

CHERITON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30
at Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop**

Present: Cllrs Gill Westcott (Chairman), Tim Vooght (Vice Chairman), Phil Dicker, Peter Endacott, Kim Bastyan, Chris Carter, Dennis Milton, David Tripp, Derek Coren (MDDC), Peter Heal (MDDC)

In Attendance: Derek Madge (Clerk), Diane Shepherd (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

108/17 Chairman's Introduction

Cllr Westcott introduced the new Clerk, Diane Shepherd and expressed her sadness at the retirement of Mr Derek Madge.

109/17 Public Open Session (For Information Only)

Mr Paul Mitchell expressed his sadness that the Clerk was retiring but wished him well. He said that Derek Madge had done a huge amount for the Council and had brought discipline to the Council so that it was a superb Council. He said that the balance of the Council was now the best it had ever been.

110/17 Chairman of MDDC Councillor Peter Heal

Cllr Heal thanked Derek Madge for all that he had done and said that he would be missed. He went on to explain who the key Personnel were in MDDC and the structure of this Cabinet led Council. He reported on the recent MDDC Peer Review which is available on line. He went on to talk about the Local Plan Review and various service developments in the area. He also talked about the role of Chairman, which he is enjoying. Cllr Westcott asked if the Local Plan was likely to be approved and he said that he was hopeful. Cllr Westcott also referred to the lack of land for self build and he said MDDC had been asked to look at that following the Peer Review.

111/17 To receive Declarations of Interest

There were no Declaration of Interest

112/17 To consider and Requests for Dispensations

There were no Requests for Dispensations

113/17 Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Minutes 12th June 2017

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes as a correct record (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

114/17 Newsletter: To agree who would complete the July report for the Newsletter

It was **resolved** that the new Clerk would complete the monthly Newsletter reports (Proposed Cllr Vooght)

115/17 Chairman and Councillors reports (For Information Only)

Cllr Vooght requested that the **Road Warden Scheme** be placed on the September agenda

Cllr Vooght reported on the progress re the **defibrillator**. He is looking into whether the phone box could be adopted by the Council as it would be a good place to site it. He also reported that he was looking into Lottery funding

Cllr Vooght reported that the **public bins** were being emptied irregularly and asked Cllr Heal to put him into contact with S Noyce, MDDC Waste Manager

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Cllr Vooght reported on an MDDC house that is not currently occupied although the tenancy has not yet been given up. He said it was in need of maintenance. He reported that he had cut the grass recently. Cllr Heal said that MDDC would be concerned about squatters.

Cllr Dicker reported that the dog fouling issue at Southcombe Hill had been resolved. Cllr Coren explained how MDDC could help with dog fouling including site visits and the provision of signs.

Cllr Carter reported that the **bus shelter project** was completed and that there were noticeboards in each as requested. Cllr Endacott said he would close the RGB account and any credit either returned to the Council or used for paint. Cllr Carter thanked Cllr Coren for moving the debris from Mr D Stickland's drive.

Cllr Endacott distributed a draft thank you sign to be placed in each bus shelter recognising all those who had contributed. Mr Paul Mitchell asked that thanks should go to the Newsletter team, especially to the Barclay boys. Cllr Endacott said his friend would make the signs free of charge. Cllrs agreed the names that should be included. Cllr Vooght asked that the brass caps be finished off on the windows on the Thatch side.

Cllr Endacott reported that the **Parish Council Autumn Tidy Up** would take place on 23rd September. Volunteers are welcome and they should meet at the Stone Cross at 9.30. He requested that this be put in the Newsletter requesting ideas of what to tackle on that day. One idea was the three bridges over the dual carriageway.

Cllr Vooght said that anyone interested in the **Affordable Housing at Moor Park** must register with Devon Home Choice and be ready to make a bid as soon as the housing becomes available. The Clerk was asked to place this in the Newsletter.

Cllr Bastyan reported that one of the scarecrows on the Cheriton Bishop Scarecrow Trail had been stolen

116/17 Cllr Derek Coren's report

Cllr Coren reported on Argermay and also a tree that had collapsed over the footpath that needed clearing. He reported on developments at Horselake Farm and he thought this matter should be taken to enforcement. He reported on the issue raised by Mr M Hiscock about fencing around Play Areas in MDDC.

117/17 Retiring Clerk's Report

The Clerk asked for approval to change the Bank Mandate to remove his name and to add the new Clerk

It was **resolved** to change the Bank Mandate (Proposed Cllr Gill Westcott)

The Clerk asked for permission to retain the Account's Software Package on his personal computer for the next 12 months.

It was **resolved** to allow the Clerk to retain the Accounts Package (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

The Clerk reported that, as usual, any Planning Applications in July/August would be circulated to Cllrs and any comments should be sent to the Chairman

The Clerk referred to some Council files that needed storing. This led to a debate on archiving Village records and the Chairman asked the Clerk to place this on the September agenda. Cllr Vooght agreed to store the files in the meantime.

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The Clerk asked permission for the Council to purchase Office 365 for the Council computer

It was **resolved** to approve the purchase of Office 365 (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

118/17

MDDC Planning Applications:

Reference: 17/00969/LBC
Proposal: Installation of 4 replacement windows
Location: 1 Croft Cottages, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr Trevor Cook

It was **resolved** to support this application (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

Reference: 17/01064/CLU
Proposal: CLU for existing use of dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy condition (g) of planning permission 87/00530/OUT for a period in excess of 10 years
Location: Venbridge Farm, Cheriton Bishop
Applicants: Mr and Mrs Welham

It was **resolved** that the Council was neutral in respect of this application (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

Reference: 17/01048
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage and livestock building
Location: Drummers Well, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr A Cook

It was **resolved** to object to this application because of the size of the building and concern that there was no proven agricultural need. Cllrs also were concerned about the withdrawal of the extension application and concern for the motivation to put another big building on the site and about the possible loss of trees and biodiversity. Cllrs asked that if MDDC were minded to approve this application they would like it to be called into Planning Committee (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

119/17

Dartmoor National Park Planning Applications

Reference: 0300/17
Proposal: Demolish existing conservatory and erection of sun room extension
Location: Arden Cottage, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr J Mount

It was **resolved** that the Council was neutral in respect of this application (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

120/17

MDDC Planning Decisions: It was noted that the MDDC had granted the following Planning Applications with conditions as filed:

Reference: 17/00674/HOUSE
Proposal: Retrospective consent for the removal of external block wall and privy building and erection of two storey extension and erection of garden shed
Location: 2 Croft Cottages, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Miss E Benjamin

Reference: 17/00675/LBC
Proposal: LBC for removal of external block wall and privy and replacement with two storey extension to include internal and external alterations
Location: 2 Croft Cottages, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Miss E Benjamin

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121/17

MDDC Planning Application: Withdrawal: It was noted that the following application had been withdrawn:

Reference: 17/00900/PNHH
Proposal: Prior Notification for the erection of an extension
Location: Drummers Well, Cheriton Bishop
Applicant: Mr A Cook

Cllr Coren referred to an prior notification application at Cheriton Farm that has been withdrawn and to another that had been withdrawn which Cllr Heal would provide details of.

122/17

Correspondence

The Clerk read out a letter from Local Residents which did not provide names or addresses. He advised that this letter should not be responded to as it was anonymous. The letter related to the HGV traffic associated with Tellams Yard Slurry Pit and the removal of a hedgebank at Oakfield. Cllr Coren said that Planning Permission was not required when making a new access on to an unclassified road. Cllrs went on to discuss issues around enforcement. Cllr Heal referred to Southcombe Hill Farm and that the complaints had now been referred to the ombudsman. The Clerk was asked to pass the anonymous letter to Cllr Heal to deal with.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk should write to the MDDC Chief Executive re enforcement giving specific examples (Proposed Cllr Westcott)

The Clerk referred to correspondence that had already been circulated. The Clerk referred to a Dartmoor Park public consultation re introducing a Pay and Conserve Parking Scheme. Views can be logged on line by the 18th August. The Clerk referred to the Dartmoor Community Fund 2017/18 and this was passed to Cllr Westcott.

123/17

Outdoor Gym Equipment: To consider the purchase using Sec 106 monies

Cllr Vooght put forward proposals and Cllrs discussed potential locations. The projected cost would be £12000 for 8 pieces of equipment including fitting and safety netting. This led to a discussion about whether the Council should take over the MDDC Play Area or if they could acquire some additional land. Cllr Heal said that he would investigate the Council taking over the Play Area and Cllrs Vooght and Endacott would undertake some further research

124/17

Payment of Accounts

It was **resolved** to note the following receipts:

J Coren (Donation)	£400.00
Gilbert Stevens (Donation)	£250.00
Drews (Donation)	£150.00

It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

Clerk's Salary	£358.24
Clerk's expenses	£22.60
Postage	£32.54
Stationary	£12.30
Mr P Endacott (Goal posts)	£103.93
Murodigital newsletter printer ink	£117.22
St Thomas Stationers Newsletter Paper	£370.08
Insurance Premium Adjustment	£156.71

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HM Revenue and Customs
Spalding Hall

£179.00
£141.00

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Date and Time of Next Meeting: September 11th at 7.30 pm

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