

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th February 2023 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 Cllr J Brooks, Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 15 members of the public
 Cllr Fidock welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting	ACTION
1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
Received from Cllr Archer, Purser	
2) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None	
3) 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>	
<p>The public were present to comment on the planning application on the agenda this evening. There main concerns were that the proposed development was: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside the village boundary • Issues of access to the site. • Is there a proven need for this building. • If this development was permitted would other be approved? • The building would be built on a green field site. • Not considered as low impact • There is no agricultural link for the building. • Not in keeping with the area. • Detrimental effect on wildlife and reduction of hedgerows • The information presented is inaccurate as there is a main sewer close and a listed building close to the site. • Land was originally sold for grazing and not as a building plot. <p>It was also noted that previous applications on Waterwell Lane have been refused in the past.</p> <p>Cllr Read noted that the Parish Council is a consultee and would not be making the final decision, he advised the public to contact the County Councillor and make him aware of their concerns.</p> <p>A member of the public requested the minutes from the previous council meeting to be made available online before the next meeting.</p> <p>Another member of the public noted that the Artichoke is already planning events for the Coronation and other events could planned around that.</p>	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<p>Pete Rich DNPA – The Dartmoor National Park is working with local landowners to improve the footpaths in the parish, if there are any queries regarding the paths, please contact him direct.</p> <p>Cllr J Brook DCC – Reported that DCC is rated second in the country for recycling results, however DCC would like to improve recycling more and some areas will be going to a 3week collection service with bin audits being carried out to ensure the county keeps on top of recycling targets.</p> <p>The draft budget is being worked on with Children and Young Peoples services seeing a large increase, Health and Highways are receiving additional funding, but saving is needed to be found. The main arterial routes will remain the priority for repairs and some minor routes are falling into a bad state of repair. The worry is that</p>	

<p>if roads are not repaired, they would become so bad that will be difficult to use. DCC propose to lobby Government for additional funds for highway repairs. The roads must be maintained to a good standard as lots of cyclists are using them.</p> <p>The proposed budget will be put forward at the next full council meeting with a 100 million pounds deficit. If DCC needed to repay this, it would be very difficult.</p> <p>Cllr Brook informed the meeting that all children who receive free school meals will receive vouchers during holiday times and the number of children receiving free school meals have doubled.</p> <p>Cllr Newton asked about the Dartmoor Express and is it subsidised by DCC as he has not seen it being used very much? Cllr Brook confirmed that DCC does help with bus services but not sure about this route. He also noted that the bus service is needed but it is difficult to encourage people not to use their cars.</p> <p><i>Cllr Brook left the meeting.</i></p> <p><u>Cllr S Purser TDC</u> – reports As usual I will try to attend as many meetings as possible but this month three of my eight parishes all meet on the same night so apologises if I do not appear.</p> <p>A few points that you may find of interest.</p> <p>Next year’s budget in final stages of receiving approval after consultation period.</p> <p>There is funding available to businesses to decarbonise by reducing emissions and energy costs in their business. See TDC website.</p> <p>The household support fund to support residents most in need is now open for applications. See TDC website.</p> <p>0% loans available from TDC for people who need to buy fuel in bulk, for example oil or liquid gas, repayable over 6 to 12 months. See TDC website.</p> <p>As usual lots of jobs available at Teignbridge dc in most areas.</p> <p>Please pass on the information that photo ID will be needed to vote in person at this year’s May elections. If people do not have suitable ID, e.g.: passport, driving licence, blue badge they can apply to TDC for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.</p> <p><u>Paul Wilson (PCSO 30382) Chudleigh Police Office</u>- reports in the period, 1st January 2023 to 31st January 2023, there were no recorded offence in the Christow area. Police responded to 6 other non-offence incidents in this period. These include road traffic issues, concerns for welfare and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Due to a changeover in operating systems, I am still unable to provide a comparison to last year’s figures.</p> <p>PC Dave Hawkins attended the Teign Valley Police surgery in January. He was very happy with the turn out and reception he got from those attending. Further surgeries will be planned, and the Parish Council updated once those dates are available.</p> <p>Dave attended the Christow Primary school meeting the children in Reception and year 1. He had a great time, and it was good to have such positive interactions with the school.</p> <p>The Team have been made aware of some anti-social driving in our area involving vehicles taking parts in rallies. We have been in contact with various organisations and will be monitoring this issue.</p> <p>Cllr Fidock moved the Planning applications to be considered next on the agenda with all in favour.</p>	
5) Planning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0026/23 at Land Due Southeast Of Waterwell Barn Waterwell Lane, Christow Proposed: New low impact dwelling. The councillors decided to vote. 0 in favour – All present voted Objection to the application the reason being that the development would not be in keeping in its location, the site is outside the village boundary, they do not believe it is a low impact development, concerns over the access and provision of services to the site. 	Objection

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd January 2023	
These were recorded as a true record of this meeting.	
7) Business brought forward by the chairman – For information only	
None	
8) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grant from DAA has been applied for, this is for the work to upgrade the Helicopter switching system at the Community Hall. Our highways officer has asked Christow PS to cut back overhanging vegetation on Wet Lane, once this has been done the road will be cleaned. The new costings have been sent to us for the emptying of the bins in the parish, the rate per empty has been increased by £2 per empty. West Country Potters have replied to us regarding their request to use the field. They have advised that there may be up to 4 motor homes to park in the field. The Association has full public liability insurance and will be producing a comprehensive risk assessment for the whole event. Our precept request was queried, and I have replied to TDC with the reasons for the increases that we require. Hi-Line will be trimming trees along the cemetery and allotment field hedges, the chippings will be left in a pre-arranged spot in the allotment field for the plots holders use. 	
9) TDC Local Plan Consultation – discussion and agree comments if required	
Add to next month's agenda	
10) Outdoor Gym Equipment – Parishioners request – discussion and decision	
<p>The email had been circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting. The council has investigated this before, and it to be very expensive. Cllr Evans believe it is a good idea, but grants would need to be raise the fund to provide it. Cllr J Orme suggested setting up a committee?</p> <p>Cllr Read suggested that grants come up at different times and rather than keep raising this matter every month wait until a grant is available for this type of project. The meeting agreed to ask the parishioner to investigate funding and get involved and report back to the council later.</p>	Reply to parishioner and keep looking for funds.
11) Coronation – discussion for celebrating this event and possible expenditure.	
<p>Cllr Fidock advised the meeting that The Artichoke are planning to host an event at the recreation field on Monday 8th May, she then asked for other know plans or ideas. No monies have been set aside in the budget for Coronation celebrations however Cllr Fidock is interested in purchasing either mugs, medal or both as the council did for the jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>Cllr AJ Orme suggested setting up a working party to concentrate just on Coronation events and plans and Cllr Slack second, they will gather information to report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs Evans suggested that information could go onto the Teign valley website and ask for ideas and invite comments for the working party.</p> <p><i>SO Suspended</i> - A resident suggested that a tea party along the road where people would bring their own food to share together similar to previous street parties in the village. A road closure application would need to be applied for. Events at Higher Town would involve more of the community. The school children could be asked to make bunting. This could mean two events over the weekend the street party and the event being organised by the Artichoke. A flyer advertising the events would be helpful.</p> <p><i>SO, Resumed</i> - Cllr Fidock noted that the Artichoke would be booking the hall on the 8th of May for fun day and asked if the council would support this? All were in favour. (Note to contractor Not to cut the grass the day before)</p>	Working party created Cllrs AJ Orme and Slack. Information circulated on TV website, CPC website, FB and Unity Apply for road closure 11-3 on Sunday 7th May. For street party.
12) Post Office Van and using Car Park – discussion and decision for this request	
We have not received a formal request with regard to this and agree to respond when an official request is received.	

13) Bench moved to skate park- needs to be refitted could the council do it from volunteers?		
A picnic bench moved onto the skate park from another location in the field, leaving a large hole in the field. The bench is no longer fit for purpose. The councillors discussed taking it away for repair. Cllr Slack and Fidock offered to see if it would be repaired and stored until then. Cllr Slack will fill the hole in the field.		Remove picnic bench RS, TF. New bench for March agenda
14) Bike rack – to consider type and cost to fit a rack		
Information detailing different types and costs of racks were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr AJ Orme proposed purchasing the rack from Barriers Direct 2 stands for 4 bikes which is galvanised, this was seconded and all agreed Clerk to order.		Clerk to order
15) Online Communications and decision process- Enquiry raised by Cllr Read		
Cllr Read had submitted an enquiry of council procedure, online communication and decision making which was answered by the clerk and checked by the vice Chair. This was understood and no further comment needed.		Resolved
16) Toilet Block and future funding – Discussion and decision		
Clerk explained about the leaks and blockages since last the meeting. The councillor discussed leasing the toilets to another company, but the councillors agreed that the council would lose control of the building and were not in favour. Cllr Fidock asked about ways to raise funds for the toilets. Following last month's meeting where this was discussed Cllr Read had drafted a letter for comment and a suggested recipient list which included a suggested donation figure. Following the comments made Cllr Read will redraft the letter and send it onto the clerk.		Letter amended then sent out to users for donation GR
17) Finance		
Expenditure:	Clerk's salary for January = £ 631.39 SHS Ltd toilets = £ 302.40 Mat Electrics – Signal booster for DAAT night lighting = £ 863.52 HP Instant Ink for January = £ 4.49 Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription = £ 14.00 Clerks Unity subscription = £ 25.80 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 166.00 Vision ICT website hosting, Data backup and support = £ 423.60	Payments Approved
DD's:	Pennon water Services = £ 27.50	
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 Read Proposed and Cllr K Evans seconded all the payments and agreed the statement details.		
18) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings		
None attended		
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 7th March 2023, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.		
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.23pm		

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