
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic driveway
Location: Land at Sunny Cottage, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: S Pettit

9. **Mid Devon District Council – Appeal Decision** – it was noted that MDDC has notified that an appeal against the following planning decision has been dismissed for reasons as filed:

Reference: APP/Y1138/X/19/3233275
Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use for a single dwelling house
Location: Polford Cottage, The Annexe, road from Cheriton Cross to Polford Bridge
Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Badham

- 10 **Climate Change** – to receive an update on Climate Change initiatives:

Cllr Wood reported that the joint initiative with the Primary School to encourage children to walk or cycle to school is now up and running. A press release will go in the December newsletter.

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11. Traffic Speed and Noise in Cheriton Bishop and on local roads – to update Councillors and consider next steps

Councillor Ball reported that residents at the eastern edge of the village attempted to calm traffic on the main road by parking cars alongside the verge, partially blocking the outbound lane. This was partially successful but not all cars slowed down and there had been some near misses and abuse from local residents. This is not a satisfactory long term solution. The **clerk** will contact Tedburn St Mary PC again to check whether they have made any progress on this issue.

Councillor Milton reported that the police have assessed that the best location for a community speed watch is near the entrance to the Old Thatch car park. 8 volunteers have come forward of which 4 will be needed for each speed watch. Cllr Milton will complete the forms for the police and act as the village co-ordinator.

12. DNPA Settlement Profiles – to consider a response to DNPA’s consultation on its settlement profile for Cheriton Bishop:

Cllr Wood volunteered to submit a response, updating the profile.

13. Covid-19 Preparedness – to consider whether action is needed in the parish:

Cllr Benjamin reported on the Devon Communities Together webinar for Mid Devon Parishes. There is new guidance on supporting the clinically vulnerable (other household members are now expected to support when possible). MDDC has access to priority slots for home deliveries from supermarkets. The MDDC Covid 19 Local Support Fund can offer financial support to those suffering hardship in some circumstances. The Clerk has updated the PC website with information about available support.

Cllr Benjamin has 16 volunteers ready to help if/when needed during the current lockdown and the village shop is running the telephone order and pay service. The surgery has not asked for help with prescriptions.

14. Accounts 2020/21

The following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Zoom (refund to Clerk – October)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk (October)	Salary	£275.08
HMRC	Salary	£9.40
Clarity	Newsletter	£134.99
St Thomas	Newsletter	£366.76
KOVA Manufacturing (refund to Cllr Wood for key fobs)	S137	£99.54

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RBL (refund to Clerk for Remembrance wreath)	S137	£22.50
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- 15. Budget 2020/22 and Projects for 2021/22 with budget implications** – to consider the draft budget and costings for projects in the coming year:

After lengthy discussion no conclusion was reached and this will be considered again at the December meeting.

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

The two councillor vacancies will be advertised on the CB Facebook page and in the Newsletter after the MDDC election period has expired on the 12th of November. Cllr Milton laid the PC Wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Milton thanked Cllr Westcott for her hard work on the response to the Government's White Paper on proposed planning reforms. The First Aid Course is delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions. A decision from DCC about resurfacing of the War Memorial is still awaited.

- 17. To receive a report from Councillors** (for information only):

Cllr Benjamin reported on setting up a Parish Council Facebook page. **Clerk** to put this on the December agenda for discussion.

- 18. To receive a report from Councillor Way (DCC):** (for information only)

Cllr Way was not present.

- 19. To receive a report from MDDC Councillors** (for information only):

Cllr Coren reported on the Local Government Boundary Commission's further proposals to alter Mid Devon ward boundaries, which do not affect Cheriton Bishop Parish.

- 20. Correspondence:** to receive a report from the Clerk of correspondence received:

The Clerk reported on correspondence received about Planning Application 20/01795/FULL, an email received from a resident about the Glebelands Play Area hedge and emails received from MDDC about benches and the crown lifting of 2 oak trees at the play area.

- 21. Dates of Next Meetings:** (to be on Zoom unless agreed otherwise)

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

Signed

Date