

**MINUTES OF THE CHERTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Monday, 10th March, 2025 at the Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop**

Present. Chair Cllr P O'Neill, Vice Chair Cllr Roger Marshall, Cllrs I. Cowley, A Fry and C. Royle. MDDC District Cllr Cairney for Cllr F Letch. Attending. J. Clark, Parish Clerk

1. To receive and accept apologies. DCC Cllr Frank Letch.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest None

3. Public Discussion: A member of the public asked if the parish council would consider placing extra lighting in the centre of the village. They expressed their worry about safety of pedestrians walking in the dark area, where there is a gap in the street lighting from close to the Rural Hub along the main road to the front of the Moor Park. They had received a response from the DCC Lighting Team suggesting that the local Councils could fund a new light. The Chair noted that three other councils are involved as the Moor Park site is within Tedburn St Mary Parish Council boundary and so Tedburn Parish Council, Teignbridge District Council and Mid Devon District Council all have potential interests in the project.

Following a discussion the parish council resolved to contact the two district councils and Tedburn St Mary Parish Council, to see if they are willing to consider a joint venture to address this concern and if they would be willing to contribute towards the cost. An existing telegraph pole might be used to mount a solar powered light to reduce the cost. **CHAIR TO ACTION**

A teacher from the village primary school asked if the council would be willing to offer an opportunity to pupils where they may become involved in a local project as part of their Devon & Torbay Civic Award activity, which has a community involvement requirement. This particular award will be completed by June and she asked the council if there was a suitable project with which the pupils could become involved. Suggestions included recycling in the village. It was also proposed that the pupils might become wish to be involved in the current project to allocate S106 funding from Bunny Homes to local open space facilities at the Village Green by researching and and proposing potential facilities or equipment. The Chair said he would develop a briefing along these lines to present to the pupils. The council suggested that the children could prepare a case around how proposals could be delivered. **CHAIR TO ACTION**

The teacher also asked if the parish council would consider involving the older children in community activities in the longer term and she emphasised that the school would like to become more involved in village projects.

4. Planning

0067/25 Pocombe Cottage, Cheriton Bishop
Replacement single storey rear extension, new first floor window serving existing bedroom and associated works

Following a discussion the parish council the council had no concerns regarding the application and is happy to leave the decision to the Dartmoor National Park Authority.

5. Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting 10TH February, 2025 - to consider approval of the February meeting minutes as a correct record. The council resolved to approve the minutes unanimously by a show of hands.

6. To receive reports from MDDC Councillors. Cllr Cairney, standing in for Cllr F Letch, reported that the establishment of potential unitary authority(s) under the Local Government Review is ongoing.

7. To receive a report from Devon County Councillor Letch (DCC). Received and shared.

8. To discuss plans for the annual 'bring and share' Village Party 2025 that is sponsored by the parish council. Following a discussion, the parish council resolved to link the event to the national VE Day celebrations and to hold the event on Sunday 11th May, 2025 at The Rual Hub. The Chair will book the venue for the event. Cllr Marshall suggested that the parish council involve the school in the event and this was unanimously agreed. **CHAIR TO ACTION**

9. Repairs & Maintenance – the pedestrian gate and fence at the play area is to be fixed. Council waiting for a quote.

Cllr Cowley is getting a quote for a section of fencing to fill the gap in the play area hedge left when the electricity pole was removed. The budget for this work to be capped at £150. The council resolved to approve the work on this basis unanimously by a show of hands. **CLLR COWLEY TO ACTION.**

10. Accounts - to approve the following payments. The council resolved to approve the payments unanimously by a show of hands.

Payee	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary and home working allowance	£378.02	No	£378.02
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£88.00	No	£88.00
<u>VisionICT</u>	Hosted email accounts for Mary 2025-April 2026	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00
Clarity Copiers Ltd	Black and colour pages for newsletter	£34.91	£6.98	£41.89
YPO	Printing equipment misc stationery for newsletter	£208.55	£41.71	£250.26
Mrs Jane Clark	Travel expenses and misc office expenses	£71.23	No	£71.23

11. To receive a report from the Chairman: for information only. Little Mounson boundary issue raised previously has been raised with MDDC Planning Officer by the Chair. He reported that, at the moment, there is nothing to address but if there is a contravention then MDDC will take action. The lighting for the bus shelter has been confirmed but purchase will be done in September as lighting is only required in the winter.

Cllr Marshall reported that the response from Highways regarding the cessation of work at the Memorial Cross at the request of Highways was not been satisfactory. The Chair to report back if further information becomes available.

12. To receive reports from Councillors. Cllr Royle reported on the first meeting of the task group to consider options for deciding on the allocation of the s106 money from the Bunny Homes housing development. The group's current suggestion would be to consider funding improvements and additional facilities (as discussed earlier in the meeting) at the Village Green and Play Area. The council resolved to support in principle the issues raised at the meeting.

13. To receive report from clerk: None.

Dates of next three meetings 14 April, 12 May and 9th June 2025