



**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Annual Assembly held at 7.00 pm on Monday 12th May, 2025 at
The Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop.**

Present: Chair Cllr Peter O'Neil, A. Fry, C. Royle and Mid Devon District Council (MDDC)
Cllr. S. Chenore . Attending. Parish Clerk – J Clark.

Three members of the public present.

1. To receive and accept apologies. Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Cowley.

2. Chair and Councillor's reports on projects.

Cheriton Bishop Parish Council Report 2024-25

This has been a successful year for the Parish Council with following achievements:

- DCC Highways has approved our application to extend our 20mph speed limit to include Yeoford Road as far as Higher Shippon, Glebelands and additional stretches of Church Lane and Croft Cottages. The remaining stretches of the two roads as far as Four Cross Ways will be reduced from 60mph to 30mph. We hope that this work will be completed before the year end.
- We have completed the renovation of the Memorial Cross area and replaced the old seating with two new benches.
- We are preparing a plan for allocating the Open Space funding from the Bunny Homes development. Year 6 pupils at Cheriton Bishop Primary are involved in a project to survey opinion and make proposals in relation to additional play and leisure equipment in the Church Lane play area and the village green. We are also hoping to recruit community members for a task group to consider additional uses of the funding.
- Automatic speed monitoring is now operating on a rotational basis in Church Lane, Yeoford Road, and in two sites on the main road in the 30mph and 40mph sections.
- We have supported the 3rd Annual Village Bring & Share Party.
- There are two new Councillors – Adrian Fry and Caroline Royle. This brings our official number to six, although two Councillors who have expressed a wish to retire will be taking the opportunity to do so. While we are keen to move closer to our maximum of 8, it is now easier to achieve a quorum consistently.



- There are still projects outstanding and we will continue to work on these: providing Family Allotments and improving winter lighting at the bus stop outside the YFC Hub and between the bus stop and the Moor Park development.
- Cllr Frank Letch. Sadly, Frank recently passed away and will be sorely missed for his help and advice to the Parish Council, as well as his cheerful and determined efforts in a very wide range of projects and responsibilities.
- And finally, I'd like to add a big thank you to all the Councillors and all the other volunteers who do so much to support the social life and wellbeing of our community.

Peter O'Neill (Chair)

3. Parishioners' open forum – any elector from the parish may raise any issues and put questions to councillors.

A member of the public expressed concern about the high level of machinery and vehicle noise coming from the housing development in the village; they emphasised it is difficult to remain outdoors comfortably. The Chair responded that while sympathetic to this it is unfortunately a consequence of the nature of the development.

They went on to say there was also a high level of concern that a hedge had been cut down, with birds disturbed and wildlife despoiled. MDDC Cllr Chenore responded that hedges are protected and if a hedge had been cut down this should be reported to the Enforcement Team at MDDC.

There was also concern that the road will be widened thus changing the character of Church Lane. The Chair responded that the road will only be widened where 'visual splays' are required for vehicle and pedestrian safety at the entrances and exits to the new houses and that there will soon be a pedestrian pathway which should improve the situation for pedestrians as work progresses.

In conclusion, The Chair said that the points made are noted by the council and quite understandably some people are unhappy with the situation, however, as the planning application was approved this type of activity is bound to be a consequence.

It was also raised that there are vans parked at the top of Church Hill that leave their engines running and cause congestion. The Chair said he would raise the issue of parked vehicles with running engines with the developers. **CHAIR TO ACTION**

Another member of the public complained that streetlamps on Woodpecker Way are too bright and on for far too long, causing difficulties for residents, particularly with sleep interference.



This also affects wildlife who respond with behaviour appropriate to daylight hours. The lights go off at midnight. The Chair said the parish council will ask for a review of brightness and timings in this area of the village. Cllr Chenore asked what time would be considered reasonable and 10 pm was cited as reasonable by the two people raising the issue. This to be an agenda item on the June parish council meeting. The clerk to write to the leader of MDDC, Jim Cairney, raising the points made. **CLERK TO ACTION**

Cllr Royle reported there has recently been concern raised on the community hub Facebook page that there are people parking on the bus stop. This to be placed on the June agenda.
CLERK TO ACTION

Meeting closed at 19.35