



CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 14th June 2021 at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

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

In attendance: the Clerk, H Govier (Planning Officer MDDC) and 8 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr Salmon.

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

There were no declarations of interest. Cllr Wood explained that a complaint had previously been made about her to the applicant of Item 7. The complaint was not upheld and would have no bearing on her consideration of Item 7.

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 members of the public spoke in objection to Item 5. Helen Govier spoke about and answered questions on Item 5. Three members of the public spoke in objection to Item 7.

4. Cheriton Bishop PC Meeting Minutes 10th May and 4th June 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 application:

Reference: 21/00646/ARM

Proposal: Reserved matters application (appearance and landscaping) for the erection of 2 dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access following Outline Approval 18/01633/OUT

Location: Land at Little Mounson, Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mr G Smith

Councillors **resolved** to object to this application because the plans submitted under the current application do not reflect the plans upon which the Planning Inspector made her decision at appeal. Councillors commented that the dwellings are oversized for and unsympathetic with their environment. Cllrs asked the Planning Officer to request that a design which reflects that which was allowed at appeal be submitted. Councillors recommend that the dwellings should be carbon neutral in use and that their visual impact on the environment be reduced by being earth sheltered. Councillors asked the Planning Officer to investigate whether the site excavation is too close to the road and has therefore undermined the lane and to ensure that the sight lines on the visibility splay do not encroach on the neighbouring property. Councillors asked Cllr Coren to call the application into Committee if MDDC are minded to approve the application in its present form.

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

Reference: 21/00470/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension following removal of conservatory

Location: Wisteria House, Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mrs L Cooper

Reference: 21/00528/FULL

Proposal: Change of Use of agricultural land for the formation of a domestic access and drive

Location: Land at Wolfgar Farm, Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mrs R Salmon

Reference: 21/00627/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Salix Willow tree within a Conservation Area

Location: Cottage Lawn, Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: Mr K Unsworth

7. Devon County Council – to comment on the following application:

Reference: DCC/4231/2021

Proposal: Retrospective change of use from small scale specialist waste incinerator to receipt and temporary storage of animal by-products

Location: Old Tellams Yard, road from Pitton Cross to Hook Farm, Cheriton Bishop

Applicant: B G Pearce

Councillors **resolved** to object, commenting as follows. The S106 Agreement dated 2nd October 2013 was negotiated to allow the applicant to use the site for small scale specialist waste incineration whilst at the same time protecting local residents' quality of life. The Parish Council is concerned that the applicant has not adhered to the terms of the Agreement included to protect quality of life. If that is the case the PC does not have confidence that, if the change of use is allowed, the terms will be adhered to in the future, nor that DCC will have the manpower to monitor or control the situation.

The PC, notwithstanding the above, call on DCC to enforce the conditions imposed in the 2013 S106 agreement and in the current planning consent. In particular Condition 9 of Planning Consent for the site dated 2nd October 2013 requires that, if the building ceases to be used for incineration purposes, it will be removed. The building is not used for incineration and therefore that condition should be met.

Councillors asked Cllr Letch to call this application into Committee if DCC are minded to approve.

8. Traffic – to discuss speeding traffic through Tedburn/Cheriton Bishop/Crockernwell and agree associated actions:

After lengthy discussion of this ongoing issue which is again causing concern for parishioners it was **resolved** to conduct a Village FB and paper survey (**Cllr Tomlinson**) and try again to get Community Speedwatch up and running when Covid-19 regulations allow (**Cllr Milton**). **Cllr Edwards** will provide a map showing the areas of particular concern to Cllr Letch. **Clerk** to report the regular late night motorbike to the PCSO to request the police attend around that time and request that the portable speed monitor be brought back to the C50.

9. Wheelchair Friendly Benches – to discuss buying wheelchair friendly benches for the Village Green and agree associated actions:

It was **resolved** to purchase two wheelchair friendly benches for £215 each and temporary rubber matting using the £500 Locality Fund Covid Support Grant to assist in making the Village Green a Covid safe social space.

10. Play Equipment – to consider provision of new play equipment for 8 to 11 year olds at Glebelands Play Area and agree associated actions:

Cllr Benjamin ran through the quotation she had received from Kompan. **Cllr Benjamin** will research grant opportunities and **Cllr Tomlinson** will prepare a Village FB and paper survey to obtain parishioners' views. To go back on the agenda for July. **Cllr Coren** offered to find out how much S106 money might be available for new equipment.

11. Platinum Jubilee – to discuss how to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and agree associated actions:

Cllr Milton explained the idea of the Queen's Green Canopy and suggested sites in the village where trees could be planted. To go back on the Agenda in September and in the meantime **Clerk** to find out whether DCC have any objection to trees being planted on roadside verges.

12. MDDC Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Consultation Public Spaces Protection Order – Proposed Dog Controls – to consider how to respond to the consultation questionnaire:

Clerk to respond on behalf of the PC.

13. Climate Change – to receive an update on Climate Change initiatives:

Nothing to report this month.

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

The PC FB page now has 110 members.

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

Nothing to report this month.

16. Newsletter – to receive an update on newsletter activities:

Cllr Edwards updated councillors.

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

Nothing to report this month.

18. Annual Internal Report – to note the report and agree actions:

The Clerk reported that the PC had passed the audit. The Auditor recommended that Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be updated. **Clerk** to action.

19. Certificate of Exemption – to resolve to certify that the Council is exempt from the limited assurance review under S9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015:

As neither the Council's income nor expenditure exceed £25,000 it was **resolved** that the Council is exempt.

20. Annual Governance Statement – to consider, approve and resolve to sign the annual governance statement:

It was **resolved** the sign the statement.

21. Annual Accounting Statement – to consider, approve and resolve to sign the annual accounting statement:

It was **resolved** to sign the statement.

22. Accounts & Budget – to approve the following payments and report on budget:

The Clerk had earlier circulated the End of Year Financial report. The following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk (refund for Zoom May)	Admin	£7.19
Clerk	Salary	£305.08
Inland Revenue	Salary	£17.00
Savills (rent for Village Green)	Assets	£327
DALC (Inv 3073)	Training	£54.00
Clerk (refund for chalk paint)	Admin	£13.90
BHIB	Insurance	£512.06
Clarity (meter fee)	Newsletter	£69.22
P Clapham - Auditor	Admin	£55
Scribble & Ink	Newsletter	251.64
Clerk (refund for Parish Online)	Admin	£72
Spalding Hall (hall hire)	Admin	£12
Spalding Hall	Newsletter	£48

23. Chair's Report (information only):

The Chair reported on the outstanding work needed to resurface around the War Memorial and on ongoing issues regarding the access cover outside 3 and 4 Acer Terrace and asked **Cllr Letch** for support at DCC to move these matters forward.

Chair enquired about the outcome of the HATOC proposal to paint double yellow lines on Church Road near the junction with the C50. **Clerk** to check.

24. Councillors' Reports (for information only):

Cllr Westcott reported that the Community Land Trust had held its AGM and is looking for new members. Cllr Wood reported that interest in arranging broadband for the Spalding Hall had been low so it is unlikely that project will go ahead.

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

Cllr Letch reported that he will be on the DCC Children Scrutiny Committee and the Mid Devon HATOC. He is holding “surgeries” in Crediton on the first Saturday of every month and the third Saturday at Bow. He would like to hold a surgery in Cheriton Bishop. Cllr Westcott will let him know when Coffee and Chat starts again at Spalding Hall.

26. MDDC Councillors’ report – for information only:

Cllr Coren reported that MDDC meetings have been suspended save for Cabinet, Scrutiny and Planning.

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

The clerk reported that the lease of Glebelands has been completed and asked Councillors to arrange a weekly inspection rota.

28. Dates of Next Meetings (all at 7pm at Spalding Hall): 12th July, 13th September, 11th October, 8th November, 13th December, 10th January, 14th February, 14th March, 11th April