

# Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

Present: Cllr T Fidock Cllr K Evans Cllr AJ Orme  
Cllr J Orme Cllr G Read

Also, present Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 4 members of the public  
Cllr Fidock welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of council meeting	ACTION
<b>1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:</b>	
Cllrs S Purser, T Archer, J Newton and Cllr R Slack	
<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>	
Residents from Teign Terrace addressed the meeting with reference to the drainage and flooding issues near their homes. When the drain blocks with debris it causes the gardens to flood. Following a recent storm, the Chairman authorised the Lengthsman to attend the site and clear the gullies and drain. The gentleman thanked the Council and Cllr Newton who also visited the site to review the problem. As a longer-term solution, the water needs to be diverted after coming down Foxhole Hill. Cllr Read reminded the residents to always report the problems through the Devon County Council 'Report a Problem' page. They confirmed they did after the recent flood as an emergency, and it was dealt with quickly by DCC. It was noted that if matter is being reported by more than one person it does help to get action from the DCC.	.
<b>3) Declarations Of Interest:</b> In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None declared	
<b>4) District, County Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.</b>	
Cllr S Purser TDC - Devon County council under Team Devon supporting Ukraine website is coordinating support for all Devon authorities giving the latest updates and guidance for those who want to provide sanctuary to Ukrainian refugees. As of today, 34 households in Teignbridge have registered their interest. Currently in Devon some 350 households have come forward offering homes to 522 Ukrainians.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teignbridge CVS will be coordinating the community and voluntary sector support.</li> <li>• Devon Communities Together, the community council for Devon has opened a wildlife grant scheme up to £500 per application. See their website for more details.</li> <li>• Hardship fund is still available, see Teignbridge web site for more details.</li> <li>• A covid memorial tree (Sweet gum tree) has been planted with a short ceremony and minutes silence to pay tribute to those grieving.</li> <li>• Local landlords may be eligible for help in improving the energy rating of their properties. See Teignbridge website for details.</li> <li>• The let's talk teenagers support course was a huge success with 750 delegates attending over 3 course dates. Further courses are planned.</li> <li>• Stagecoach should have been providing discounted books of bus tickets for students and hopefully this is now happening.</li> </ul>	
<b>10) Teign Valley Committee Hall</b> – To consider the request made for work to the hall and requests for financial help toward work and Wi-Fi repeater	
Cllr Fidock brought this item forward in order that a member of the public could speak and give more information. <i>(Standing Orders Suspended)</i>	<b>Declined the</b>

<p>The Hall committee member explained in more detail the request which has been submitted to the hall for a proportion of the costs to instal a Wi-Fi repeater that would cover the recreation field.</p> <p>She also explained about the work required to the paving slabs outside. Some of that work had already been started but halted now as the areas which are being discussed now are the responsibility of the Parish Council (the PC own the land 1 metre around the hall) The TVCH workman has already power washed the toilet block.</p> <p><i>(Standing Orders resumed)</i></p> <p>Cllr Fidock asked the Councillors if they would authorise £70 towards the Wi-Fi repeater? The Councillors suggested that other user groups should be approached while understanding that the Tennis Club had agreed to £70 towards this cost. They also noted that the budget is tight, and an allowance had not been included for this expense.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested the TVCH could apply for a Parish Council grant or a grant from either the TDC or DCC locality funds. A vote was taken with regard to the £70 donation for the Wi-Fi the result was to refuse this request. The councillor deferred the decision regarding the paving slabs for later in the meeting.</p>	<p><b>request for £70 for Wi - Fi repeater. Request for work to paving slabs deferred to later in the meeting</b></p>
<p><b>8) Quote for extra work by Lengthsman – to consider and authorise the extra work</b></p>	
<p>Cllr Fidock asked the Councillors to consider the work in the quotation primarily on the items which the TVCH had requested funds for. It was agreed that the paving slabs would need removing and relaying and this should be quoted for as a separate item therefore they could not approve that request at the current time.</p> <p>The Cllrs cannot make a decision on the request from the village hall committee until they get a quote for this work.</p>	<p><b>Seek quote to relay the paving slabs outside the TVCH</b></p>
<p><b>5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</b></p>	
<p>Signed as a true record of that meeting.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>
<p><b>6) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Teign Tennis Club will be holding their AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the Bowden Room.</li> <li>• £2,000 has been received from the Highways Enhancement Fund</li> <li>• The litter pick has been organised for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at the doctor’s surgery at 9.30am</li> <li>• The Three Parishes meeting is planned for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July in Dunsford on the village green.</li> <li>• The Jubilee Tea Party at the recreation field will not be charged.</li> <li>• The external audit paper has been received</li> <li>• The toilets were vandalised but the cleaners were able to go in and clear this up. The person who is believed to have caused the mess has now left the area</li> <li>• I met with the Highways Officer. We visited the areas at Bennah and Gidley’s Meadow. Both have been discussed and added to the list of jobs to be attended to.</li> <li>• Yesterday I received notification that an appeal has been lodged against the refused planning application at 3 Exmouth Cottages for the erection of a two storey rear extension.</li> <li>• There will be a road closure passed Shuttamore Farm from 9<sup>th</sup> till 20<sup>th</sup> May, details are on the website.</li> <li>• The Direct Debit for water at the toilets will increase as from 1<sup>st</sup> May from £15 per month to £27.50</li> <li>• Also, the Direct Debit for the electric supply to the toilets has increased from £91.12 to £109.91 per month.</li> </ul>	<p><b>3 Exmouth Cottages add to next month’s agenda</b></p>
<p><b>7) Litter Pick – to discuss and make final arrangements</b></p>	
<p>The arrangements have been made apart from which councillors will be on duty to give out and collect the equipment at the end of the session?</p> <p>Cllrs Fidock, Reed, Slack ,Orme and Orme volunteered to be at the litter pick.</p>	<p><b>TF, GR, RS, AJO,JO</b></p>
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The quote provided for the extra work following the asset inspection was approved except for the removal of the buddleia near the oil tanks at TVCH.	<b>Approved</b>
<b>9) Play Area Safety Report – To consider the findings of the report and plan actions</b>	
The Clerk highlighted the high-risk items, and it was agreed to remove the zip wire frame, the A frame in the lower play area and the croc swing frame and remove them from the park. The skate park report was also reviewed and noted the repairs needed. The Councillors suggested asking for quotes to remove the equipment in the play area and making repairs to the skate park	<b>Remove the zip wire, A frame and croc swing frame. AJO to inspect and report to council. Seek quote to repair faults at skate park</b>
<b>10)</b>	
See above	
<b>11) Planning</b>	
<u>Grant of Permission</u> 0012/22 Alterations and extension to dwelling at 8 St James Place Wet Lane, Christow 0026/22 Retrospective garage at Rockway, Foxhole Hill, Christow	
<b>12) Finance</b>	
<b>Expenditure:</b> Clerk's salary for March = £ 522.29 HMRC = £ 177.80 SHS Ltd for March £205.32 + 41.06 vat = £ 246.38 RoSPA Play Safety Inspections fee £ 196.00 + 39.20vat = £ 235.20 A Weaving Hedge cutting £1035.00 + £207vat = £ 1242.00 HP Instant Ink = £ 4.49 SW Water for Burial Ground 1 <sup>st</sup> half = £ 123.12 DALC Subscription = £ 206.85 TDC – Emptying bins from 2021-2022 = £ 1415.88 <b>DD's:</b> Pennon water Services = £ 15.00 ICO -subscription = £ 35.00 SSE at Toilet Block = £ 109.91 TDC – Layne Field rent = <u>£ 300.00</u> £4,633.89	<b>Authorised and agreed</b>
<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 Evans proposed the payments are made and agreed with the statements and Cllr Reed seconded the proposal with all in favour.	
<b>13) MEETINGS ATTENDED:</b> to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
None attended	
<b>The next Council meeting is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH. Annual Parish Meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Bowden Room.</b>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.55am

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

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