



**CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall on Monday 10th January 2022**

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

In attendance: the Clerk and 5 members of the public

**1. To elect a Chair and receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chair**

Cllr Benjamin agreed to take on the role of Chair for a period of 3 months and was elected as Chair (Proposer: Cllr Westcott, Seconder: Cllr Salmon). The Declaration of Office was received.

**2. To elect a Vice Chair or Vice Chair**

Item carried forward to the next meeting.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Wood and Cllr Penny (MDDC)

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

Cllr Salmon declared a personal interest in item 9 and stated she would not take part in discussions or a vote.

**5. 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 the planning application in Item 9.

**6. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

**7. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors - for information only**

Cllr Coren confirmed that he will call Planning Application 21/02038 (Red Ridges, Cheriton Bishop) into full Planning Committee if MDDC planning officers are minded to approve. He updated Councillors on the work of the MDDC Environment Policy Development Committee.

**8. To receive a report from Cllr Letch (DCC) – for information only**

Cllr Letch confirmed that he will be attending and representing parishioners’ views at the DCC Development Management Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> January at which the planning application at Item 9 is likely to be considered. DCC is currently consulting Committees on the budget for the coming financial year. There is a lack of clarity on responsibility for clearing flooding and drains on rural roads and he has asked Highways for a written explanation which can then be published. Government rules on monitoring home schooling are changing. This may affect DCC’s monitoring. There is £4000 left in the Locality Fund for this year. Some monies from the Fund have been used to provide books for local schools to help teach children how to be “tech savvy”.

**9. Devon County Council – to note that the following application is likely to be taken to the DCC Development Management Committee on 26th January and agree associated actions (see email circulated 10th January):**

Reference: DCC/4231/2021

Signed ..... Dated .....

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

It was **resolved** that the Council’s previous objection to this objection which was submitted to DCC on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021 stands. (Cllr Salmon abstained).

**10. Storage of Grit/Salt** – to consider the storage of salt/grit for use by the Snow Warden

The Clerk reported that MDDC have agreed that salt/grit can be stored in the car park at Glebelands but that it should be secured behind fencing or in a bin at the PC’s cost. Clerk to report back on the price of a bin at the next meeting and in the meantime free fencing to be investigated.

**11. MDDC planning applications**– to comment on the following application

Reference: 21/01782/HOUSE and 21/01783/LBC  
 Proposal: Erection of garage with office over and erection of garden room  
 Location: Gorwyn House Cheriton Bishop  
 Applicant: B MacDonald

It was **resolved** to support this application with the recommendation that if approved the ecological enhancements mentioned in the application be a condition of the consent.

**12. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decision** – to note the following approval with conditions as filed

Reference: 21/02084/CLP  
 Proposal: Erection of covered area  
 Location: 8 Glebelands Cheriton Bishop  
 Applicant: Mr Frankum

**13. Precept 2022/23** – to agree the precept request

It was **resolved** to request a precept of £14,262 which is a slight increase but, as MDDC are expecting a higher collection rate for Council Tax this year, the increase for parishioners with regard to the PC precept will be very small.

**14. Village Green Grass Cutting 2022/23** – to consider the quotation received from MDDC

The clerk reported that the quotation received for 12 cuts a year is slightly higher than this year. **Clerk** to contact Lawrence Wilson to see if he would be interested in taking on the cutting and report back at next meeting.

**15. Mid Devon District Council Parish Review 2021/22** – to consider a response to the first stage of consultation on the current and future governance and structure of parish councils across Mid Devon

After consideration it was **resolved** to respond with a request that the parish boundary be altered so that Moor Park and land around it falls within the Parish. (Currently this area is in Tedburn St Mary Parish but this is an administrative anomaly as the land reaches almost into the centre of the village.) **Cllr Tomlinson** to be asked to survey the residents of Moor Park to find out to which parish they feel they belong. Cllr Benjamin asked whether the review will cover settlement areas. Cllr Coren will check.

**16. Virtual Share Shed**

Cllr Benjamin reported on this green initiative which aims to reduce the need for new equipment, the idea being that parishioners can list equipment wanted to borrow or available for loan. It was **resolved** to set up a virtual share shed from the PC’s Facebook account. **Cllr Benjamin** to action.

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

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

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

Cllr Wood reported via the Clerk that she has fixed some of the new numbers on footpath signs but has more to do. When finished she will write a piece for FB and the Newsletter. Cllr Coren highlighted the atrocious condition of the Yeoford Road outside the land at Little Mounson where the hedge was breached by a developer. DCC are aware.

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

Nothing to report this month.

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

None reported

**22. Accounts & Budget** – the following payments were approved

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk	Salary (December)	£322.08
A Wood (refund for PC Christmas cards and postage)	Admin	£19.94
A Wood (refund for snow warden equipment)	R & M	£34
A Wood (refund for hardware for footpath numbers)	R & M	£29.25
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	Admin	£41

Councillors noted the end of quarter budget monitor. Councillors discussed the possibility of purchasing a second defibrillator for the village. **Clerk** to research cost and **Cllr Benjamin/Cllr Salmon** to approach the school as a possible location. **To go on February agenda.**

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

Cllr Benjamin reported that she had been contacted by a resident concerned about sewage from an overflowing septic tank which is running along the side of the road. Cllr Benjamin understood that it had already been reported to Environmental Health. Cllr Ball suggested that the resident should contact the Environment Agency as it may be running into a watercourse. Cllr Benjamin has found MDDC's Cheriton Bishop Open Space & Play Area Strategy which acknowledges that the village has very limited open space. **Clerk** to investigate whether the Village Green can be made an Asset of Community Value. **To go on the February agenda.**

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

Cllr Westcott updated Councillors on the activities of the Village Environment Group which include the Share Shed (see above). Further ideas being worked on include a repair café, an energy advice day and more wildlife ecology projects later in the year. Also trying to progress the Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme by working with neighbouring parishes. The Scheme needs a volunteer to co-ordinate training etc.

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Cllr Edwards reported that getting the Community Speedwatch up and running is proving problematic . It has been difficult to get responses from the police and there have of course been delays due to the Covid pandemic. Some volunteers are put off by the amount of time they are required to commit to training. Councillors discussed whether just a Vehicle Activated Speed Scheme would be a better option. **Clerk to progress the latter, which will be on the February agenda.**

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

The clerk reported that Cllr Wood had provided a quote for a new picnic bench at the Glebelands play area, to be put on eco deck. The quote is £1386 including VAT which can be reclaimed. The clerk reported that MDDC have indicated this project will qualify for S106/CIL funding. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Wood regarding making an application. **To go on the February agenda.**

The vacancy for a Councillor can be advertised after 12<sup>th</sup> January if there is no request for an election.

**25. Dates of Next Meetings (all commencing at 7 pm at the Spalding Hall unless otherwise notified):** 14<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> April

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