

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 5th July 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 Cllr J Newton Cllr R Slack

Also, present Carol Retallick (Clerk) and no members of the public

Cllr Fidock welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Annual Council meeting		ACTION
1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence		
Received from Cllrs Archer, Purser and Brook		
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>		
None present		
3) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.		
None declared		
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.		
<p>Cllr S Purser Teignbridge DC - Some 14000 people who do not pay council tax by direct debit have now been written to asking them to apply for the rebate. The payments will be into bank accounts, crediting council tax or via post office payments. Some 33,000 people have already been paid by direct debit. A discretionary scheme for those in bands E-H will be on the website in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Staff from Teignbridge and the police have teamed up to patrol Dawlish Warren to cut down on antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>Some 80 electric vehicle charging points in 38 public car parks to be installed in next few months.</p> <p>The census shows an 8.5% increase in the population of Teignbridge to 134,800 up from 124,200 in 2011.</p> <p>Plans now in for new four screen cinema for Newton Abbot.</p> <p>Covid cases again on the increase please be vigilant.</p> <p>Anybody looking for a job as senior customer support officer, health and safety officer, housing officer, fitness instructor or LGV driver please see website.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman report</u> - The tasks themselves, all has gone well. One of the drains along Village Road between the Church and Church Lane was completely full. I can see no reason why it would be when considering the weather we have had and the surrounding drains all being empty. I wonder whether material has been deposited into it by someone. I took off the drain cover and removed all of the soil from the chamber and deposited away elsewhere.</p> <p>All other drains were in good working order once I had strimmed and cleared them back. All the monthly grass cutting tasks and bus shelter inspections were carried out without any issues, just lots of grass to cut. July sees me revisit the drains again and do some more strimming work. All this dry weather cannot go on for long, so I am anticipating some heavy summer storms as the rain must fall eventually.</p>		
5) Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th June 2022 and 11 th June 2022.		
These were signed as a true record of those meetings.		Approved
6) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder for the Three Parishes meeting on 19th July 2022 in Dunsford from 7-9pm 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water leak at the cemetery which had turn off the water at the allotments has now been fixed. • Gidley's Cross – Ines' email forward onto Cllrs. • Complaint about the morris dancers using the field for the weekend. • The Morris group thanked the Council. The councillors noted that the area was left very clean and tidy. • Play area, Cllr Newton removed the screws which were sticking out. We need quotes for repairs. • DNPA AGM results • External Audit forms have been submitted • Car Park management email - there was no support for this. 	
7) Traffic Issues within the village and Waterwell Lane – Update and decision	
<p>Cllr Read has spoken to the fire service regarding the bad parking through the village. They have agreed to send a fire engine to the village and speak to residents. The Fire Service also agreed to forward on to us information and advice to share in the community about considerate parking within the village.</p> <p>The Clerk read from the email received from the Police. Cllr Read offered to follow this up. Cllr Newton noted that the village speed limit is considered as the national speed limit. This makes it very difficult to impose any sanctions to motorists that are accused of speeding.</p>	Cllr Read to contact Police
8) Play area – Update	
<p>The clerk reported that the rotten wood / zip wire etc have been removed. We need chase up quotes for repairing this equipment.</p> <p>Cllr Slack offered to look at this job</p>	Cllr Slack
9) Cemetery Charges – to review the current charges	
<p>The Cllrs discussed the water leak from the cemetery which affected the allotment field and the Cllrs also discussed the costs for providing the water to the field. To get more information to make a comparison of costs for the allotment field and the cemetery and defer for the September meeting.</p>	Clerk get more information for September meeting.
10) Broadband and Mobile services – Lead by Cllr Read	
<p>Cllr Read reported that CDS is supposed to ensure communities have workable broadband. This has proved to be a difficult job and CDS are providing information about boosters for mobile phones. They will however attend a future council meeting. Their commitment is that service providers will have improved by 2024. Cllr Read also informed the meeting that our MP is trying to get permission to put broadband discs onto the emergency mast that would improve coverage in the Teign Valley.</p> <p>Cllr Read will endeavour to prepare a questionnaire asap to circulate to the village and the information will be used to support our need for improved coverage. He has asked the Council for support to circulate the questionnaire. Councillors agreed to help and suggested some should be available in the shop and church for people to collect.</p>	Cllr Read will create questionnaire Cllr Newton offered to help circulate with other councillors
11) Rural village services group – to consider membership lead by Cllr Read	
<p>Cllr Read explained the benefits of membership to this group and how it may benefit the Council. The purpose of the group is to give small parishes a larger voice for rural issues. He explained, as an example, of installing electrical vehicle charging points in a village. The membership is free for the first 6 months. He asked if the Councillors would be in favour of joining and then reviewing the membership before the charges are required.</p>	Cllrs agreed to join for the free period. Clerk will follow this up
12) Request to use the recreation field – to consider and decide	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child's party on 10th July for bouncing castle in the field 2. Request for a wedding party for next June or July 2023. Want to use the field for limited camping. The Councillors would like to know approximately how many people, tents, camper vans would be there. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved 2. The councillors agreed in theory but would not confirm this

<p>Confirm at September meeting</p> <p>3. West Country Potters asked to use the field in September 2023 – camping and camper vans. Yes, in principle, but cannot comment on field until nearer the time. Also to ask for details of risk assessment and insurance cover.</p>	<p>until nearer the time dependant on the weather</p> <p>3. Yes, however the council needs to see RA and Insurance and confirmation would be confirmed nearer the time dependant on weather conditions .</p>
13) Planning	
<p><u>Grant of Permission – INFO ONLY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0124/22 - Removal of existing garage and shed and replacement with carport and shed, 2 Exmouth Cottages, Lower Ashton 0153/22 Applicant name: Teign Housing Proposal: 3,4,5,6,7,8,9, and 10 Layne Fields, Christow, replacement of existing timber casement windows with same format UPVC casement windows with wood grain effect to match existing site address: 3,4,5,6,7,8,9, and 10 Layne Fields, Christow 	
14) Finance	
<p>Expenditure: Clerk's salary for June = £ 522.29 HMRC = £ 93.60 HP Instant Ink = £ 10.49 MTD Accountants = £ 44.00 E Fairs for April – June = £ 91.71 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 336.56 DDs: Pennon Water Services = £ 27.50</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation and Statement: The Chairman has checked invoices and bank statements against the reconciliation statement. Reconciliation and bank statements circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr J Orme and Seconded Cllr J Newton.</p>	<p>Authorised and agreed</p>
15) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
<p>Cllr Evans attended the Haldon event presenting the new proposed development and facilities. She gave an overview of the information presented. They have offered to come to the council meeting in September.</p>	
<p>The next Council meeting is Tuesday 6th September 2022, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH. An additional meeting is to be held on 18th July 2022 to consider planning applications.</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.52pm

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