



CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Monday 12th July 2021 at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall

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

In attendance: the Clerk and 2 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin and Cllr Penny (MDDC).

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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:

No members of public spoke.

4. Cheriton Bishop PC Meeting Minutes 14th 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 applications:

Reference: 21/00989/FULL
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building
Location: Greenacres Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr M Kellaway

After lengthy discussion Cllrs **resolved** to support this application because it appears to meet the criteria of MDDC Local Plan Policy DM20. However, Cllrs expressed reservations about the application and therefore recommend that MDDC grants permission subject to the following conditions:

- The provision of a Waste Management Plan (see DM 20 para 4.62) setting out how the development will limit any adverse effects on the environment and to ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are implemented. The information given in the application is not sufficient.
- The provision of a viable business plan and evidence the applicant is running a business from the site to show that the development is reasonably necessary to support farming activity on the site (see Policy DM20 a))
- There can be considerable local flooding around and outside the site. The flood risk assessment in the application is inadequate. Therefore Cllrs recommend that a condition be imposed that surface water must be drained to a soakaway with a regular inspection regime to prevent damage to the local environment.
- To avoid overdevelopment of the site the redundant building (the old A30 toilet block) should be demolished as the applicant considers no longer suitable for conversion.

Reference: 21/00704/FULL
Proposal: Change of Use of agricultural land to residential garden to include tennis court (revised drawings)
Location: Land at NGR 274310 93634 (Thorne Cross Farm) Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr R Toms

It was **resolved** to object to this application for the same reasons as submitted in relation to the original drawings which are that the development would fragment farmland and is not reasonably necessary to support farming activity. It therefore does not fall within DM 20 and Councillors recommend that consent should be refused.

6. MDDC Planning Decisions – to note that MDDC has approved the following change of use:

Reference: 21/000761/PNCOU
Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling under Class Q
Location: Land & building at NGR 274814 94105 (Oakfields) Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Miss K Jones

Cllrs requested that they receive the weekly planning lists from MDDC. Although the PC is not a consultee on Class Q applications, they will then be able to publicise them so that residents can comment if they wish.

7. Verges – to discuss keeping grass verges and other growth cut and tidy along the C50, Church Lane and the Woodleigh roundabout:

Cllrs discussed concerns that long grass and growth reduces visibility and is therefore hazardous (eg Woodleigh roundabout and Four Cross Ways). Also on narrow lanes (eg Church Lane) the growth reduces road width so that pedestrians are forced into it to allow cars to pass. Unmown grass on the verges along the C50 in the village is untidy. DCC no longer mows these verges and a volunteer has kindly been moving them on an ad hoc basis. Cllr Letch confirmed that it is the responsibility of the landowner to maintain the banks, ditches and hedgerows adjacent to the road. Highways will cut back vegetation where safety is an issue. However, where banks and ditches are not maintained DCC can cut back overgrown vegetation and invoice the landowner. It was **resolved** that:

- **Cllr Edwards** will contact Cllr Letch with information about the location of growth that is a visibility hazard and Cllr Letch will ask Highways to cut more frequently; and
- The **Clerk** will obtain a quotation for a contractor to mow regularly the verges along the C50 starting at the village welcome sign and cutting the vegetation outside the playpark along Church Lane.

8. Play Equipment – to consider provision of new play equipment for 8 to 14 year olds at Glebelands Play Area and agree associated actions:

Cllr Tomlinson reported on the responses to the village survey which were very positively in favour. To go back on the agenda in September. Cllr Coren reported that some S106 money might be available for this project. **Clerk** to confirm with MDDC.

9. Buildings at Risk Survey – to consider a response to MDDC's letter regarding the Buildings at Risk Survey and Register

The Clerk reported that to date no-one from the Parish had contacted her in response to the letter which had been circulated on the FB pages, although one property in a neighbouring parish had been reported. The **clerk** will respond to the letter by 28th July.

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

Cllr Wood updated councillors on the biodiversity project at the Village Green. The wildflowers have been held back by the spring weather (too dry!) and the summer weather (too wet!) but the trees are doing well. May resow wildflowers in the Autumn.

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

Cllr Tomlinson reported that the PC FB page now has about 150 members.

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

Cllr Milton reported that some paths across fields are very overgrown. DCC has inspected Footpath 14. The sign has been temporarily fixed and there is a minor detour at the next gate where there is an obstruction. The landowner has agreed to install a self-latching gate. Cllr Wood suggested that all footpaths should have numbered signs. **Cllr Wood** will contact Cllr Letch who will see whether the P3 Footpaths Officer will pay for them.

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

Cllr Edwards reported that the Newsletter team are considering buying a new printer. As the numbers being printed are reducing Cllrs wondered whether it would be more cost effective to send the newsletter out for printing.

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

None were reported.

15. Accounts & Budget – to approve the following payments and receipts and note the report on the first financial quarter:

The budget report and the receipt of the first half of the precept (£6835.50) were noted. The following payments were approved:

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk	Salary	£305.08
Inland Revenue	Salary	£16.80
Wilson Garden Services	R & M	£100
DALC (Inv 3156)	Training	£36.00
Clerk (refund for gate lock)	Admin	£9.99
Clarity (meter fee)	Newsletter	£57.73
A Wood (refund for bags)	Admin	£18.89
A Wood (refund for hazard tape)	Admin	£6.99
A Wood (refund for temp playground signs)	Admin	£14.00
A Wood (refund for railway sleeper for bike rack)	New Assets	£32.69
T Vooght (refund for planters for Glebelands)	R & M	£46.50

16. Chair's Report - information only:

The Chair reminded Cllrs that Tim Vooght has very kindly been checking the defibrillator and ensuring it is serviced. **Clerk** to thank Tim for his time and effort which is for the benefit of the whole community and check that he is happy to continue.

The Autumn Village Tidy will be held on 25th September, meeting at the Stone Cross at 0930 hrs. Volunteers are asked to bring their own tools. Thanks in advance to Tim Vooght and Peter Endacott for organising this.

Phil Dicker has very kindly been acting as the Snow Warden for the past few years but would now like to retire but perhaps only to a degree! Cllrs thanked Phil for his work over the years. Phil wants to give up clearing paths and spreading salt and grit around the village where elderly people live and along the path to the surgery. However, he may continue with the salt spreader and will advise after some thought. The salt spreader needs an electrical hitch to work and a 4-wheel drive vehicle to pull it. Also, the salt which was obtained is too wet for the spreader. **Cllrs Wood** and **Salmon** will review the position of the village grit bins and see whether more are needed. (Cllr Letch suggested the Locality Fund may be able to assist with purchase). **Clerk** to advertise in the Newsletter and FB pages for a volunteer Snow Warden for clearing paths and manually spreading salt and grit.

There are now about 12 volunteers for a Community Speed Watch team. Cllr Milton has met with the police and progress on this is being made. The speed check machine at Crockernwell is a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign and it is jointly owned by two parish councils. Perhaps something to consider in the future.

17. To receive a report from Councillors – information only:

Cllr Tomlinson reported that there had been a very good response to the FB Village Traffic and Speed survey. The survey is yet to go in the Newsletter and be put on noticeboards. She will report on the responses jointly with the Highways report.

Cllr Wood reported that she has put temporary signs up at the Play Area, pending the permanent sign being delivered. The inspection rota is up and running and the equipment is inspected every Monday. Cllr Salmon volunteered to join the rota. As the Play Area is for the benefit of the wider community Cllrs asked the **Clerk** to advertise for non-Parish Council volunteers to assist with the inspection regime as it is quite onerous for a small number of volunteers. Cllrs asked the **Clerk** to contact MDDC to arrange for them to empty the bin.

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

Cllr Letch reported that he plans to hold a surgery in Cheriton Bishop every second Saturday of the month – venue to be confirmed. He has called in the Old Tellams Yard application (DCC/4231/2021) to full committee as requested as the last PC meeting. Last winter DCC gritted 138,000 miles of road in the county. Cllr Letch will be writing an article for the newsletter every month.

19. MDDC Councillor's report – information only:

Cllr Coren reported that MDDC has been suffering a high level of absenteeism due to staff having to self isolate. He thanked Phil Dicker for clearing a bad flood outside New Place Farm and unblocking a culvert. Cllr Coren has been on a mission to collect DCC roadwork signs which have not been collected. He has so far collected more than 30, some of which had been left for so long that they were grown in.

20. Correspondence/Clerk's report – information only:

The clerk reported that a resident had reported (again) that the MDDC garages at Glebelands are in a very bad state of repair. Residents are paying rent and therefore the garages should be fully usable. Cllr Coren will raise this with MDDC but commented that the roofs are asbestos and therefore repairs will be very costly. **Clerk** to contact resident for more information and also to contact MDDC to enquire whether a garage could be rented by the PC.

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