

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also, present Cllr J Brooks, Carol Retallick (Clerk) and three members of the public
Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting	ACTION
1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
Received from Cllr Evans, Read, Purser	
2) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
Cllr Fidock declared an interest in item 12	
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>	
Members of the public indicated they were attending the meeting as they were interested to hear about the plans to celebrate the King's Coronation. The Artichoke has started to organise events for Monday 8 th May. The Community Hall has been booked so if there is bad weather, the events will still go ahead indoors. Competitions have been planned for the children. A Street Party on Sunday 7 th May has been organised and a road closure has been applied for.	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<p>Cllr S Purser TDC – Teignbridge is beginning to go into election limbo so apart from ongoing projects, there is less happening over the next couple of months. For those within the Teignbridge planning area, the local plan consultation ends on 13th March so please, if you have comments, put them in by then.</p> <p>Landlords with properties in Teignbridge are encouraged to take part in the Teignbridge survey to help better understand the rental market. Please see website. The budget has now been agreed by the Council and all precepting authorities. International Women's Day is on the 8th March which is a day to celebrate women from all walks of life, to challenge discrimination and to strive for equality in the workplace.</p> <p>The 8th March is also No Smoking Day when smokers are being urged to give quitting a go.</p> <p>Reminder that those voting in person at the may elections will need photo identification or a certificate, available free of charge, from Teignbridge but apply sooner rather than later.</p> <p>The Teignbridge Lottery now has a number of local Teign Valley good causes signed up if you are inclined to have a flutter.</p> <p>Still plenty of jobs on offer at Teignbridge.</p> <p>PC David Hawkins Chudleigh Police Office- In the period, 1st February 2023 to 28th February 2023, there were three recorded offences in the Christow area. 2 x Assaults. 1 x Harassment</p> <p>Police responded to one other non-offence incident in this period which was a highway disruption. Due to a changeover in operating systems, I am still unable to provide a comparison to last year's figures.</p>	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th of February 2023	

These were recorded as a true record of that meeting.	Approved
6) Business brought forward by the Chairman – For information only	
Cllr Archer reported to the meeting that a plumber has attended the gent's toilets to carry out more repairs. The notice board at Layne Fields is damaged and needs repairing. Cllr Archer made suggestions how to repair the board and this was approved. There has been more graffiti around the village skate park and also on a sign.	Repairs to notice board approved
7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Elections, nomination packs emailed to councillors, officially advertised from 17th March. Deadline for delivery of papers by hand to TDC 4th April 4.00pm The missing streetlight on Dry Lane has been reported. Play Inspections booked in for this month. Butts Lane Rd closure- details on website The Highways Officer can no longer attend evening meetings. 	
8) TDC Local Plan Consultation – discussion and agree comments if required	
The councillors have reviewed the documents and Christow is not affected. The councillors acknowledge that Teignbridge District Council has big ambitions.	Comments to TDC – ‘well presented’
9) Coronation – discussion for celebrating this event and possible expenditure.	
The Chairman asked the councillors if they would like to organise anything for the Coronation celebrations. It was noted that volunteers are currently organising a street party. The Artichoke has offered the use of their toilets on that day. <i>(SO suspended)</i> A member of the public added that the tables for the street party will start at the Artichoke and run up towards the Layne Fields junction. Cllr AJ Orme suggested the Council could plant an oak tree as a living celebration and attach an appropriate plaque. A suitable location will need to be agreed later. <i>(SO resumed)</i> Agreed to discuss again at the April meeting with the decision of the road closure	Purchase an Oak tree Add Coronation to the April Agenda
10) New Bench for Skate Park & cleaning of existing benches– discussion and decision	
Cllr Slack reported the picnic bench has been repaired and returned to its original place. There is no budget allocated for a new bench, but he suggests that at the next finance meeting, the committee will be able to make an allowance for a new bench. He also confirmed the hole in the field has been filled in. Cllr Archer thanked Cllr Slack. Cllr Archer reported that the benches at the recreation field need pressure washing and Cllr Newton offered to do this with Cllr Archer. Cllr AJ Orme noted the benches should then be varnished/treated with a preservative. The Parish can cover the cost for this product.	Cllr Archer and Newton power wash benches
11) Storage Shed – Update	
Cllr Newton has no further information at the present time. This matter will be investigated and reported on at a future meeting.	Info for new shed Cllrs AJ Orme and Newton
12) Grant Application	
A grant application has been submitted for costs towards the Coronation celebrations. There were no accounts submitted as this is a new group only recently formed. The councillors granted this application as a ‘one off’ grant as our policy does include an examination of organisation’s accounts. <i>SO suspended</i> for a member of the public to note that the events are FREE for all the Parish to attend.	Approved
13) Request for use of the Recreation field	
Devon Dynamite Majorettes 16.4.23 and 9.7.23. The Councillors are happy to authorise the use of the field dependant on weather conditions. West Country Potters Event 29.9.23 – 1.10.23 Councillor are happy with the arrangements, risk assessment and insurance.	Authorised subject to weather conditions.

Doddiscombsleigh Pre School fund raising event. Councillors are happy to support but not in the week prior to Christow Show. Friends of Christow School Easter egg hunt 26 th March – Councillors authorised		
14) Request to use the Car Park – for wedding guests on 20 th May 2023		
Authorised on condition there are spaces available.		approved
15) Annual Parish meeting – arrange a date and parish award		
Councillors agreed the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 21 st April at 7pm in the Bowden Room, TVCH. Refreshments will be provided, Cllrs J Orme and T Fidock offered to organise these. Organisations will be asked to provide a written report to be submitted to the Clerk before the meeting and will be available on the night for all to read. No nominations have been received yet for the Parish Award. It is being advertised in Unity.		Cllr J Orme and Fidock on refreshments. Written Report from parish organisations
16) Allotment & Cemetery inspection – to arrange a date		
It was agreed to meet on Saturday 8 th March 10am at the Allotment Field.		All councillors
17) Planning		
a) 0067/23 Extension to North-East elevation of dwelling, Elmsley, Bridford Road, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7PG (Christow)		No objection
18) Finance		
Expenditure:	Clerk's salary for February = £ 533.14 SHS Ltd toilets = £ 302.40 HP Instant Ink for February = £ 11.49 E Fairs = £ 997.54 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 166.00 Clerk Expenses = £ 240.30 Clerk working from home allowance = £ 312.00 Barriers Direct – Bike rack = £ 197.32 DD's: Pennon water Services = £ 27.50	Payments Approved
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 Fidock proposed payments made and agreed the statement this was seconded by Cllr J Orme with all in favour.		
18) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings		
None attended. Cllr J Orme noted a large Biffa bin on the footpath at the village store – the councillors agreed to write to the shop to ask them to relocate it.		
The next Council Meeting is on Tuesday 4th April 2023, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH		
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.58pm		

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