



CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2022

Present: Cllr Ball (Chair), Cllr O’Neill, Cllr Salmon, Cllr Westcott, Cllr Letch (DCC) and Cllr Coren (MDDC)

In attendance: the Clerk and 17 members of the public

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Benjamin, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Tomlinson

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

None

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 representatives of bunnyhomes updated those present on plans to develop 24 homes on land off Church Lane. They are still in the pre-application process and expect to submit the planning application in the next 1 to 2 months with the hope of determination by MDDC in late Autumn. Bunnyhomes reported that they have successfully negotiated with DCC that they do not need to remove or move the hedge along Church Lane. DCC Highways have required that Church Lane be widened in parts to enable a safe highway with sufficient visibility. This will be achieved by removing grass and weeds at the base of the hedge and pruning the hedge back at pinch points. When the development is completed maintenance of the hedge at the correct width will be the responsibility of the management company. The public footpath will run along the inside of the hedge.

Bunnyhomes confirmed that one self-build plot will be included in the application. Their landscaper is working with an ecologist to provide a 3 – 4 metre screening hedge on the southern boundary of the development. They wait hearing from South West Water regarding the capacity of the local sewerage system.

Two members of the public spoke about the poor condition of the surface around the war memorial, which is now even more of a dangerous trip hazard. They also provided historical information about the memorial and the laying of the surface. The Clerk and Councillors will try to establish ownership of the surface around the memorial and renew efforts to find a way to renew the surface.

4. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting Minutes 14th March 2022 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record

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

5. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors - for information only

Cllr Coren reported that the Village Tidy had been successful and well attended. He thanked the organisers and all volunteers for their hard work. Cllr Coren had spent a couple of hours with the DCC Highways team who cleaned gulleys and drains in the Parish.

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

The 2022/3 Locality Fund will be open to requests from May. The North Devon Hospital Trust has merged with RD&E and it is hoped that this will help get through the backlog for elective surgery. The Nightingale Hospital has been kept open for eye and “cold” surgery.

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7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – to consider the following applications upon which the Council has been asked to comment

Reference: 22/00417/FULL
 Proposal: Erection of an extension to a B8 storage building
 Location: Land at NGR 274175 93696 (Thorne Cross Farm) Cheriton Bishop
 Applicant: Mr R Toms

It was **resolved** to support this application (3 for, 1 abstention)

Reference: 22/00650/CAAT
 Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 2 limbs from 1 Willow tree and removal of 3 Cyprus trees within a Conservation Area
 Location: Cottage Lawn Cheriton Bishop
 Applicant: Mr K Unsworth

It was **resolved** to support this application with the request that when the work is carried out care is taken not to disturb wildlife and that due to the proximity of power lines a qualified tree surgeon should be employed.

Reference: 22/00530/FULL
 Proposal: Removal of condition C of planning permission 86/00268/FULL relating to an agricultural occupancy condition
 Location: Thorne Cross Farm Cheriton Bishop
 Applicant: Mr R Toms

The meeting was suspended to hear from two members of the public who explained the process they had followed (at the request of MDDC) to establish demand for the property with the agricultural tie in place. The meeting was then re-started. After discussion Councillors **resolved** to make no comment on the application.

8. 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: 21/01458/FULL
 Proposal: Demolition of workshop and store and change of use of yard to residential to include the erection of 1 dwelling
 Location: Land at NGR 276526 94280 (Entrance to Haven Lea) Cheriton Bishop
 Applicant: Mrs R Tripp

It was **resolved** that the objection submitted to MDDC stands. The Planning Inspector will take this objection into account when determining the appeal, so no further comment is necessary.

9. Mid Devon District Council Planning Decision – to note that MDDC has advised that prior approval is not required for the following developments

Reference: 22/00364/PNAG
 Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building
 Location: Land & buildings at NGR 276078 93675 (Southcombe) Cheriton Bishop
 Applicant: Mr K Drake

Reference: 22/00427/PNAG
 Proposal: Erection of a forestry storage shed
 Location: Pitton Plantation Hittisleigh
 Applicant: Mr W & Mrs G Fisher

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

Cllr Salmon updated Councillors on the plans, which include an art display in the Church and Big Breakfast run by the Scouts.

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11. Glebelands Play Area – to consider the March ROSPA Inspection Report and agree associated actions

The Report had not identified any serious issues, with an acceptably low risk level throughout. It was **resolved** that the Clerk should purchase a replacement cap for the Multiplay and check that there are sufficient volunteers for the weekly checks. Councillors also discussed the use of the S106 monies now received to purchase a new picnic bench for the play area. **Clerk** to resolve how best to complete the project and check that a Wellington bench can be purchased instead of an Exeter bench. This will be more accessible. (The lack of accessible seating was identified in the March ROSPA Play Area Access Audit)

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

Cllr Ball reported that the condition of the oak village entrance signs has deteriorated further. At the Exeter end of the village the concrete has collapsed and the signs are falling into the road. The PC had previously asked for tenders to repair the signs but none had been received. **Cllr Ball** will send photos to Cllr Letch, who will see whether DCC will take responsibility for repair as the signs are now a hazard.

13. Accounts & Budget – the following payments were approved

Payee	Budget	Amount
Clerk - Salary March	Salary	£326.58
HMRC	Salary	£2.00
Clarity (Invoice 292443)	Newsletter	£55.32
L Wilson (March) mowing & hedges	R & M	£100
Inkost Ltd (Invoice 5-3751	Newsletter	359.28
E Benjamin (refund for padlock for grit store)	Assets	£9.89
A Hodder (refund for Microsoft 365)	Admin	£59.99
Spalding Hall (Inv 97608)	Hall hire	£12
Spalding Hall (Inv 97608)	Newsletter	£96
Information Commissioner	Admin	£40
ROSPA Annual Inspection (Invoice 61326)	Playground	178.80

The following receipts were noted

Payer	Budget	Amount
MDDC 106 funding for bench	Grants	£1225
DCC Locality Fund for Defibrillator	Grants	£500

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit is booked for 17th May and that she will report on the End of Year Accounts at the May meeting.

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

None

15. To receive reports from Councillors (for information only)

Cllr O'Neill reported that he had submitted the Expression of Interest in an extended 20 mph one to DCC. Cllr Westcott reported that she had attended a NALC Briefing which included information about assisting Councils in the provision of electrical charging points for cars. Councillors discussed how best to obtain more information. Cllr Letch and Cllr Coren will check what advice is available from their respective Councils. Otherwise the PC could perhaps with other PCs arrange for a speaker (which would involve a cost). Cllr Westcott reported that grants are available for the vulnerable or those on a low income to have a free energy saving assessment on their homes. **Cllr Westcott** will put information on the PC and village Facebook pages.

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

The Clerk asked Councillors to respond to DALC's survey about speeding on rural roads in Devon. **Clerk** will contact village groups asking them to join in the Annual Parish Meeting which will start in the Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Monday 9th May. To be advertised on Facebook and posters to go on noticeboards.

25. Dates of Next Meetings (all commencing at 7 pm at the Spalding Hall unless otherwise notified): 9th May (**Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall starting at 1830 to be followed by the Annual Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting**), 13th June, 11th July, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December

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