



## CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 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 and Cllr Way (DCC)

In attendance: the clerk, 2 representatives of Airband

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs Coren (MDDC) and Penny (MDDC)

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

No interests were declared.

#### **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:**

A representative of Airband gave a presentation and answered questions on the service that Airband could provide for residents of Cheriton Bishop. In partnership with Connecting Devon & Somerset, Airband has been commissioned to provide fibre to premises broadband to improve connectivity in rural Devon, including Cheriton Bishop. Those interested should register their interest on the Airband website. Airband will carry out a free survey to check there are no issues with providing a connection. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2021. The expected cost for residents is a £30 installation fee and then a monthly fee of £30 - £35 per month. The expected speed will be between 40 and 100 MBit.

#### **4. Allotments – to receive an update on progress with the allotment project:**

The clerk reported the landowner is in touch with those waiting for an allotment and is keeping them informed. There are some delays and it is now hoped to start work on the site in the autumn so that planting can begin in Spring 2022. The clerk has spoken with and taken advice from the parish clerk in another parish in which the landowner lets allotment land direct to the allotment society, without the involvement of the parish council. The clerk is to speak to the planning officer at MDDC for further confirmation of planning issues.

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

The clerk will forward a copy of Airband's presentation to Councillors for consideration.

#### **6. Cheriton Bishop PC Meeting Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March 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.

#### **7. MDDC planning applications – to comment on the following applications:**

Reference: 21/00627/CAT  
Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Salix Alba Willow tree within a Conservation Area  
Location: Cottage Lawn Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr K Unsworth

Councillors **resolved** to support this application with the hope that the tree would be replaced.

Reference: 21/00470/HOUSE  
Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension following removal of a conservatory  
Location: Wisteria House Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mrs L Cooper

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

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 Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Dr M Hancock

Councillors **resolved** to support this application.

Reference: 21/00492/HOUSE  
Proposal: Erection of ground floor and first floor extension to detached garage  
Location: Crooked Chimneys Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr C Knott

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

Reference: 212/00580/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  
Location: Land at NGR 276600 96594 (North of Shortacombe Farm) Shortacombe Lane Yeoford  
Applicant: Ms A Tyrer

It was **resolved** to object to this application which is almost identical to the applicant's previous application 19/01188 for which consent was refused. The reasons for objecting are as for that earlier application, which are: poor highways 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.

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

Reference: 21/00086/HOUSE  
Proposal: Insertion of loft windows in south and north elevations  
Location: Fairview Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Miss E Benjamin

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 commented that they had received notice from MDDC of a Tree Preservation Order for 1 Sycamore on the border with Fairview and that the tree should be marked before felling works are started.

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

Reference: 21/00082/OUT  
Proposal: Outline for the erection of 1 dwelling with all matters reserved  
Location: Land at NGR 277071 93208 (adj Glenthorne) Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr M Ayre

**10. DNPA Planning Decision – permission for the following development has been granted with conditions as filed:**

Reference: 0048/21  
Proposal: Amendment to roof of front porch and alterations to existing conservatory  
Location: Jufair Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr D Stephen

**11. Dog Fouling – to discuss the continuing problem of dog fouling in the village and consider associated action:**

Councillors discussed emails received from 2 parishioners who are very concerned about this issue which is getting worse, especially at Glebelands. Cllr Ball explained action being taken in Menheniot parish, which asks people to keep a diary of incidents witnessed (when and where). It was **resolved** to take the following action: **clerk** to take advice from MDDC's Dog Warden; **clerk** to obtain the pink spray that has been used in the past so that dog owners know the issue is being monitored; posters asking owners to pick up and explaining the fines for not being picked up to be put up around the village; posters to be put up asking people to keep diaries so that a pattern may be found that can be reported to the MDDC Dog Warden to assist him/her in witnessing an incident. Maps showing location of dog bins to be put up around the village. **Clerk** to reply to the parishioners.

Cllrs also discussed problems with stray dogs around the parish and aggressive loose dogs chasing joggers.

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

Cllr Westcott reported that Devon Wildlife Trust want to help with this project but are not able to do so at present. It is important that MDDC own the project (even if community groups raise funding) so that all parishes in the district can benefit. To go back on the agenda when there is more news.

**13. Glebelands Play Area – to update on the play area and discuss on-going issues:**

The clerk awaits hearing from MDDC regarding the completion date for the lease. **Clerk** to arrange sign for the gate/fence with contact details (clerk) for reporting issues at the play area.

**14. Highways Assessment – to consider Cllr Ball's updated Highways Assessment and agree next steps:**

It was **resolved** that a letter regarding parking on pavements will be sent to parishioners. **Clerk/Cllr Ball** to action. **Cllr Ball** will put his assessment on the Facebook page for comment by parishioners.

**15. Operations London/Forth Bridge – to consider whether to arrange for the PC website to be blacked out when the need arises:**

It was **resolved** that the action taken on the recent sad occasion of the death of HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh (a message of condolence on the PC website and FB noticeboard, a link to the Royal Family Book of Condolence and the observance of a one minute silence at the start of this meeting) was appropriate.

**16. Skate Ramp – to consider the installation of a skate ramp on the Village Green:**

Councillors discussed whether the village green was a suitable site, bearing in mind the terms of the Licence and the slope of the ground. Councillors discussed how to provide activities for teenagers in the village. It was **resolved** to ask teenagers on Facebook for their ideas. **Cllr Salmon** to action and report back. Cllrs discussed the possibility of renting a temporary skate ramp for a short period.

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

Cllr Wood reported that the wildflower seeds have been sown in the newly prepared beds at the Village Green. The 2 new picnic benches have been delivered and Cllr Wood and a volunteer will paint them shortly. There is now an old Wendy House on the Village Green which contains games equipment for those who want to use it. A resident is putting building waste on the village green. **Clerk** to write to ask the resident to stop doing this.

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

Cllr Tomlinson reported that the PC FB group now has 85 members of which 58 are active. All councillors need to think about posting engaging content. PDFs are not accessible for mobile phone users so Cllr Tomlinson has been posting agendas and minutes by alternative means.

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

Cllr Wood reported that signposts have rotted on Footpaths 6 & 7 and that a footbridge is needed on 6. She has reported these on the DCC website. Cllr Tomlinson reported that there are signs missing on Footpath 11 and Bridleway 12 and that dog access on 3 stiles on Footpath 16 has been nailed shut. These issues to be reported on the DCC website. Cllr Tomlinson commented that Bridleway 12 ends on the C50, which is quite dangerous.

**20. Glebelands Play Area - item withdrawn as dealt with under 13 above**

**21. Newsletter – to receive an update on newsletter activities**

Cllr Edwards reported that 250 copies are being printed as there has been higher uptake online during the pandemic. The newsletter has sufficient volunteers at present.

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

One of the old circular picnic benches on the Village Green is beyond repair. Cllr Wood will arrange for it to be disposed of.

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

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk (refund for March Zoom)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk	Salary	£275.08
Inland Revenue	Salary	£9.40
Microsoft (refund to Clerk for annual payment)	Admin	£59.99
DALC	Training	£54
Clarity	Newsletter	£59.14
Visionict (email hosting 2021/2)	Admin	£151.20
Clerk (refund for noticeboard pins)	Misc	£9.48
DALC (annual subscription)	Fees & Subs	£169.36
Clerk (refund for key safe)	Misc	£19.98
Spalding Hall (Dec, Feb, Mar)	Newsletter	£144
Joel Harrison (picnic benches)	Misc	£600

The first half of this year's precept has been received (£6835.50).

#### **24. Chairman's Report (information only):**

Unless guidance changes all PC meetings from 7<sup>th</sup> May will be face to face in the Spalding Hall. The police are recommencing Community Speedwatch but no-one from Cheriton Bishop is trained to date.

#### **25. Councillors' reports (information only):**

Cllr Westcott reported that the Community Land Trust will be holding its AGM in May. The Trust is looking at housing need in the parish and if appropriate will consider another housing project in collaboration with other organisation(s).

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

Councillors were updated on the vaccination programme. Fewer people are reporting potholes – reporting is to be encouraged as the more they are reported the more likely it is that they will be repaired. Cllr Way suggested that the PC ask again that the 30mph signs on the Yeoford Road be moved towards Four Ways Cross. They had been nearer Four Ways Cross before but had to be moved back as the landowner objected. In view of parishioners' safety concerns Highways might agree to move the signs again. Clerk to action and contact Cllr Way.

#### **27. MDDC Councillors' reports – for information only:**

None

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

The Parish Online trial period runs out this month. To be renewed for one year and usefulness reviewed at the end of that year. Lloyds have failed to set up the bank mandates for Cllrs Benjamin and Wood. **Clerk** to try again.

**28. Dates of Next Meetings (all at 7pm):** 26<sup>th</sup> April Annual Parish Meeting (Zoom), 5<sup>th</sup> May Annual Meeting (Zoom), 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July (May, June and July at Spalding Hall unless notified to the contrary)