



**Minutes of the Cheriton Bishop Parish Council meeting held at 7.00 pm on  
Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026 at The Spalding Hall, Cheriton Bishop.**

Present: Vice Chair Cllr R. Marshall and Cllr A. Fry, Cllr C. Royle and Cllr Nicole Savage. Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) Cllr M. Binks and DCC Cllr J. Cairney and 1 member of the public present.

Attending. Parish Clerk – J Clark

**1. To receive Declarations of Interest:** None

**2. Public Discussion:** A member of the public raised a number of points as follows:

- a) There is a need for a path between Glebelands and the GP surgery. The road is breaking away and this causes problems for pedestrians. When cars are parked on the road this makes the situation worse and forces pedestrians into the road.
- b) In Church Lane he noted the 20 mph signs and the vehicle activated speed signs, but vehicles are still seen driving over the speed limit. He felt that traffic calming scheme to support the signage should be considered.
- c) The bus stops require refurbishing, for example restoring and repainting before the autumn.
- d) Cheriton Bishop is worthy of having an air ambulance site, to benefit residents and to assist in incidents on A30. There is a site in Tedburn and Drewsteignton, so it is felt that Cheriton Bishop would be a suitable site.

Vice Chair Cllr R Marshall responded –

- a) A possibility of putting a footpath from Glebelands to the surgery has been investigated previously, perhaps the council could revisit. Agenda item for July. **CLERK TO ACTION**
- b) Traffic Calming is being considered and the parish council is talking to Highways about this. Cllr Marshall continued, Hittisleigh asked for a similar scheme but as there are no accidents recorded in the area, the request was turned down.
- c) Cllr Marshall responded that the Devon Air Ambulance has previously landed in the school field.
- d) The condition of the bus stops has been highlighted previously and Cllr Marshall said that he would look into this. Cllr Marshall asked the clerk to place on the agenda for the July meeting.

**CLERK AND COUNCILLOR MARSHALL TO ACTION**

**3. To receive and accept apologies.** Cllr P. O'Neil. Approved.

**4. Planning Decisions**

26/00286/FULL Wellfield Farm Cheriton Cross Cheriton Bishop
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Erection of agricultural buildings for sheep/lambing and straw/machinery storage
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Approved by Mid Devon District Council

26/00480/PNAG Tinkern Farm Cheriton Bishop
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Prior Approval for the erection of extension to an agricultural storage building
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Withdrawn



5. **To consider the draft minutes of the May Assembly, Annual Council Meeting and Parish Council meetings as correct records.** The council approved the minutes of the Annual Assembly, ACM and Parish Council May 2026 meetings as a true record unanimously by a show of hands.
6. **To receive reports from MDDC Councillors - for information only.** MDDC Cllr Binks reported that the new bypass for Cullompton is going ahead but there is nothing affecting Cheriton Bishop to report this month. The Local Government Review continues but, again, there is nothing to report at the time of the meeting.
7. **To receive a report from Devon County Council (DCC) - for information only.** DCC Cllr Cairney reported that DCC cannot repair the number of potholes on Devon roads. In an effort to close this gap, DCC will provide the materials for volunteers. However, there needs to be a trained person on the team in order to meet health and safety requirements. DCC Cllr Cairney had worked with such a team to repair potholes at Neopardy. He also shared a MDDC councillor's Pothole Handbook with the Vice Chair that gives advice about the processes available to address this issue. However, it does require volunteers from the community to be able to carry out the tasks. Cllr Cairney to share the details of where materials can be ordered with the clerk. He also offered to help with the task on the day if required. Clerk to call NFU to see if there is the possibility of storing the materials at the Devon Rural Hub. Cllr Marshall will speak to Cllr O'Neill as he has completed the necessary training. All councillors present offered to help.  
**CLERK AND CLLR MARSHALL TO ACTION**
8. **To consider feedback from parish council 'Drop In Session' and address any issues that may require council's attention.** Cllr Marshall asked Cllr Royal to report on the day. She said that the attendance was encouraging. She outlined the following items raised during the Parish Council Coffee Morning.
  - Road markings at Yeoford Road are not adequate.
  - The drain at Crockernwell Dip is a problem. She also reported that there was another issue associated with this; work has been carried out by DCC Highways but the landowner involved is not happy with the outcome.
  - There is a need for a handrail from The Old Thatch Car Park to Hescane Park.
  - There have been a large number of farm thefts taken place recently.
  - The village gateway signs were also reported to be in need of replacement or repair.
  - There was a suggestion for the s106 money could fund a bicycle track on the Village Green and there was also a request for an outdoor gym.
  - Lack of car parking at the village hall was raised by several but councillors commented that it was generally thought that it would not be an option to extend. There is a field behind the car park and this had been considered previously without success.
  - Someone spoke to Cllr Savage about the need for a dropped-kerb. Cllr Savage is dealing with this and will report back.Cllr Marshall asked the clerk to place each of the items raised on the agenda for the July meeting.  
**CLERK TO ACTION**
9. **Repairs & Maintenance – to consider any repairs and maintenance needed for PC assets.** Cllr Marshall responded to the recent RoSPA report for the playing field saying the gate needs replacing and comments from parishioners about the noise when it opens and closes are being addressed by the installation of a self-closing gate. Cllr Marshall said work is already underway and he will report back on progress.  
**CLLR MARSHALL TO ACTION**
10. **To receive and approve monthly income and expenditure report and bank reconciliation as at 31st March, 2026.** Both documents signed by the Vice Chair and approved unanimously by a show of hands.



**11. Accounts - to approve the following payments.** The council approved the payments with the following amendments from those shown on the agenda. Spalding Hall £30.00 only, due to previous overpayment. With the changes recorded here the council approved the payments unanimously by a show of hands.

Supplier	Service	AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
Mrs Jane Clark	Clerk's salary	£404.76	No	£404.76
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	£103.05	No	£103.05
Clarity Copiers	Newsletter pages (Paid)	£39.88	£7.98	£47.86
Spalding Hall	Hall hire	£30.00	No	£30.00
Penny Clapham	Internal audit and travel	74.50	No	£74.50
Cheriton Bishop Village Hall	Hire of hall for PC Drop In Session	£25.00	No	£25.00
Savills	Rent for recreation ground	£327.00	No	£327.00
Clarity Copiers	Newsletter pages	£36.46	£7.29	£43.75

**21. To receive reports from Councillors: for information only.** Cllr Royle raised the issue of the Woodleigh Junction roundabout that was discussed in the Open Forum at the previous meeting. This has since been mown by DCC Highways but there is still an issue with visibility. Cllr Marshall to contact the parish council contractor to add the roundabout to the mowing carried out on behalf of the parish council. **CLLR MARSHALL TO ACTION**

Cllr Savage suggested the parish council provide suggestion boxes around the village to get feedback as to how the money coming to the council as a consequence of the new housing development on Church Lane should be spent. It was suggested that following the collation of this feedback from the suggestion boxes, the parish council organise an open meeting to look at the suggestions and take input and then decide on which projects will be prioritised, scoped and costed. This to be placed on the July agenda. **CLERK TO ACTION. CLLR SAVAGE TO ORGANISE THE SUGGESTION BOXES.**

**22. To receive reports from clerk: for information only.** The clerk shared an agricultural planning application to ascertain if an extraordinary meeting needed to be called should the council wish to comment. This was dismissed.

Meeting closed at 1950