



**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting held at the Spalding Hall at
7.00 pm on Monday, 17th June 2024.**

Present. Chair Cllr P O'Neil, Vice Chair Cllr R Marshall, Cllr. P Mitchell. Devon County Council (DCC) Cllr Frank Letch, Teignbridge District Councillors (TDC) Binks and Chenore. No members of the public were present. Attending. Jane Clark, Parish Clerk

- 1. To receive and accept apologies.** None
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest** None
- 3. Public Discussion:** None.
- 4. PLANNING APPLICATION/S**

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| WOODLEIGH JUNCTION, CHERITON BISHOP. |
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| Application for the provision of farm shop including new access, car parking and landscaping |
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Following a discussion, the council resolved to support the application, commenting that It is for an existing and proven local business and using a small parcel of land, difficult to make other use of. Supported unanimously by a show of hands.

- 5. PLANNING DECISIONS APPROVED BY MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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| CHERITON BISHOP VILLAGE HALL |
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| Erection of a storage building following demolition of existing store. |
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| HOLBROOK FARM, CHERITON BISHOP. |
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| Replacement of conservatory roof with tiled insulated roof |
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| 30a GLEBELANDS, CHERITON BISHOP |
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| Erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory. |
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- 6. Cheriton Bishop Annual Assembly, AGM and Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

8th May, 2024 - to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record. Approved unanimously by a show of hands.

- 7. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.**

Cllr Binks gave an update:- The Three Rivers Housing Project has been completed and bought by DCC to provide rental homes. The new administration has reduced the level of subsidy to leisure centres because recent investment, including heat pumps, has made the buildings more efficient to run. The council's budget is healthy and recent improvements have put MDDC in the upper quartile for financial performance. Young people who have been in care will not be liable for council tax until they have established a sustainable lifestyle. There have been some savings following the lapsing of two managerial roles.



Cllr Chenore reported that another cabinet position has been created to support parish councils with particular attention to planning training for councillors and volunteers.

8. To receive a report from DCC Councillor Letch. Main points.

The Royal Devon and Exeter (RD&E) hospital has undertaken a major review of its A & E resources that will improve times for those attending and there is a plan to set up a specific children's A & E department. The RD & E has been part of a pilot project using a blood test to detect early signs of lung cancer. The scheme was so successful it is now being used Devon wide. The Special Education Needs and Disabilities budget remains a financial challenge.

The number of children in the county's care has reduced from 906 to 877 and represents 66 per 100k. The county is making a big push for more foster carers so placements can be made nearer to home and in a family environment.

Cllr Letch continues to seek a more rapid provision of internet by Airband.

9. To discuss completion of road safety project, to include sites, installation, commissioning and any associated costs.

Cllr Marshall reported that he has met with the MDDC Highways Officer. The four sites and the installation of the posts for the Vehicle Operated Speed Signs were discussed and agreed and MDDC will carry out the work and charge costs to the Parish Council. The village gateway signs were also discussed as they need replacing. MDDC agreed they would meet the cost of replacement and install. Cllr Letch offered his support, if required, to bring both projects to completion as soon as possible.

10. To review and approve revised parish council's Allocated Reserves as at 1st May, 2024.

Cllr Marshall reported that the Gateway signs will now be replaced by MDDC (see item 9), so this reserve needs amending to reflect the new circumstances. Following a discussion the council resolved to move the Gateway Signs reserve into the Memorial Cross improvements reserve as this project is proving to be more expensive than anticipated. Supported unanimously by a show of hands. The bank reconciliation to 31st May 2024 was received and noted.

11. Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets. The RoSPA report for the play area has been received and the parts required to repair all items cited in the report ordered and received. Cllr Marshall to carry out the required work. **CLLR MARSHALL TO ACTION**

12. Accounts - to approve payments. Approved unanimously by a show of hands.

| Payee | Service | AMOUNT | VAT | TOTAL |
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| Mrs Jane Clark | Clerk's salary and working from home allowance | £364.96 | No | £364.96 |
| HMRC | Clerk's PAYE | £169.40 | No | £169.40 |
| Clarity Copiers | Newsletter – hard drive, black & colour pages | £95.80 | 73.22 | £169.02 |
| Lawrence Willson | Maintenance Cheriton Bishop Play Park | £240.00 | No | £240.00 |



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| Mrs Jane Clark | Working from home allowance back payment from May 2023-April 2024 | £299.00 | No | £299.00 |
| Spalding Hall | Newsletter storage and collation | £53.00 | No | £53.00 |
| Savills | Rent for play park land | £327.00 | No | £327.00 |
| Kompan | Repair parts for play area | 201.73 | 40.34 | 242.07 |
| Clear Councils | Parish council insurance | £734.12 | No | £734.12 |

13. To receive a report from the Chairman: Following information received from MDDC, the Chair asked councillors if they wish to consider placement of an EV charging station in the village. MDDC Cllr Chenore commented that she considers there is a need for EV stations in the area. The Chair proposed that the parish council supports an application for an EV station. **CHAIR TO FOLLOW UP AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL**

Allotments – The chair reported that he is still trying to identify a potential site and is waiting to hear back from the Diocese, Bunny Homes and Land registry enquiries

Bunny Homes – there have been complaints about the overgrown hedge on Church Lane. He has spoken to Bunny Homes to ask them to clear this.

Snow Warden and Road Warden Schemes. The Chair reported that following a meeting with Highways he is going to ask for volunteers to assist with these two schemes. He will contact the village newsletter to publicise. **CHAIR TO ACTION.**

14. To receive reports from Councillors: Cllr Mitchell raised the recent parish council donation for the improvement work at Spalding Hall and enquired if the term ‘match funding’ was appropriate, as it might be seen as doubting the commitment of the Spalding Hall Committee. It was agreed that the term, while often used in relation to financial contributions, would be easier to understand as ‘making a donation towards a project’. The chair reassured the meeting that the Spalding Hall was a valuable asset to the community and that the work of the Committee was highly regarded.

15. Correspondence/Clerk’s Report: Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 2015.

**Dates of meetings (second Monday in the month) 7 pm at Spalding Hall – dates for the next three meetings - 8th July 2024, 9th September 2024 and 14th October 2024
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING DURING AUGUST**