



CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2022

Present: Cllr Ball, Cllr Benjamin (Chair), Cllr Edwards, Cllr O'Neill, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Wood, Cllr Coren (MDDC) and Cllr Letch (DCC)

In attendance: the Clerk and 4 members of the public

1. To co-opt a new Councillor

It was **resolved** to co-opt Peter O'Neill (proposed Cllr Benjamin, seconded Cllr Edwards).

2. To elect a Vice Chair or Vice Chairs

It was resolved to elect Cllr Ball as Vice Chair (proposed Cllr Edwards, seconded Cllr Benjamin)

3. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from 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 did not take part in the discussion of that item.

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

Three members of the public informed councillors of their concern about the dreadful state of repair of Holwell Lane which is so damaged that it is a dangerous hazard to cars, pedestrians, cyclists and horses. The defects are not just potholes, they are “trenches” along the side of the road. It was confirmed that the damage has been reported on the DCC website but that nothing has been done. The road has been in a very bad state for many years. Cllrs recommended that residents contact DCC direct about the issue. **Cllr Letch** will follow up and escalate. **Cllrs** and the **Clerk** will also contact DCC.

One member of the public (the applicant) provided information about Item 9.

6. Cheriton Bishop Council Meeting Minutes 14th February 2022 – 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

The Mid-Devon Covid infection rate has increased by 20% in the last 10 days. Cllr Coren has recently attended the DNPA Forum which covered the Glover Report on National Parks. The MDDC Environment Public Discussion Group has plans to reduce the Mid-Devon carbon footprint and trees are being planted on surplus Mid-Devon land which is not reserved for development. Cllr Coren explained his concerns about Planning Application 21/02539 upon which the PC commented at its February meeting.

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

Cllr Letch reported that he has led an assembly at Copplestone School on “accepting differences” and “feet first”. He hopes to lead a similar assembly at Cheriton Bishop School and is in touch with the Head. Cllr Letch ran through DCC’s budgets for 2022/23. Full details are on DCC’s website. Of particular note is that £22.9 million will be taken from the emergency reserve to support services. There is no real increase in the Highways budget but £1 million has been set aside for road drainage and the repair of potholes. The Locality Fund budget has been decreased to £8,000 per councillor.

9. MDDC planning application – to comment on the following application

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Reference: 22/00378/FULL
Proposal: Erection of a workshop/store for agricultural tools/machinery
Location: Land at NGR 275626 95077 Wolfgar Farm
Applicant: Mr J Harper

The meeting was suspended to hear from the applicant and then resumed. It was **resolved** to support this application but suggest that consent be granted with a condition that measures to improve biodiversity and local wildlife habitat (eg bird boxes, bat boxes and planting) be undertaken to mitigate the effect of land being used for construction.

10. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decision – to note the following approvals with conditions as filed

Reference: 21/02038/FULL
Proposal: Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling
Location: Red Ridges Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr D Trescher

11. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note that an appeal has been made against refusal of permission for the following application and to consider whether to comment further

Reference: 21/00082/PIT
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

It was **resolved** not to make further comment as the Council’s previous objection will be considered by the Planning Inspector.

12. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decisions – to note that MDDC has advised that planning approval is not required for the following developments

Reference: 22/00058/PNAG
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building
Location: Land & buildings at NGR 271960 92934 (Treable Farm) Hittisleigh
Applicant: Mr S Bowden

Reference: 22/00059/PNAG
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building
Location: Land & buildings at NGR 271938 92988 (Treable Farm) Hittisleigh
Applicant: Mr S Bowden

13. Grass Cutting 2022 – to consider information and quotations received and agree associated actions

It was **resolved** to accept the quotation for cutting the Village Green and verges received from Graham Dicker, which offers the best overall value. There will be 12 cuts a year and the mowings on the football pitch at the Village Green will be collected. **Clerk** to action.

14. Defibrillators – to consider acquiring an additional defibrillator for the Parish and agree associated actions

After discussion of three quotations, it was agreed that a Zoll AED 3 defibrillator (which is the same as the existing defibrillator in the Parish) is the best option. The cost will be around £2170 including accessories, cabinet, training and installation. It was **resolved** to purchase the defibrillator when grant funding has been finalised. (An application to the National Lottery has been submitted).

15. Platinum Jubilee – to receive an update on plans for the parish and agree associated actions

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Cllr Benjamin explained that a timetable for a variety of events is coming together, with something planned for all 4 days. The PC has funding available to contribute to costs. The PC will not be planting any trees as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy initiative but it was noted that free trees are available from the Woodland Trust. Cllr Benjamin will inform the School and the Church of this opportunity.

16. MDDC 20 mph Community Self-Assessment Form – to consider completion and submission of the form for Cheriton Bishop and agree associated actions

It was **resolved** that Cllr O’Neill will complete and submit the form on behalf of the Council. It will be requested that the existing 20 mph area be extended to where Church Lane meets the C50, the Yeoford road from the C50 to the existing 30 mph limit and to Fairview on Holwell Lane.

17. Review of Council Documents

The Statement of Internal Control, Privacy Policy, Model Publication Scheme and Freedom of Information Statement were reviewed and approved. Cllr O’Neill suggested that the PC could publish a simple strategy document. All agreed this was a good idea. To go on a future agenda.

18. Planning Information on Social Media – to consider what planning information the PC should put on social media

After discussion it was **resolved** that it would be helpful to put information on the PC Facebook Noticeboard about what Councillors can and cannot take into account when consulted on planning applications. **Cllr Benjamin** to action.

19. Plan Mid Devon 2023 – 43 – to discuss MDDC’s consultation on Plan Mid Devon 2023 – 43 and consider how to comment

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Benjamin, Salmon and O’Neill will form a working party to respond on behalf of the PC.

20. Compact Homes – to discuss the concept of Compact Homes in relation to the Parish and agree associated actions

Cllrs agreed that Compact Homes in some form might be suitable for the parish and should be included in the comments made under Item 19 above.

21. Use of Green Lanes by recreational vehicles on Dartmoor – to consider a response to the Glover Landscapes Review

It was **resolved** that the PC is against the use of green lanes by recreational vehicles on Dartmoor as they damage wildlife and habitat, result in costly repair works for the DNPA and are a nuisance to non-motorised users. **Clerk** to respond on behalf of the PC.

22. Climate Change - to receive an update

Cllr Wood reported that the bulbs planted in the Autumn are now coming into flower and attracting insects.

23. Social Media – to receive an update

Cllr Tomlinson reported that the PC Facebook page has now been up and running for a year. She has surveyed users about what they want from the page and has also surveyed residents of Moor Park to find out more about their perceptions, bearing in mind that they live in the Teignbridge District Council area but Cheriton Bishop Parish Council facilities. **Cllr Tomlinson** will provide more information at future meetings. Cllr Benjamin encouraged councillors to post updates on the Facebook Noticeboard.

24. Roads & Footpaths – to receive an update

Nothing to report

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25. Newsletter – to receive an update

Nothing to report

26. Repairs & Maintenance – to receive an update

CLlr Benjamin reported that the public noticeboard was damaged in recent storms. She is obtaining a quotation for repair.

27. Accounts & Budget – the following payments were approved

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk - Salary February	Salary	£305.08
HMRC	Salary	£17.00
Clarity (Invoice 291713)	Newsletter	£61.10
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall (Inv 22/02/05)	Hall hire	£25.50
A Wood (refund for trees)	Biodiversity	£86.19
Visionict (email accounts) (Invoice 14380)	Websites & Email	£172.80
A Hodder (refund for salt/grit store)	New Assets	£367.95
Spalding Hall (Inv 97607) (already paid)	Hall hire	£24
Spalding Hall (Inv 97607) (already paid)	Newsletter	£96

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

CLlr Benjamin has submitted a new application to the National Lottery for a grant towards additional equipment at Glebelands Play Area.

29. To receive reports from Councillors – for information only

CLlr Edwards reported that the Police Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator has resigned and that it has proved impossible to get the Cheriton Bishop Community Speedwatch up and running due to problems with bureaucracy, the time demanded from volunteers and training. Tedburn St Mary PC is in the same predicament. The PC will now concentrate on the joint purchase of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. CLlr Letch confirmed that he has already asked for a SCARF assessment for this. CLlr Wood reported that the application for the use of S106/CIL monies for a new picnic bench at Glebelands Play Area has been submitted to MDDC. CLlr Westcott reported that the Energy Efficiency Session run by Exeter Community Energy will be held at the Village Hall at 7 pm on 6th April. The Community Land Trust will be holding its AGM in May and is looking for new members. Funding is now in place for a pilot Wildlife Warden Scheme for Mid Devon.

This was CLlr Wood's final PC meeting. All Councillors thanked her for her hard work and commitment to the Parish and the Parish Council over the last few years, noting the various projects she had pushed through. Councillors wished her well for the future.

30. Correspondence/Clerk's Report (for information only)

Bunnyhomes were not after all able to attend the March PC meeting but are expected at the April meeting. In view of this the Annual Parish Meeting will be put back to May.

31. Dates of Next Meetings (all commencing at 7 pm at the Spalding Hall unless otherwise mentioned): 11th April (at the Village Hall), 9th May (6.30 pm Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall immediately followed by Council Meeting), 13th June, 11th July, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December

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