



**CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

In attendance: the Clerk and 4 members of the public

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Ball, Cllr Milton, Cllr Tomlinson 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**

5 members of the public spoke in support of item 8 and provided information about the condition of the existing goalposts and about suitable replacements. They also requested that the grass at the Village Green be mowed more frequently and that the clippings be taken away. Longer grass and clippings left on the ground make the grass slippery and therefore footballers are much more likely to be injured whilst playing.

**4. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record**

It was **resolved** to approve both sets of minutes as a correct record.

**5. MDDC planning applications – to comment on the following applications**

Reference: 21/01539/HOUSE & 21/01540/LBC  
Proposal: Extend height of existing chimney to 1.8m above ridge of thatched roof  
Location: Way Cottage Church Lane Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Miss S Burton

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

Reference: 21/01652/LBC  
Proposal: Listed building consent for internal alterations to create a kitchen with breakfast bar area and provide WC facilities  
Location: Gorwyn House Cheriton Bishop  
Applicant: Mr B Macdonald

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

**6. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note the following approvals with conditions as filed**

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

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

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

Reference: 21/01418/FULL  
 Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of a temporary agricultural worker's mobile home - variation of condition 1 of planning permission 18/00832/FULL to extend temporary time period for the siting of mobile home  
 Location: Greenacres Cheriton Bishop  
 Applicant: Mr M Kellaway

#### **7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions** – to note the following refusals for reasons as filed

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 NGR 276783 94569 (Little Mounson) Cheriton Bishop  
 Applicant: Mr G Smith

Reference: 21/01458/FULL  
 Proposal: Demolition of workshop and store and change of use of yard to residential to include the erection of 1 dwelling  
 Location: Land and buildings at NGR 276526 94280 (Entrance to Haven Lea) Cheriton Bishop  
 Applicant: Mrs R Tripp

#### **8. Village Green** – to discuss a request to replace the movable football posts and agree associated actions

It was **resolved** to purchase 2 Samba locking football goals 12 x 6 ft for £99.95 each. Cllrs also discussed the request that the grass be mowed more frequently and that the clippings be removed. Cllrs explained that the current mowing regime (which does not include removal of clippings) will cost around £900 for the current cutting season. As a potential compromise Cllrs considered various ways of cutting the grass more frequently and removing clippings during the school holidays, perhaps involving some self help. To go on the agenda at a future meeting.

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

Cllr Benjamin reported that she had received a quote of £30,679 from Kompan (the company that refurbished the play area in 2021) for the installation of a Kompan Inground Galaxy & Jumper. Cllr Benjamin had also prepared an application to the National Lottery for a grant towards the purchase of the equipment. Councillors discussed the use of S106/CIL monies for this project. There is just over £9000 in the MDDC S106/CIL General Fund available to the Parish Council. The **Clerk** is to check when this money has to be spent by. It was **resolved** that the grant application should be submitted and that the PC will put at least £5000 of the S106/CIL fund towards the project (or all that amount if the time allowed for the expenditure of that money is short).

#### **10. ROSPA Inspection** – to agree future dates for the annual ROSPA inspections of the play equipment at Glebelands Play Area

The clerk reported that the last third party inspection was carried out in December 2020, post installation of the new equipment. ROSPA would charge £237 for an annual inspection in December, for which they would make a one-off visit to Devon. The alternative is to arrange a ROSPA visit in March/April, when the inspection will be included in ROSPA's annual visit

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to inspect many play areas on Devon, for which the cost will be approximately £75. As the equipment is new and is being inspected weekly by volunteers it was **resolved** to arrange a visit in March/April. **Clerk** to action.

**11. Platinum Jubilee 2022** – to discuss how to celebrate/mark the occasion within the Parish

Councillors discussed several ideas including: a big lunch/bbq at the Village Green; tree planting; lighting a beacon; and decorating the village. Councillors would like to see what residents would like to do. **Clerk** to write a piece for the Newsletter asking residents to contact her with their ideas. To go on a future agenda.

**12. Footpath Posts** – to discuss the purchase of number signs for footpath posts and agree associated actions

CLlr Wood reported that 16 public footpaths criss-cross the Parish. Each path has a number on the MDDC definitive footpath map but these numbers are not displayed on footpath signs. Councillors agreed it would be very sensible for each sign to have a number. **CLlr Wood** will research costs and report at the next meeting.

**13. Devon Parish & Town Council Wildlife Network** – to discuss appropriate action

CLlr Wood explained how Devon Local Nature Partnership supports Parish and Town Councils to fulfil their statutory obligation to take action for wildlife, a duty which is enshrined in the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006. It was confirmed that the Village Green project had been registered on the DLNP Map which seeks to link up all the local organisations with an interest in nature conservation.

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

CLlr Wood reported that the two new benches have been installed on the Village Green. Thanks to CLlr Benjamin, Mark Tripp and DCC for their assistance. The benches need treating with preservative and it is hoped this will be done during the Village Tidy. It was **resolved** to purchase bulbs up to a value of £100 to enhance the Village Green and Glebelands Play Area. Councillors discussed how to further enhance the Village Green by planting willows along the marshy border.

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

CLlr Benjamin reported that the PC FB page now has 121 members. Numbers are gradually increasing and there is a lot of “cross-posting” with the Village FB page.

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

CLlr Edwards reported on comments on FB regarding a truck which has been parked in various places around the Parish to advertise a local business. This is not a PC matter and CLlr Edwards will respond on FB.

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

CLlr Edwards reported that the Newsletter team are researching the purchase of a new printer.

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

CLlr Salmon reported that she had inspected the benches at the War Memorial and felt they can be repaired/renovated rather than replaced. The cost to be included in the 2022/23 budget.

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

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk	Salary (July)	£322.08
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Devon Signs Ltd (already paid)	Assets	£49.20
Lawrence Wilson (July – already paid)	R & M	£100.00

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Lawrence Wilson (August)	R & M	200.00
Clarity (meter fee)	Newsletter	£67.27
Spalding Hall June Inv 97600	Newsletter	£48.00
Spalding Hall June Hire Inv 97600	Admin	£15.00
Spalding Hall July Inv 97601	Newsletter	£48.00
Spalding Hall July Hire Inv 97601	Admin	£12
Scribble & Ink (Inkost) Inv 497545	Newsletter	£107.64
Cartridge People (refund to clerk)	Admin	£32.64

Receipt of the second half of the precept - £6835.50

#### **20. To receive a report from the Chair (for information only)**

On behalf of Cllr Milton the Clerk reported that he had again asked DCC to resolve the long-standing problem with the very noisy drain cover outside 3 Acer Terrace.

#### **21. To receive reports from Councillors (for information only)**

Cllr Edwards reported that she has taken over responsibility for Community Speedwatch. Cllr Westcott reported on plans to meet with a local environmentalist and that gradual progress on Parish Wildlife Wardens is being made. Councillor Wood thanked the 2 volunteers who have come forward to help with the weekly inspection of the Play Area.

#### **22. To receive a report from Cllr Letch (DCC) (for information only)**

Cllr Letch reported that his monthly surgery in Cheriton Bishop is now held at the bus stop on the C50. There is plenty of money left in his DCC Locality Fund and he encourages community groups who need support to apply. **Clerk** to put information about this on FB. Residents do from time to time contact him about vehicles parked on pavements and when they do so he informs the relevant officer at DCC. DCC has put aside £1.4 million for road repairs, in particular repairing the sides of roads where they have fallen away. If anyone is aware of places where that has occurred could they please send photos to him ([Frank.Letch@devon.gov.uk](mailto:Frank.Letch@devon.gov.uk).) Cheriton Bishop, Bow and Copplestone all have problems with speeding traffic. One idea is for the three parishes to purchase jointly a Vehicle Activated Sign. Some funding might be available from the Locality Fund. To go on the October agenda. Covid 19 numbers in Devon are now reducing.

#### **23. To receive a report from MDDC Councillors (for information only)**

Cllr Coren reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner regarding moving the 30 mph signs on the Yeoford Road further out of the village. He has previously contacted DCC about this but DCC had not agreed to move them. **Clerk** to write to Cllr Letch setting out the reasons for them to be moved and Cllr Letch will forward the email to the DCC officer. Cllr Coren has been told that a MDDC officer will be inspecting the garages at Glebelands (which are in a poor state of repair) during week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **24. Correspondence/Clerk's Report (for information only)**

Robin Scott, the new Academy Head of Cheriton Bishop Primary School, has been in touch and plans to attend the October PC meeting to meet councillors and introduce himself.

Bunny Homes, a South West based house builder will be attending the next PC meeting to explain their proposals for developing the land off Church Lane. They will also be holding a public consultation in the village which is planned for week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October. During week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October Bunny Homes intends to write to all village residents and local businesses to invite them to the consultation. To go on the October PC agenda.

**25. Dates of Next Meetings (all at 7pm at Spalding Hall save for 11<sup>th</sup> October which will be at 7 pm at the Village Hall):** 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

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