

# Christow Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.**

Present: Cllr T Archer Cllr J Newton  
 Cllr AJ Orme Cllr J Orme  
 Cllr G Read Cllr R Slack

Also present Carol Retallick (clerk) and 5 members of the public

Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of council meeting	ACTION
<b>1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:</b>	
Cllr S Purser, Cllr K Evans and Cllr T Fidock.	
<b>2) Public Discussion</b> – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting. <i>(The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 5 minutes).</i>	
<p>MOP asked to address the council as they are unhappy to received notice to quit their allotment plot. They have since written to the council but have not received answers to their queries. They asked the council to explain the reasons why a cemetery extension is needed and how the council decided how much land would be needed to make the extension.</p> <p>Cllr Archer explained that a detailed survey had not been undertaken, but this was from a site meeting when the council met there, he also confirmed there will be further site meeting to assess the land required. The MOP asked when the meeting will be, Cllr Archer confirmed a date has not yet been set.</p> <p>Cllr Archer apologised that their notice was delivered too soon. The clerk explained the process which was followed and how the decision was made.</p> <p>The allotment holders asked if this can be discussed at the next meeting in February. Another member of the public thanked Cllr Archer for the improvements at Bennah. Cllr Read addressed the meeting about poor quality mobile service and internet service and asked if this could be something the council would look at in the future to seek solutions to improve. He suggested the council investigate with the community if it was something they feel needs improvement. There is a current planning application for a tower in a neighbouring parish. The survey to gauge interest could be raised via a face book page.</p> <p>Finally, another member of the public wished to question the item regarding changes to the website. She asked the council to consider a policy to publish unconfirmed minutes and asked for the CCLT page to be removed from the parish council site as it was out of date, but happy to have a link included to direct enquires to the Teign Valley Page where there is currently a CCLT page.</p>	
<b>3) Declarations Of Interest:</b> In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
Cllr Archer declared an interest on item 10	
<b>4) District, County Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.</b>	
<p>TDC Cllr S Purser – Reports updates. From Teignbridge District Council (TDC) TDC has received £115k to continue the Rough Sleepers initiative and so continue to offer help and support. Currently 5 in Teignbridge all of whom have been approached but do not want to be housed.</p> <p>Various grant schemes for businesses are now available please see TDC website TDC are looking to assess demand for compact homes with potential for low or zero carbon footprint and locally built. Go to TDC website to register an interest. Local plan consultation runs to 24<sup>th</sup> Jan and includes potential renewable energy sites in the Teign Valley, again see website.</p> <p>Budget survey runs to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, see website, likely to be a £5 increase on a band D</p>	

<p>property. 20mph speed limit over all of Newton Abbot has been rejected but some support for specific areas i.e. outside schools and children’s nurseries. TDC still seeking that decisions of virtual meeting are legal, savings in time and costs with having virtual meetings are significant never forgetting health implications as well. <u>Lengthsman reports</u> - December saw me finally get chance to clear the leaves in the car park and basketball court once the trees had given up their hold of them. The majority of the leaves I bought home and added to my compost heap but some of them I took into the field and made a pile of alongside the hedgerow. When I came to clear the drains, they were all quite covered with debris and not operating fully. This was especially true of the drains running through the village from Church Lane down to the Church itself. This, to me, is clearly because of the ongoing issued with the blocked manhole at the bottom on Bennah Lane. The sooner this is resolved the better for this part of the village. With no grass cutting at this time of year it left just the bus shelter to clear and tidy throughout the month. On my last investigation of the shelter, I noticed one of the roof slates on the back of the roof has partly snapped off and had fallen to the floor. I rested the slate in the gutter to help identify roughly where it had come from should you wish to arrange to have it repaired. Happy new year and best wishes for 2022.</p>	
<p><b>5) Minutes</b> – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.</p>	
<p>Signed as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6) Clerks Report</b> - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairly quiet month – but planning application responses were lodged</li> <li>• We have received the grant from the Highway Enhancement fund and a new application has been submitted</li> <li>• Also, a grant application has been sent for fund toward repairs to the finger post at the top of commons Hill.</li> <li>• Reminder for the police online engagement for 12<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.30</li> <li>• Messages have been left with the hedging contractor to cut the Cemetery road hedge asap and reminder sent to the grounds maintenance regarding strimming the unused allotment plots.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7) Flooding and Water issues in Christow</b> – discussion</p>	
<p>Parishioners are fed up with water leaks and no water. The Council has been asked to help by writing to SWW to get the leaks fixed. It is understood that the pipes are due to be surveyed soon. As for the flooding Cllr AJ Ormes considered the problem starts on Commons Hill, many of the buddle holes have been blocked causing flooding from Dry Lane to Wet Lane junction. At the next meeting with the highways officer the clerk will highlight this matter, Cllrs Archer and Newton would like to be invited to that meeting. The councillors agreed to write to SWW about the general bad state of the pipes in the village and the disruption of service and the bad repairs to the road surface once the work on the pipes have been completed.</p>	<p><b>Meet HEO with TA &amp; JN. Write to SWW regarding leaking pipes and bad surface patch repairs</b></p>
<p><b>8) Cemetery working party</b> – to set a date</p>	
<p>The meeting discussed the history of the complete field, cemetery, and allotments. It was agreed to complete a survey while carrying out other works at the cemetery to assess how much the extension of the cemetery is needed. The working party agreed to meet on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10am to tidy the trees and foliage at the entrance of the Cemetery, also tidy some of the edges on the sections- time permitting. The clerk will bring refreshments, Cllrs Archer, AJ Orme, Slack, Newton, and Read agreed to join the working party. Other matters which the clerk will investigate is planning requirements, contact Allotment society and Cemetery advice services re consecrated ground requirements. Cllr Archer will check old minutes for any reference regarding the purchase of the field.</p>	<p><b>Working Party- TA, AJO, RS, JN, GR CR. TA check old Minutes, Clerk investigate Planning, Allotment society and ICCM.</b></p>

<b>9) Christow PC Website – To discuss and decide content</b>		
The councillors considered the request from the CCLT to remove the page from the parish Councils website. It was agreed to remove the names of the directors adding a link to the Teign Valley’s CCLT page. The rest of the content will remain on the Parish Councils website for information.		<b>Names removed from CCLT page. And link created</b>
<b>10) Memorial request - Approval of memorial request</b>		
Cllr Archer declared an interest and took no part of this discussion or the decision.		<b>Approved</b>
<b>11) Play Area – to review the revised quote to replace the frame of the croc swing</b>		
The revised quote for the fitting of the Croc Swing was discussed. It was clarified that the old posts were set in concrete and the new posts will be fitted slightly away from the original site to avoid the concrete, the new frame will have 8 legs which is necessary to meet new regulations. All present were in favour to continue with the replacement of the swing.		<b>Quote approved.</b>
<b>12) PLANNING - Dartmoor National Park Authority has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:</b>		
<u>Grant of Planning</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0597/21 Dartmoor National Park Authority Demolition of existing extension and erection of single storey extension with internal alterations, Canonteign House, Lower Ashton</li> </ul>		
<b>13) Finance</b>		
<b>Expenditure:</b>	Clerk's salary for December = £ 522.09 SHS Ltd inv 42010 £205.32 + 41.06 vat = £ 246.38 HP Instant Ink = £ 9.49 DALC – Cllr Training inv 3391 £30 + £6 vat = £ 36.00 HMRC PAYE ¼ payment = £ 178.00 E Fairs = £ 621.15	
<b>DD's:</b>	Pennon water Services = £ 15.00 Southern Electric (for Toilet Block) = £ 92.12	
<b>Income:</b>	Grant from HEF £ 983.00	
<b>Bank Reconciliation and Statement:</b> The Chairman has checked invoices and bank statement against the reconciliation statement. Reconciliation and bank statement circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr J Orme proposed the payments are made and agreed with the statements and Cllr J Newton seconded the proposal with all in favour.		<b>Authorised and agreed</b>
<b>14) MEETINGS ATTENDED:</b> to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings		
Cllr Archer explained to the meeting he had received letters from the school children making suggestion to the parish council on how to improve the parish. He asked the councillors to circulate the letters and suggested inviting the children to a meeting of the parish council. The meeting could start at an earlier time to accommodate the children’s attendance. Once the letter has been seen by all, a date will be arranged. Councillor agreed the mobile and internet service should be a matter for the annual meeting A discussion was then had about correspondence and how that is dealt with between councillors.		<b>Arrange a date to meet the school children. Mobile and internet service on Annual Parish Meeting</b>
<b>The next Council meeting is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.</b>		
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.20pm		

Signed.....

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Position.....

Item for next month’s agenda

Allotments and cemetery extension