



**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting held at 7.00 pm on
Monday, 9th February, 2026 at The Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop.**

Present: Chair Peter O'Neil, Vice Chair Cllr Roger Marshall and Cllr C. Royle. One member of the public present.
Attending. Parish Clerk – J Clark

- 1. To receive Declarations of Interest.** Cllr O'Neill declared an interest in item 4.1 as the site for the proposed property is not far from his home.
- 2. Public Discussion:** A member of the public commented that vehicle activated speed signs that recognise cars going at the correct speed by showing a smiley face may be an alternative to the current display in the village. Cllr Marshall commented that this was an option at the time of purchase but the parish council decided to take the option showing the speed instead. The member of the public commented that the white lines in the village seem to be fading and in places are non-existent, particularly in the centre of the village by the public house. This is the responsibility of Devon County Council Highways. The parish council is currently waiting to hear back about many Highways issues. No further action regarding white lines to be taken at this time.
- 3. To receive and accept apologies.** DCC Cllr Cairney and MDDC Cllr Chenore.

4. Planning

4.1

26/00103/FULL Erection of 2 semi-detached dwellings Land at NGR 277077 93196 Adj Glenthorne Cheriton Bishop Devon
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The council did not discuss this item as a declaration of interest resulted in the council being non-quorate and thus could not vote. The Chair wished to note that this is now a recurring problem and despite several attempts to publicise the lack of councillors and asking for people to consider becoming a parish councillor, there are still only four out of nine council members sitting for Cheriton Bishop.

4.2

25/01698/PIP Permission in Principle for the erection of 1 dwelling Land at NGR 277600 93021 East of Hill View Cheriton Bishop Devon

This is for information only. The parish council was not part of the consultation process for a Permission in Principle application. **Granted by MDDC**

5. Planning Decisions

5.1

25/01738/FULL Erection of roof over existing farmyard and retention of hardstanding. Morish Coombe Farm, Cheriton Bishop.
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Granted by MDDC

5.2

25/01743/FULL Coombe Farm, Cheriton Bishop Erection of roof over existing farmyard and retention of hardstanding

Granted by MDDC



26/00029/PNAG Approval for the erection of a covered silage clamp

Land at NGR 271888 92954 Treable Farm Hittisleigh (but within Cheriton Bishop boundary)

MDDC deemed permissible

6. **To consider the draft minutes of the January Parish Council meeting as a correct record.** The parish council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to approve the minutes as a true record.
7. **To receive reports from MDDC Councillors.** Cllr Binks said the Local Government Review is underway and there is a link for people to comment on the MDDC website. Cllr Binks said he would forward information to be included in the Cheriton Bishop newsletter. Cllr Binks to send information to the clerk.

CLLR BINKS TO ACTION. CLERK TO FORWARD TO NEWSLETTER TEAM.

Cllr Binks said there had been complaints about funding for a surgery and pharmacy in Redlands. He had asked for more information on the finances but was told it was market sensitive information. He had registered many complaints from people in the Crediton area. Cllr O'Neill asked if elected MDDC councillors are involved in the vote? MDDC Cllr Binks replied that they were not.

Having heard this response, Chair Cllr O'Neill wished to record his concern that elected district councillors did not appear to be involved in significant decisions of the local authority.

The Chair asked the clerk to put an item about feedback on the Local Government Review on the March agenda. **CLERK TO ACTION**

8. **To receive a report from Devon County Council (DCC) - for information only. None**
9. **To discuss arrangements for the 2026 Village party.** The Chair updated the council saying that the day is popular and there is a reliable team of volunteers ready to organise the event. The council resolved that current process is very successful and to use the same approach and go ahead with plans for the 2026 event.
CHAIR TO INFORM VILLAGE PARTY TEAM.
10. **To discuss adding a children's crossing sign to the Church Lane VAS post.** Cllr O'Neill reported there is a warning sign for children/parent crossing missing. He suggested the parish council fund a replacement. Cllr Binks reported that Devon County Council no longer replace signs of this kind. The council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to pay for and replace the missing sign and as Bunny Homes have acknowledged the issue they will help to fund the replacement also.
CHAIR TO ACTION
11. **To consider if the parish council would like to participate in MDDC Cllr Chenore's suggestion to create a community award scheme.** Following a discussion the council agreed unanimously by a show of hands it is in favour of a community awards scheme and a shared awards event with other parishes in the ward. Clerk to inform Cllr Chenore. **CLERK TO ACTION**



12. **To consider if the parish council wishes to nominate someone to attend the Royal Garden Party.** Following a discussion, a nominee was agreed unanimously by a show of hands.

13. **To consider proposed parish council priorities for 2026-2027 as outlined in the minutes of the January meeting and propose any others they wish to be added to the list with a view to agreeing the council's priorities for publication on the website.** The council resolved to adopt the priorities as minuted in the January meeting unanimously by a show of hands. Clerk to publish on the parish council website.

CLERK TO ACTION

14. **Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets.** Cllr Marshall updated the council on the expenditure and extent of mowing done by the parish council in the village, including the play area, grass verges and the Village Green. Following a discussion, the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands to continue with the arrangements as they stand.

Cllr Marshall reported that no action has yet been taken with regard to replacing the broken finger post and he will update the council as soon as he hears from the contractors. ,

15. **To receive and approve monthly income and expenditure report and bank reconciliation as at 31st January, 2026.** Expenditure Jan 2026 £554.59. Income 0. Bank reconciliation – shared, noted and signed by Chair. Comprising Allocated PC Reserves £5,150.00 + Newsletter Reserve £2,044.90 + General Reserves £20,893.15 = £28,088.05 as at 31st January 2026. The clerk shared the bank reconciliation and council resolved to approve this unanimously by a show of hands and the bank reconciliation was signed by the Chair.

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

	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary	£410.79	No	£404.56
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£105.80	No	£103.25
MDDC	Dog waste weekly bin empty	£260.00	£52.00	£312.00
Clarity Copiers	Copies of newsletter pages	£43.22	£8.64	£51.86
Lawrence Wilson	Playpark mowing	£70.00	No	£70.00

17. **To receive reports from Councillors: for information only.**

Cllr O'Neil reported he had attended a meeting with Tedburn St Mary Parish Council to discuss the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan. MDDC Binks pointed out that it is a big commitment and the cost is often felt to be prohibitive. Cllr O'Neill said that the neighbourhood plan has to align with the local authority's Local Plan. Following a discussion the council resolved unanimously by a show of hands not to pursue developing a Neighbourhood Plan at this moment in time.

18. **To receive report from clerk: for information only.** The clerk reported that she had contacted MDDC twice regarding the allocation process for s106 money and will report back to council when a response is received.

Dates of next three meetings (second Monday of the month) at Spalding Hall,
and 8th March 2026, 13th April 2026, 11th May 2026