

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Zoom meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th January 2021.

Present: Cllr Archer
Cllr T Fidock
Cllr K Evans
Cllr AJ Orme
Cllr J Orme
Cllr R Slack

Carol Retallick (Clerk), Cllr J Brook (DCC) and no members of the public.

Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of council meeting

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:

Received from Cllr S Purser who had to leave to attend Dunsford PC.

2) **Public Discussion** – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting. **The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 5 minutes.**

None present.

3) **Declarations of Interest:** In accordance with the Code of Conduct.

None declared.

4) **District, County Councillor, DNPA Ranger/Representative Forestry Commission Officer, Police and Lengthsman** - to receive reports.

DCC J Brooks – only one meeting since the last CPC meeting with lots of motions coming forward, mainly as a result of the national issues which so affect local regions which the cabinet will discuss in detail. Looking forward the scrutiny meeting will be looking at next year's budgets. Government has made commitments to increasing the money for Adult and Young People Care Services as this year there has been a large overspend and this has been mainly due to the Coronavirus.

He reported that recycling centres will remain open, but the shop side will not. There were no other questions and *Cllr Brooks left the meeting.*

TDC Cllr S Purser emailed this report - Obviously in Tier 3 as I type this with all the relevant restrictions in place.

Teignbridge venues observing all COVID requirements.

Teignbridge has received confirmation of a £9.19 million grant from the High Street fund, further information will follow on how and where to be spent.

New Housing numbers have been reduced from a proposed 1524 per year back down to around the current 760 per annum.

Devon Home choice has put out a consultation on some procedural changes to the operation of the scheme, closes on 31.1.2021.

Budget going to Exec this week as start of journey to full Council.

Likely to be a £5 increase on a band D property 2.88%. Inflation increases on car parks and some fees but savings to be made in all areas.

Teignbridge hoping to build social and affordable houses.

Rural aid likely to be suspended.

Consultation on budget now open.

Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Lengthsman report - In anticipation of the heavy forecast rains, I focused on getting the drains and easements clear throughout the parish. I am pleased to be able to report that all of the drains that have been cleared are still clear and coping with the water that had been thrown at them to that day. One of the buddles on Bennah Hill was blocked but this blockage was removed by rodding.

Following the sheer volume of rain that came down on the 18th I went back out to see the drains and make sure that none were blocked and was again really pleased to see that not only were they all flowing nicely but there was also no evidence of debris across the

<p>roads, particularly at the bottom of Commons Hill, caused by the system being overloaded or becoming blocked.</p> <p>There are two problem drains that remain blocked and have been since I first reported them to DCC and copied yourselves in on the report. These are the drain at the junction at the bottom of Bennah Hill and the drain at the junction of Foxhole Hill and Dry Lane. May I suggest that you pick up these issues with the County Councillor for Christow and urge him to press for some action. The remedies for these drains are outlined in previous reports.</p> <p>Apart from two places where vehicles were parked, I managed to clear and remove from site all of the leaves which had fallen across the car park. I will collect the remaining leaves when I next visit to clean the bus shelter. I ran out of daylight hours to do the basketball court so will postpone this until January.</p> <p>Cllr J Orme noted that the road surface at the Gidley Park junction was damaged and also broken up at the bottom of Foxhole Hill. The clerk will report it online. Cllr Archer has seen the gully wagon in Christow carrying out work to the drains.</p> <p>ACTION – The Clerk to report highway matters online</p>	CR
<p>5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the extra meeting held on the 1st December 2020.</p>	
<p>These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
<p>6) Clerks Report - An update on matters arising from the last meeting and for the interest or attention of councillors (FOR INFORMATION ONLY).</p>	
<p>a) DNPA settlement Survey submitted and acknowledged.</p> <p>b) Communal Garden zoom meeting arranged, and invitations sent.</p> <p>c) Finger post at the top of Commons Hill reported and acknowledged.</p> <p>d) Hand dryer has been fitted and is working in the ladies’ toilets.</p> <p>e) New padlock added to recreation field gate.</p> <p>f) One of the allotment plots has been given up and as it is one within the cemetery extension plan, it will not be offered again.</p> <p>g) The flood on Village Road has been reported online.</p> <p>Cllr Orme confirmed that the Tennis Club has suspended their games and training during this third lockdown.</p>	
<p>7) Parish Awards – to discuss arrangements for this year</p>	
<p>The Parish Award has not been formally presented due the Covid 19 restrictions and as these are still relevant and there are so many people who have helped during these difficult times, it is impossible to single out an individual. It was agreed to award the whole parish for a second year. The shield will be engraved and advertised within Unity congratulating the parishioners for all their efforts during these difficult times.</p> <p>ACTION – Engrave parish ward to the parishioners of Christow for 2020 and 2021.</p>	CR
<p>8) Operation London Bridge – Request from Dunsford and update</p>	
<p>A query has been received from Dunsford and correspondence from the PCC about arrangements for Operation London Bridge. The PCC have asked if the Parish Council would purchase a condolence book for the church. Cllr Archer has researched the books and they cost approx. £30.</p> <p>Cllr Evans asked about having flower displays similar to the ceramic poppies, she will investigate these and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>ACTION – Purchase a condolence book for the church with all in favour.</p>	KE CR
<p>9) Three Parish Meeting – Discussion and decision for this year’s meeting</p>	
<p>Christow was due to host this meeting last year but it did not go ahead due to Covid restrictions. It was suggested the Parish Council could suggest a meeting in June and it maybe able to go ahead outside on the recreation field or as a Zoom meeting.</p> <p>ACTION – Agreed to provisionally book Wednesday June 9th 2021 at 7.30pm subject to consultation with the other parishes.</p>	CR
<p>10) WI Tree Proposal -to discuss and decide the request received</p>	
<p>The WI would like to plant a tree in the recreation field to commemorate 100 years of the Devon Federation in 2020. They suggested a site to the right of the gate as you enter the field, between the gate and the bench in memory of John Cheevers. They would like to plant a small fruiting tree such as a rowan.</p>	

ACTION – All were in favour and approved the request.	
11) Planning	
<u>Grant of Permissions</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0530/20 Proposal Remedial repairs to walls and floors at Broomhill Cottage, Christow 0506/20 Retrospective erection of decking, associated balustrade and fencing, Foxes Corner, Foxhole Hill, Christow. 	
<u>Withdrawn</u>	
0501/20 Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension Site address: 3 Exmouth Cottages, Lower Ashton.	
11) FINANCE	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for December = £ 478.69 HMRC Oct – Dec 2020 = £ 154.60 E Fairs - Lengthsman duties for Nov/Dec = £ 458.80 WTR Plumbing – Hand dryer £295+£59 vat = £ 354.00 HP Instant Ink = £ 3.49 MVF Padlock for Recreation Field = £ 13.56	
Income: Allotment rents £ 12.50	
Bank Reconciliation and Statement: The Chairman had checked the invoices and bank statement against the reconciliation statement with the clerk. Both documents have been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Evans proposed that the statement was correct, and payments should be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Fidock, with all in favour.	
12) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council.	
Cllr Archer has been contacted by local resident regarding the Farmer's Market. They have requested using the village car park for 4 Saturdays during January and February as a temporary venue due to the current venue being too muddy for visitors to attend. There would be approx. 5/6 stalls which ideally would go in the lower car park with visitors using the main car park. Cllr Orme noted that the Farmer's Market is well supported. The Council agreed to grant permission, for 4 dates only and to sell essential items to the local community due to the 3 rd Lockdown. The TVCH would also need to give consent and unlock the gates. Shoppers should not be encouraged to socialise during their time at the market as this would not be in the spirit of lockdown. Cllr Evans asked if a volunteer would be available to direct traffic if needed.	
ACTION – the Clerk will contact the organisers to inform them of the approvals and the instruction the Councillors have requested, also to contact TVCH regarding the opening of the gate.	CR
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 2nd February 2021, at 7.30pm. This will be a Zoom meeting. And the Zoom Meeting for the Community Garden Project on Tuesday 19th January at 7.30pm There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.	

Signed.....

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Position.....

Email circulations during the past month	Paper circulation
Item for next month's agenda	