

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th of January 2021 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 Salmon, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Way (DCC)

In Attendance: The clerk and 2 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Stuart Penny (MDDC).

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

Cllr Benjamin declared a personal interest in item 5.

3. Public Discussion – an opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item on the Agenda:

One member of the public (the applicant) explained the background to and reasons for Planning Application 20/02047/FULL (item 5 on the agenda). She also answered questions from Councillors.

4. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 14th December 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.

5. Mid Devon District Council – Planning Application - MDDC had asked for comments on the following planning application:

Reference: 20/02047/FULL

Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellings following the demolition of existing agricultural buildings

Location: Land & Buildings at Coxland Farm Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Ms Physick

After discussion by Councillors the meeting was suspended to allow the applicant to respond to further points. The meeting was then resumed. Councillors considered the pros and cons of the application compared to the existing Class Q permission (19/00253/PNCOU) including visibility from the road, drainage, protection of trees and the style of the build. After discussion it was **resolved** to oppose the application (3 votes to oppose, 2 to support and 1 abstention).

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

Reference: 20/01795/FULL
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to domestic driveway
Location: Land at Amber Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: D Dodgeon

Reference: 20/01791/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwelling
Location: Western Brake Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Carpenter

7. **Climate Change** – to receive an update on climate change initiatives:

Cllr Wood reported on plans to make the Village Green more biodiverse, which will be a community project. A local ecologist has agreed to carry out a benchmark survey to record plants and flowers already growing. A 2 meter border of grasses will be allowed to grow around the perimeter and volunteers will be asked to help mark out and sow wild flower seeds. Children will be encouraged to record flowers and insects they spot and residents will be encouraged to put photos on Facebook.

8. **Grant Requests** – to consider and agree a policy for the consideration of grant requests:

The Clerk had provided example policies. **Clerk** to draft a short policy for consideration at the next meeting. To encourage local groups to apply the policy should not insist that applicants have charitable status. To allow for budgeting, applicants to be encouraged to apply during February in each financial year.

9. **Mid Devon Mobility** – to consider a request for a grant from Mid Devon Mobility:

It was noted that Mid Devon Mobility currently has 4 members in the parish. After discussion of the support offered by Mid Devon Mobility and other organisations it was **resolved** to inform Mid Devon Mobility that the Council is in the process of developing a Grant Giving Policy and suggest that they reapply when the policy is in place and there are more members in the parish. **Clerk** to action and also to request posters to go up on noticeboards to assist Mid Devon in finding more members.

10. **DCC Proposed Traffic Regulation Amendment Order** - to discuss how to respond to the advertised no waiting restriction:

The effect of DCC's proposed a no waiting restriction on the left side of Church Lane as it approaches the old A30 was discussed. Cars parked there can be a visibility hazard but on the other hand if parking is restricted cars will be parked elsewhere, which may also cause another problem. It was **resolved** to respond by requesting that the proposed waiting restriction area be reduced in length to improve visibility but also allow some parking to continue. **Clerk** to action. **Cllr Ball** to provide

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marked plan to the clerk. **Clerk** also to publicise the proposals on the village Facebook site so that parishioners who have not seen the advertisement in newspapers can respond direct to DCC. The deadline for comment is 9th February.

11. Devon Air Ambulance – to update councillors on the proposed night landing site:

DAA had not provided an update. To go on the Agenda in February.

12. Noticeboard – to discuss a new Parish Council noticeboard at the village shop:

Cllr Benjamin explained that she felt that the council’s communications with parishioners would be improved if there was a noticeboard in an area which has more footfall than the existing noticeboard. She had spoken to the owner of the village shop who had agreed that a parish council noticeboard could be put up there. Cllr Ball has also asked the Surgery if a noticeboard could be put up there and she waits to hear back from the Practice Manager. All Councillors agreed that these were good initiatives. Councillors will check whether the existing noticeboard can be moved to be near the bus stop outside the Young Farmers building where again there will be improved footfall. All noticeboards to clearly state that they belong to the Parish Council. To go back on the agenda in February.

13. Allotments – to update councillors on the possibility of village allotments:

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the landowner who is keen to go ahead with the project for the benefit the community. He hopes to provide land for up to 10 allotments. Councillors discussed how the allotments could be run. The **Clerk** is to contact residents who have indicated their interest and put them in touch with the landowner so that initial discussions can take place.

14. Accounts 2020/21

The following payments were approved:

| Payee | Budget | Amount |
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| Zoom (refund to Clerk – December) | Admin | £7.19 |
| Cartridge People | Admin | £21.40 |
| DALC (Councillors) | Training | £54 |
| Clerk | Salary | £257.48 |
| HMRC | Salary | £27 |
| Cllr Wood (refund for cards & postage) | Admin | £17.88 |

15. Precept 2020/22 - to agree the precept request for the coming year:

It was **resolved** to maintain the precept at its current level.

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

The Chair reported his concerns that although MDDC has carried out some pruning the trees in Glebelands play area have grown unbalanced so that they are tipping towards the play area. **Clerk** to report this to MDDC so that it can be rectified before the lease is signed. The **Chair** will contact Peter Endacott and Tim Vooght regarding dates for the Spring Village Tidy. The Community Speedwatch is on hold due to Coronavirus restrictions. Councillors were asked to look at the forthcoming Planning Application 21/00005/FULL (Tillerton Steep) which will be on the agenda for February.

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

Cllr Ball asked councillors to read the Parish Highway Assessment he had circulated and comment back to him. When agreed the Assessment will be shared with the wider parish. The Parish Council Facebook account has been set up. The page now needs to be created and content added.

Cllr Westcott reported that the Interim Devon Carbon Plan is under consultation until February and encouraged councillors to have a look at it. To go on the Agenda in February.

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

DCC's proposed waiting restrictions on Church Lane (see item 10 above) have been under consideration for some years. DCC will make a decision in March. He has asked Highways to clear a blocked drain near Four Ways Cross.

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

Cllr Coren reported that most of the flooding in the parish is due to blocked drains and culverts. With Cllr Way he is putting pressure on DCC to clear drains. Cllr Coren thanked councillors for their climate change initiatives.

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

The Clerk had nothing to report.

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

8th February, 8th March, 12th April, 10th May

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