



CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on 8th March 2021 using virtual Zoom technology as permitted by the Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Cllr Milton (Chair), Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC), Cllr Penny (MDDC) and Cllr Way (DCC)

In attendance: the clerk

1. To receive and accept apologies:

No apologies were received.

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

Cllrs Benjamin and Salmon declared personal interests in application 21/00076/CAT. Cllrs Ball and Tomlinson declared personal interests in application 21/00266/OUT.

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:

There was no public discussion.

4. Cheriton Bishop PC Meeting Minutes 8th February 2021 – 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. MDDC planning applications – to comment on the following applications:

Reference: 21/00266/HOUSE
Proposal: Outline for the erection of 1 dwelling with all matters reserved
Location: Hill View Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr P Nickells

Councillors referred to their objection submitted to MDDC on 4th May 2020 when the application was for 3 not 1 dwellings. It was resolved object on the grounds set out in their previous objection submitted on 4th May 2020 and in addition for the following reasons: a) that the proposed access (which is approximately 25 m from the gateway feature at the entrance to Cheriton Bishop) raises concerns of safety and visibility, especially as vehicles leaving the village will be accelerating towards Woodleigh junction; b) that the Wildlife Trigger Table and Existing Site Plan are contradictory (for example the Trigger Table states no existing hedges will be removed but the Site Plan shows an entrance through the existing hedge; and c) the proposed development is not an exception under Local Plan Policy DM6. (Cllrs Ball and Tomlinson abstained from the vote). Cllrs also requested that MDDC take into account Teignbridge DC's comment that the site lies adjacent to the designated Area of Great Landscape Value within the Teignbridge Local Plan 2033 and that due regard be given to preserving the landscape as part of the wider consideration of the proposal.

Reference: 21/00266/HOUSE
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension
Location: Hazelmoor 3 Meadows Edge Hescane Park
Applicant: Mr J Terry

It was **resolved** to support this application.

Reference: 21/00076/CAT
Proposal: Notification of intention to reduce the height by 3m of trees by felling and laying to reinstate hedge to 2m height within a Conservation Area
Location: Land & buildings at NGR 277191 93626 (Scout Hut) Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Dr A Smith

Councillors discussed the amenity value of the trees and hedge. The hedge provides beneficial screening and is also a sound barrier for noise from the A30. Some of the mature trees are in very good health and should be preserved although others (at the eastern end) are not in good health. It was acknowledged that if the hedge is laid properly and maintained every 3 years it will grow back thicker which will be beneficial for mammals in the long term. It was **resolved** to forward these comments to MDDC for their consideration and ask that, if it is decided to fell some trees, MDDC first meets with a councillor and the tree surgeon to agree the healthy trees that should be preserved and tape them off before any work starts. (Cllr Benjamin abstained from the vote.)

6. Planning Application 21/00005/FULL – Woodland at Tillerton Steep – to update councillors:

Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building and retention of access and hardstanding (revised and additional drawings)
Location: Woodland at NGR 278898 95235 Tillerton Steep Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: R Lew Weisl

It was **resolved** to continue to object to this application for the reasons previously submitted on 9th February and with the following additional comments: a) the proposed soakaway appears only to collect water from one side of the barn. The water from the other side of the barn will drain onto an impermeable surface; and b) the proposed soakaway is in a 1 in 4 downstream slope. A geotechnical slope stability assessment should be carried out to satisfy any concerns about instability and erosion of the hillside. If consent is granted the condition previously suggested to MDDC should be imposed. It was noted that the hatched area on the drawing includes part of the bridleway; this is misleading as it suggests that the applicant is intending to hard surface the bridleway.

7. MDDC New Licence Application under the Licensing Act 2003 – to consider an application made by Mr A Butler in relation to Medland Lodge Farm:

It was **resolved** to support this application to encourage a local business initiative.

8. Wildlife Wardens – to consider introducing a scheme for Wildlife Wardens in the parish:

Cllr Westcott reported on a Wildlife Warden scheme which has been by introduced by Teignbridge DC. Parish based volunteer wardens are trained to help support, protect and increase wildlife and improve its chances of surviving ecological and climate emergencies. Cllrs discussed the possibility of introducing such a scheme in Mid Devon and the parish. Cllr Penny explained that MDDC applauds the initiative and would like to encourage it but has no spare funding capacity in the current financial year. To be on the April agenda when Cllr Westcott will report further.

9. Climate Change - to receive an update on climate change initiatives:

Cllr Wood updated on progress at the Village Green. The wildflower seeds will be sown by a team of volunteers when the weather is warmer. The aim is to provide a pleasant environment for children which will encourage them to play locally and save travel out of the parish.

10. Mid Devon Call for Sites for housing and economic development in relation to a new Local Plan for Mid Devon:

It was agreed that the Call for Sites should be advertised on the PC and village Facebook pages so that parishioners are aware of the request.

11. Community Broadband – to consider how to raise awareness in the parish of broadband providers which may offer an improved service:

Cllr Salmon reported on contact with Airband, who have been invited to make a presentation at the next PC meeting.

12. Cheriton Bishop Website – to consider re-registering the domain name and pay the annual fee:

It was **resolved** to check that James Jillians is happy to continue responsibility for the website and if so to register the domain name (£25 for 2 years) and pay the annual fee (£30).

13. Lease of Glebelands Play Area:

It was **resolved** to sign the lease of the play area. Documentation relating to the installer of the new equipment to be obtained on completion and clerk to ask MDDC again to cut back the overhanging oak tree.

14. Glebelands Play Area – to consider the running of the play area:

Clerk report that she had asked that MDDC train councillors on regular safety checks. Clerk to obtain a safety check sheet. Councillors agree that they would empty the bin to save paying MDDC a fee for this service. New seating and play equipment for older children to be considered at a later date.

15. Annual Meeting:

It was **resolved** to hold the Annual Meeting on Zoom on 5th May commencing at 7 pm.

16. Annual Parish Meeting:

It was **resolved** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Zoom on 26th April commencing at 7 pm. Clerk to invite parish groups to attend. To be advertised on Facebook pages and in the Newsletter.

17. Parish Council Meetings – to consider how to enable smooth running of the Council including establishing advisory or executive committees:

Councillors will volunteer for advisory committees on the spreadsheet circulated by Cllr Wood. Committees and membership to be confirmed at the Annual Meeting.

18. Updated PC policies – to agree new policies:

It was **resolved** to approve the Statement of Internal Control and the Risk Assessment.

19. Village Green Grass Cutting 2021/22 – to consider the quotation received from MDDC;

It was resolved to appoint MDDC to cut the Village Green 12 times a year at a cost of £1027.08 plus VAT.

20. Accounts 2020/21

The following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk (refund for Zoom February)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk	Salary	£275.08
Inland Revenue	Salary	£9.40
Red 17 (Noticeboard)	Miscellaneous	£181.14
Spalding Hall	Newsletter	£48
Clarity	Newsletter	£68.38
Burgess Brickwork (hardstanding)	Miscellaneous	£1350
Signomatic	Miscellaneous	£50.38

The receipt of £500 grant for the Village Green from the Locality Fund was noted.

21. To receive a report from the Chairman – for information only:

The Chair thanked Lucy Cooper for producing the PC logo. Thanks also to Cllr Benjamin for the new noticeboard at the shop. Clerk asked to obtain quotes to replace the Devon flag. The Village Tidy is planned for 17th April, following Covid-19 guidelines. Newsletter has been informed. Parish Council meetings to start at 1900 in future.

22. To receive reports from Cllrs – for information only:

Cllr Benjamin reported that the new noticeboard has been put up at the shop. Thanks to Peter Benjamin for his help and to Lucy Cooper for the noticeboard sign. The Parish Council Facebook page now has 80 members. Councillors requested to post updates on their projects.

25. To receive a report from Cllr Way (DCC) – for information only:

The HATOC meets on the 9th of March. Cllrs were updated on the Covid-19 vaccination sites. The Crediton site was only open once last week due to short supply of vaccine. Suggested cllrs report problems with specific potholes to him in addition to reporting on the website. Cllr Ball to send on the Highways Assessment when it is ready.

26. To receive a report from Cllr Coren (MDDC) – for information only:

Cllr Coren reported that the advertising boards at Trelowan Farm have been removed.

27. Correspondence/Clerk's report – for information only:

Some progress on Allotment site – will update councillors by email and be on the April agenda.

28. Dates of Next Meetings: 12th April, 26th April Annual Parish Meeting, 5th May Annual Meeting, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July (all at 7 pm)