

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH & COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY** of **Cheriton Bishop Parish Council** held at **7pm on Wednesday, 8th May, 2024 at CHERITON BISHOP VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Chair Cllr P O'Neil and Vice Chair Cllr R Marshall and Cllrs P Mitchel and I Cowley. Two members of the public. Clerk: Jane Clark.

1. To receive and accept apologies. None

2. Chair and Councillor's reports on projects.

The Chair reported that the 2024 Village Event will be held on 6th June 2024. We have a volunteer to lead the team to help organise the hot and cold drinks catering. Everyone is encouraged to bring some food to share. The event is free with soft drinks, children's games and music provided.

The parish council received sufficient interest in the provision of allotments to oblige the parish council to act on the request. The council is currently seeking a plot of suitable land. This needs to be around an acre and to provide around 25 plots. To date three landowners have been approached and two have declined and the third is still considering the request. Work is ongoing. A member of the public asked if the strip by the village green could be available but it is thought to be owned by the Church Diocese who have already turned down a request.

Cllr Cowley reported on work at the play area. The hedge has been trimmed and laid. The hedge between the play area and householder has been tidied up. Care needs to be taken around a hole created by the removal of a National Grid pole. There may be further minimal work and Cllr Cowley will visit the area and monitor the situation.

Cllr Marshall reported that the installation of the Vehicle Activated Speed signs is progressing, sites identified, budget allocated but still waiting for Devon County Council's (DCC) permission. DCC is required to install the signs and Cllr Marshall asked DCC Cllr Frank Letch to bring pressure to bear on the installation team as this is now stymying the project. If this is not successful the parish council may consider commissioning the work itself.

Cllr Marshall continued saying that the village gateway signs are now in a poor state and he has been getting quotes and has now allocated the funding and intends to replace one sign at a time to assess suitability and look. The council wished to thank Dennis Milton for his assistance.

Cllr Marshall reported that refurbishing the Memorial Cross area is still under consideration but quotes received to date for raising the present surface and putting it to lawn are financially out of reach. Cllr Marshall is continuing to look into this with a view to obtaining alternatives.

A member of the public said there is a footpath close to Crockernwell Dip that would be of great benefit to the community if it could be accessed more easily and parking was available. There is also a log stopping easy access to the footpath and the Chair responded by saying the council will look into this. **CHAIR AND CLERK TO ACTION.**

3. Discussion about the need for additional Councillors to fill our entitlement. The council is operating with four vacancies. Please do get in touch, without any obligation, if you would consider joining the team. Details on the parish council website www.cheritonbishop-pc.org.uk

4. Parishioners' open forum – any elector from the parish may raise any issues and put questions to councillors. None raised.