

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the Zoom meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th April 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 0 member of the public.

Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of council meeting	
1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:	
Received from Cllr Purser	
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.	
Cllr J Orme declared a personal interest for item 16e on the agenda.	
4) District, County Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<p><u>DCC J Brooks</u> – Reported that county councillors are soon to go into purdah and there are attending the final meetings before the May elections. Cllr Brooks had investigated a enquiry raised from another council about the Bill that the schools had generated to service children with an education statement. He confirmed that it would cover all schools in Devon and not just the Devon Authority schools. Funds have been made available to build new schools for Special Educational needs</p> <p>The Highways are in a terrible state of repair and he has reported area with in Christow Parish and will continue to do so as the county is into a new financial year any new problems can be reported to the clerk who will pass them onto Cllr Brook.</p> <p><u>TDC Stephen Purser</u> -. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter. Below are a few points that I hope Councillors will find of interest.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tuesday Tables is a new community initiative for people to put unwanted goods outside for free collection by anyone passing by, obviously should be tidied up at end of day.2. Dogs on beaches are still allowed on some, please check website.3. The Countryside Code has been updated but still same messages about keep dogs under control, stick to footpaths, close gates, do not feed livestock and be polite.4. Public spaces protection order has been issued in parts of Teignmouth to try and curb antisocial behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse, noise and nuisance, hopefully not as bad a place as it might appear!5. Many COVID grants have or are ending check website for details.6. Still time to complete Census online.7. Slowly coming out of lockdown and actual face to face meetings will need to resume unless legal challenge is successful in extending legality of zoom meetings.8. Local elections next month with suitable COVID safe arrangements being put in place.	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the extra meeting held on the 2 nd March 2021.	
These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
6) Clerks Report - An update on matters arising from the last meeting and for the interest or attention of councillors (FOR INFORMATION ONLY).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work in progress for a new contract cleaner for the public toilets• TV Tennis Club held their AGM on 24th March 2021.• The Community Garden group meet and more details later in the meeting.• A local resident has agreed to deliver manure to the allotment field for all plot	

<p>holders use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The play areas have been inspected and the report circulated for discussion this evening. • Parish Online subscription was not renewed as agreed from recommendations from the finance committee. • Great British litter pick has been arranged Nationally for 28th may -13th June. • Allotment – final rents paid. • Precept lists received and our approved. • Road Closures for Brandion Cross to Doghole Bridge and Butts lane all advertised on council website. • An enquiry for internment of ashes received probably 14th April but TBC. • The clerk reminded the councillors of the field bookings for July and August 	
7) Meetings and Decision making after 7th May – to discuss and decide how to proceed after the Coronavirus Act has ceased to allow Parish Councils to make decision through virtual meetings.	
<p>The clerk and chairman explained that legislation will change from the 7th May and Parish Council legal decisions must be made at face to face meetings. The next full council meeting which will be the Annual Council meeting will be on the 4th of May this will be on zoom. Then future meetings will be in the main hall of the community centre. Annual Parish meetings do need to be held from 1st March to 30th May, the councillors proposed to arrange the Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 4th of May following the Annual Council meeting starting at approx. 8.30pm, this will ensure safety to parishioners being on zoom.</p> <p>ACTION- Arrange Annual Parish meeting on zoom for 4th May 2021 – Annual Council meeting on zoom 4th May 2021 the agenda will cover essential items only deferring non essential items for the June meeting</p>	
8) Housing Needs Survey – Update	
<p>The Chairman reviewed the results of the survey noting that 14 houses were needed to meet the housing need, the councillors were surprised with how many houses were needed. It was agreed that the survey should not be ignored as the results showed 69% of those surveyed were in favour of a development.</p> <p><i>(Cllr J Brook joined the meeting)</i></p> <p>There was a concern raised over the potential quality of any development and which land parcel had been identified for development. Cllr Brooks warned that the process is quite lengthy, and any development would take a while before building commences and the needs may well have changed by then.</p> <p>The councillors all agreed that they cannot give any further comment to the CLT until</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TDC has been contacted to discuss the field at Laynes Field and if they are planning to release this for development as the council were in discussion for this field being uses as a community garden. 2. Ask the CLT to confirm which pockets of land THEY had identified. <p>ACTION - Contact TDC discuss if the field at Laynes Field is planned to be released for development. Ask the CLT to confirm which pockets of land THEY had identified</p>	
9) Memorial Application – to consider for approval	
<p>The councillors had received the details for consideration and approved the design.</p> <p>ACTION Approved.</p>	
10) Training – to approve the clerk to attend training for memorial inspections.	
<p>The councillors had reviewed the content of the course and agreed for the clerk to attend.</p> <p>ACTION – book course</p>	CR
11) Annual Parish and 3 Parish meeting – Review	
<p>Annual parish meeting – this has been arranged earlier in this meeting. The 3-parish meeting agreed to arrange this for Thursday 17th of June at 7pm either at the recreation field or by zoom. The clerk will contact the other councils.</p> <p>ACTION – contact Bridford and Dunsford councils with date and venue.</p>	CR
12) Village Welcome pack/letter – to discuss and decide.	

<p>A group of CLT members, Cllr Archer and Mrs Retallick joined a zoom meeting to discuss the content of a ‘Welcome letter’ meant to post through the door of new residents in Christow. Details of the parish council’s website was not included on the letter and the chairman suggested that it should be included.</p>																																		
<p>13) Play area inspections – to review and action</p>																																		
<p>The Chairman suggested the councillors arrange to meet at the play area to review the report. ACTION – Councillors meet at Layne Field play area on Tuesday 20th April at 6.30pm</p>	<p>ALL</p>																																	
<p>14) Community Garden – Update</p>																																		
<p>This project has been put onto hold for the time being as the field has been identified as a potential building site for affordable houses. The area which presently has the zip wire and other play equipment was suggested for redevelopment into a community garden. This was discussed at length using this area would take it away from the older children. It was agreed that the project must look for an alternative site and a report should go into unity asking for suggestions of possible sites. ACTION – report to unity and ask for suggestions for other sites for a community garden</p>																																		
<p>15) Review of this year’s Accounts/Exemption Certificate – Review and Action</p>																																		
<p>This year’s cash book shows the councils has gone above the exemption limits, therefore the accounts must go for external audit. The AGAR will be prepared and presented at the May meeting</p>																																		
<p>16) Planning – To consider planning applications form Dartmoor National Park Authority.</p>																																		
<p>a) 0089/21& 0090/21Proposal: Amendment to approved planning references 0567/19 and 0568/19 to change window and rooflight configuration at Little Clampitt, Dry Lane, Christow– No objection b) 0097/21 Proposed: Erection of timber framed domestic garage at Rockway, Christow – Objection as the garage is too large for domestic use. c) 0115/21 Proposal: Replacement timber door to barn with enlarged partly glazed door (retrospective). New granite setts from gate along garden wall to barn between the wall and newly tarmacked road. Removal paint and repair of masonry to front garden wall, replacing granite capping. Repair to well door. Repaint front door green to match the barn door and timber gate at Wells House, Christow – Objection and the reason for the objection is the entrance on the corner is considered dangerous, the new door is not in keeping with the building including the colour choice for the door. d) 0125/21 Proposed: Development of new tractor and equipment store at Collypark Cottage, Christow – No objection e) 0130/21Proposed: Internal alterations to provide fire safety measures at Canonteign Manor, Christow – No objection <u>Grant of Planning Permission</u> • 0547/19 Change of Use from C3 (residential dwelling) to Sui Generis (Holiday Let) Site address: Canonteign Manor, Christow.</p>																																		
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<p>Bank Reconciliation and Statement: The Chairman had checked the invoices and bank</p>																																		

statement against the reconciliation statement with the clerk, both documents have been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Fidock proposed that the statement was correct, and payments should be issued, this was seconded by Cllr AJ Orme with all in favour.	
18) Correspondence from Parishioners – to consider the points raised from correspondence.	
Council tax increase – The increase is to cover the Lengthsman duties as the grant we believed would be issued to help fund that has been reduced, the costs for emptying the bins has been increased, the Public toilets are an large cost to keep open, Parish Councils have lost the housing grant. Even though the precept has been increased we are still a lot short of what is needed to run the parish. Streetlights – This is not a parish council decision, DCC installed the lights, it was noted that they are on a timers so would not affect the dark night sky policy. Car park booking for Christow WI – the WI would like to hold a plant sale in the car park, the councillors have no objection to this.	
19) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council.	
Cllr J Orme attended the Teign Tennis Club AGM via Zoom	
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 4th May 2021, at 7.30pm. This will be a zoom meeting.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.35.	

Signed..... Date.....

Position.....

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