

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 1st March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also present Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 1 member of the public
Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of council meeting	ACTION
1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:	
Cllr S Purser, Cllr Evans	
2) Public Discussion – 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>	
A member of the public asked if the potholes and uneven surface at Gidley’s Meadow will be repaired- the Chairman confirmed it is on DCC list for resurfacing. A member of the public noted it was nice to see the flag back up. She also reported the message on Facebook that the kissing gate at Wood Lane is rotten and should be repaired or removed.	Report to DNPA Ranger to repair gate.
3) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None declared	
4) District, County Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<u>DNPA</u> – Ms Pamela Woods reported on the Landscape Review. The Park is considering their response to the Glover Report. It will be discussed in full at the Park’s meeting on Friday for a response by 9 th April. She urged the Parish Council to review the consultation document. Regarding climate change, Central Government have suggested several great ideas but at the moment there is no extra funding to make improvements. The national parks are considering how new incentives could be delivered. Another concern the Government has is how the membership of committees are appointed. They would like smaller boards/committees and they are proposing to make the appointments. This would mean losing the parish connection which she is not in favour of. Cllr Read asked for the link to the email regarding the topic covered. The Chairman agreed that local people would want to elect the representatives to the Nations Park boards/committees.	Ms P Woods to send link to matters reported on
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th January 2022.	
Signed as a true record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Fidock and seconded by Cllr Read.	Approved
6) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments have been strimmed, but it was several weeks ago • Email received requesting permission to plant trees at Caversham Close • Neighbourhood police sent a survey for community engagement • Invoice sent to claim the Highway enhancement fund for 2021/22 • Dunsford have asked if there are any topics CPC would like to raise at the Three Parishes Meeting? 	
14) An opportunity to end the use of green lanes by recreational motor vehicles in Dartmoor National Park – Consultation document to consider a response.	
Standing Orders were suspended for Ms Woods to give the councillors an overview of this consultation paper and how it affects Dartmoor. She went on to explain the types	Do not support

<p>of highways which are covered in this report. While there are opposing views of people who use green lanes this is not a major issue within Dartmoor, but other National parks do have issues and are looking for laws to help and constrict the use of green lanes. Farmers still need to use green lanes to feed animals and this would not affect them.</p> <p>Standing Orders were resumed and the Chairman asked the councillors for their thoughts. Cllr Orme noted that there are not many such lanes within Christow Parish and most that are, are needed for agricultural vehicles to use. The councillors agreed there were more pressing issues for funds to be spent on.</p>	<p>stopping off roading in the National Parks</p>
<p>7) Asset Inspection - report from inspection and discuss any action needed</p>	
<p>The Chairman gave a report from the visit –</p> <p><u>Allotments</u> -the brambles had been cut back on Plot 19, The other vacant plots need strimming (it was noted that they had been strimmed but several weeks ago)</p> <p>The owner of the Telephone Exchange was at his property. He offered to burn the rotten shed from the vacant plot. The Chairman reminded him about not parking on the council field.</p> <p><u>Cemetery</u> – A tree has fallen by the shed in the top corner and there were other trees that require attention – the Clerk will contact a tree surgeon for advice.</p> <p><u>Recreation Field car park</u> – grass is growing over the path and drive from the car park to the hall. Bushes are becoming very overgrown around the fencing compound for the oil tank. Clerk to ask the Lengthsman to deal with both these matters.</p> <p><u>PC Shed at the back of the hall</u> – this is dry inside but in a bad state of repair. There are still items stored inside. The councillors would like to explore renewing the shed and maybe laying a concrete base. If organisations wish to use the shed for storage the PC could ask for a small fee for this.</p> <p><u>BMX Track</u> – there are lots of brambles there. To ask the Lengthsman for cost to remove.</p> <p>Tennis Court Club House – While this is not an asset of the PC the councillors noted the water pipe to the club house was not lagged and there is a branch resting on the roof. PC will arrange for the branch to be removed and the Clerk will notify the club about the pipe.</p> <p><u>Recreation Field</u> – the post which held the dog waste bin is still in the ground – the clerk will ask TDC to remove it. Along the track to the tennis courts there are several oak trees which need the lower branches removing as they are low enough to catch a vehicle.</p> <p><u>Toilet Block</u> – Thick moss on the roof which causes blockages in the guttering. Broken bracket on guttering needs repair.</p> <p><u>Skate Park</u> – the bin has been removed.</p> <p><u>Layne Fields Play Park</u> – a tree had come down in the recent storm and has damaged the fence – the tree has been removed. There are several trees there that look unsafe one of which was removed while clearing the fallen tree.</p> <p>The frame for the croc swing is still on site but must be removed before new frame is delivered. The Clerk will confirm with the play equipment company what need to be removed and which pieces need to be retained.</p> <p>The pathway through to the lower field is slippery and gravel needs to be spread to reduce slip risk. Cllr Newton agreed to look at the croc swing frame to assess how to remove it and will repair the other piece of equipment that is wobbly.</p> <p><u>Caversham Close</u> – A car was parked on the green during the inspection and there are two new trees planted on the green. A local resident informed the councillors that she had been cutting the grass however CPC have included this in the grounds contract. The meeting suggested putting an obstruction on the grass to discourage vehicles parking on it. Children use this space to play on and it should be kept free for this purpose. The newly planted trees should be moved to allow easier grass cutting. Cllr AJ Orme will meet the resident who planted the trees on site to ask her to move them. The council had received an email from the resident asking permission to plant the trees. The Clerk will reply to email and inform her of the council’s decision to move</p>	<p>Speak to grds contractor ask him to strim back the vacant plots new Allotmentees Get a Tree surgeon to advise on trees at cemetery, EF to remove blown down trees at Cemetery. Contact EF rework recreation field car park, Tennis club house, BMX track Get quotes for new shed 20x12. RS to confirm measurement Notify TTT re pipe needing to be lagged. Contact TDC to remove dog bin post. Clerk contact Alex Weaving re Oak trees. Ask EF to repair guttering at toilet block and remove moss from roof. TF spread gravel. JN review croc swing frame removal and repair</p>

the trees. The meeting agrees to monitor parked cars on the grass for the time being.	wobbly equipment. AJP met resident to move trees.
8) New bin at skate Park – discussion and decision	
This is no longer needed as the bin has been removed and will not be replaced at the present time.	
9) Queens Jubilee – update form discussion and decision	
<p>The update from the working party is to confirm a tea party in the recreation field on Sunday 5th June starting at 12pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables and chairs will be borrowed from the hall? • Bring your own food • Small Bar • Teas and Coffees from the hall • Sports for the children – TBC • Collect as much bunting as possible to hang around the field. • Recommend ordering 36 Jubilee mugs to sell by pre order from the Parish Council • Purchase Jubilee medals to give to all school and pre school children <p>The chairman asked the meeting if they were prepared to decide this evening or add to the April agenda. Councillor were happy to make some decision this evening The Committee recommend purchasing 110 medals @ 99p each – 36 mugs @ £5.88 each. Councillors agreed to these proposals. The other plans are to light the beacon on Thursday 2nd June The church will have a Songs of Praise. Tree planting in October The Parish Council to book the TVCH for the 5th of June as a location for bad weather.</p>	Purchase 110 medals and 36 mugs. Agreed to have the beacon on 2nd June. Tea Party 5th and book TVCH.
10) New flag	
<p>A new Union Jack is needed and it must be light weight. There are many to choose from online and Cllr Fidock suggest one from Amazon at £20. If the councillors would prefer a heavy flag the pole would need to be replaced. Cllr Slack asked could the Devon flag fly when others are not up. Councillors agreed to purchase the nylon flag from Amazon, and this will be paid for from the Chairman's fund.</p>	Agreed to purchase from Amazon with Chairman's fund.
11) Recreation field booking request- discussion and decision	
A request has been received from a resident of Doddiscombsleigh to use the recreation field for a few hours on the weekend of 12 th /13 th March for a children's party. The councillor approved the request and agreed not to ask for a donation.	Approved no donations needed.
12) Great Britain Tidy	
<p>All agreed to take part. Cllr AJ Orme suggested inviting the school to join in. Litter pick around the play park and recreation field Email the school and advertise as a community litter pick – When? Agreed to get involved on 9th April Saturday 9.30am. No unaccompanied children. Meet at doctors' surgery.</p>	
13) Parking in the village - discussion	
<p>Recently there was an incident in Christow where the Fire Brigade was called and the engine was not able to get through the village as cars were parked blocking the way. Fire engines need a minimum of 2.7m clearance. Cars should not park in turning bays, passing points or road junctions as this causes issues for emergency vehicles. Councillor discussed delivering leaflets to identify pinch points around the village and reminding people of this problem. Perhaps the Police or the Fire Service could advise</p>	Place an article in Unity raising awareness. Contact Police and

<p>how best to raise awareness and look for solutions to this problem Invite the Police and Fire Brigade to walk around the village to offer advice on how to deal with this problem Cllrs Fidock, J Orme, Newton and Read offered to meet the officers.</p>	fire service for advice.
15) Finance	
<p>Expenditure: Clerk's salary for February = £ 522.09 SHS Ltd £205.32 + 41.06 vat = £ 246.38 HP Instant Ink = £ 11.49 Adrian Canvin = £ 52.45 Clerks expenses = £ 148.95 DD's: Pennon water Services = £ 15.00</p>	Authorised and agreed
<p>Bank Reconciliation and Statement: 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 G Reed proposed the payments are made and agreed with the statements and Cllr J Newton seconded the proposal with all in favour.</p>	
16) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
Cllr Newton attended the online meeting with Dartmoor National Park regarding the new Local Plan.	
<p>The next Council meeting is Tuesday 5th April 2022, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH. Annual Parish Meeting Friday 8th April in the Bowden Room.</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.47pm

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

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