



## CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop

Present: Cllr Milton (Chair), Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Westcott and Cllr Wood

In attendance: the clerk, 2 representatives of Spalding Hall

#### 1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr Ball, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Penny (MDDC)

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

Cllr Benjamin declared a personal interest in Planning Application 21/00528/FULL

#### 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:

Two representatives of Spalding Hall spoke about and answered questions on the possible installation of broadband at Spalding Hall for community and council use. They suggested that the Spalding Hall Committee would be in favour of the idea, which had previously been discussed. BT had said that there would be no cost to install the phone line. Responsibility for paying the broadband fee (expected to be around £27.95/month) was discussed. Hall users would be required to pay the usual hiring fee which is currently £6/hour and access to the hall would have to be considered.

#### 4. Cheriton Bishop PC Meeting Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> April 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: 21/00528/FULL  
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land for the formation of domestic access and drive  
Location: Wolfgar Farm Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mrs R Salmon

Councillors **resolved** to be neutral in respect of this application.

Reference: 21/00580/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 (revised drawings)  
Location: Land north of Shortacombe Farm Shortacombe Lane Yeoford  
Applicant: Ms A Tyrer

It was **resolved** to object to this application for the same reasons as previously submitted which are: poor highway access, removal of ancient hedge, unsuitable site that does not meet government criteria and is in an isolated situation, MDDC had already identified sufficient sites to meet targets, no services on site and no transport links or

services within reasonable distance. In addition, the MDDC Local Plan has now been adopted and the site does not meet the criteria for gypsy/traveller sites set out in the Plan.

Reference: 21/00704 FULL  
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden to include in-ground swimming pool  
Location: Land at Thorne Cross Farm Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr R Toms

It was **resolved** to object to this application which fragments farmland and is not reasonably necessary to support farming activity. It therefore does not fall within policy DM20 of the Mid Devon Local Plan and councillors recommend that the application is refused.

**6. MDDC Planning Decisions – to note permission for the following applications with conditions as filed:**

Reference: 21/00261/HOUSE  
Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension  
Location: Hazelmoo 3 Meadows Edge Hescane Park Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr J Terry

Reference: 21/00005/FULL  
Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural building and retention of access and hardstanding  
Location: Woodland at Tillerton Steep Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr R Weisl

Reference: 21/00415/CAT  
Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Ash tree, pollard smaller Ash trees and remove a limb overhanging adjacent property from 1 Oak tree within a Conservation Area  
Location: Dudshall Cottage Church Lane Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Dr M Hancock

**7. MDDC Planning Decision – permission for the following development has been refused for reasons as filed:**

Reference: 21/00266/OUT  
Proposal: Outline for the erection of 1 dwelling with all matters reserved  
Location: Land & buildings at Hillview Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr P Nickells

**8. Highways Report – to receive an update on the report and agree further actions:**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**9. Bike Rack – to confirm the purchase of the bike rack and agree associated actions:**

It was **resolved** to confirm the purchase of the rack and to obtain a quote for it to be fixed to a non-permanent base at the Village Green.

**10. Broadband for Spalding Hall – to consider the installation of broadband at Spalding Hall for community and council use:**

After discussion it was **resolved** that Cllr Wood will ask for comments from local residents via the Newsletter and village FB page, including a survey on FB. The facility could be used by residents with poor broadband or who would

prefer to work in the hall rather than at home. Other uses could be for training, PC meetings and on-line courses. If there is interest the PC could consider paying for a contract with BT for a trial period.

**11. Smokers' Bins – to consider the installation of smokers' bins at village bus shelters as suggested at the Village Tidy:**

It was **resolved** to purchase and install two powder coated steel bins for £20 each. Councillors will empty the bins under a rota.

**12. Dog/Litter Bins - to consider whether additional dog/litter bins are needed in the village:**

Cllr Milton reported on the number (10) and location of bins in the village. Some are very close together. As it is unlikely that MDDC will pay to install and empty an additional bin it was **resolved** to ask MDDC to relocate one bin near to Four Ways Cross to encourage dog walkers to pick up in that area. **Cllr Benjamin** and **clerk** to action.

**13. Government Consultation – Local Authority call for evidence on remote council meetings – to consider whether to respond as a Parish Council:**

Cllr Westcott explained that parish, district and county councils had benefitted from the change in regulations which allowed remote council meetings during the Coronavirus pandemic. The regulations are no longer in force which means that all meetings now must be held face to face. This has financial and environmental implications for all councils. Councillors discussed the benefits of remote meetings for Cheriton Bishop PC and agreed that the ability to meet remotely or hold hybrid meetings would be of benefit. It was **resolved** that councillors should all respond to the call for evidence and that the clerk will respond on behalf of the PC. The PC stance is to support a permanent change in regulations to allow councils to use their discretion as to whether to hold a face to face meeting, a remote meeting or a hybrid meeting. The closing date for responding is 17<sup>th</sup> June.

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

Cllr Wood reported that work on the Village Green continues. There is some wildflower seed left.

**15. Social Media – to receive an update on PC social media activity:**

Cllr Benjamin encouraged all councillors to post updates on PC issues/projects to keep the PC FB page active. She will email councillors to remind them how to post.

**16. Roads & Footpaths – to receive an update on roads and footpaths in the Parish:**

Cllr Wood reported that she had walked Footpath 15 which had some overhanging branches and noticed that a signpost had fallen on Footpath 14. She has notified these issues to DCC.

**17. Newsletter – to receive an update on newsletter activities:**

Cllr Edwards updated councillors.

**18. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets:**

Cllr Benjamin reported that the Village Green litter bin is broken. **Clerk** to report to MDDC.

**19. Accounts & Budget – the following payments were approved:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk (refund for April)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk	Salary	£305.20
Inland Revenue	Salary	£16.80
Moretonhampsted.Net (domain reg)	Admin	£25
DALC (Inv 2663)	Training	£18.00
DALC (Inv 3037)	Training	£18.00
Clarity (hard drive warranty)	Newsletter	£34.12
Clarity (meter fee)	Newsletter	£133.64
Spalding Hall (April)	Newsletter	£48
E Benjamin (refund for bike rack)	Misc	£40
A Wood (refund for paint)	Misc	£20

The Clerk reported that she will stop the Zoom account as remote meetings are no longer allowed. The Audit is booked for 25<sup>th</sup> May and she will report on the Annual Accounts for 2021 at the June meeting.

**20. Chair's Report (information only):**

The Chair thanked the organisers and all the volunteers for the very successful Village Tidy. The PC will be investing in a replacement container at Glebelands together with some annuals for the Summer display at a cost of around £70. The Vooght family have kindly volunteered to organise this. Receipts to be forwarded to clerk for payment.

**21. Councillors' reports (information only):**

Cllr Wood reported that there is the possibility of sharing a shed with the Scouts. Cllr Benjamin reported that DCC have agreed that the unspent £500 Locality Fund grant for the Cheriton Bishop Covid Support Group can be used to create a Covid safe space at the Village Green. Cllrs Benjamin/Wood will report at the next meeting.

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

Cllr Way has now retired and there was no report from the new County Councillor.

**23. MDDC Councillors' reports – for information only:**

The Clerk explained that MDDC councillors have been instructed only to attend meetings that are absolutely necessary.

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

None

**25. Dates of Next Meetings (all at 7pm at Spalding Hall):** 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> April