

# Christow Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.**

Present: Cllr T Archer                      Cllr T Fidock                      Cllr AJ Orme  
                     Cllr K Evans                      Cllr J Orme                      Cllr J Newton

Also, present Cllr S Purser, Cllr J Brooks, Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 4 members of the public  
 Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting	ACTION
<b>1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence</b>	
Received from Cllr 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>	
Discussion regarding the mobile phone signal and if the Parish Council could help to get it improved, Cllr Read noted that the more people that write to complain the higher chance of getting anything done. Cllr Purser noted that things are happening but very slowly. It was also noted that areas which can be easily fitted with improved broadband are being done but unlike the areas which are more difficult. The questionnaire created by the council will be put into Unity as well as around the parish. Advertise on Facebook and hard copies go into surgery and shop. Cllr Newton happy to deliver to households. Item 10 with regard to planning permission, the applicant was present and is happy to answer any queries regarding the proposed plans. Cllr Newton noted that he had observed 2 elderly people waiting for a bus at the stop opposite the shop and wondered if the council could put a bench there?	
<b>3) Declaration of Interest</b>	
None declared	
<b>4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.</b>	
<p><b>Cllr S Purser TDC</b> – This will be my last update for this 4-year council session and what a four years we have all been through, unprecedented in any of our lifetimes. Hopefully the future may be more settled but sadly the signs are not good.</p> <p>With the election on the 4th May the council is in a limbo with only essential work and decisions being made but a few updates as follows:</p> <p>Devon CC is launching an 8-week consultation to stop running the mobile library service due to cost. Please respond to the consultation hopefully insisting the service continue for those in our rural communities.</p> <p>Remember ID required to vote in person on May 4th, either apply now for a postal vote, deadline 18th April or request free voter ID from Teignbridge. This Voter Authority Certificate must be requested by 25th April.</p> <p>If a dog owner who likes a beach walk some beaches now ban dogs until 30 September. See TDC website for details where dogs allowed.</p> <p>Rent smart event for landlords to be held on 6th July at Exeter racecourse. See website for more details.</p> <p>Mind the charity is offering mental health and cost of living support, see their website.</p> <p>The Sports Foundation for the disabled are offering revenue grants of up to £5000 for charities and parish councils to facilitate access to sporting activities for people with a disability. Note: Dunsford pc would this help with opening the school swimming pool to a wider group?</p> <p>See TDC website for Green spaces events over Easter, free and paid for events</p>	

and including Easter egg hunts.

Please note variations to refuse collection over Easter.

Still plenty of jobs in all departments at Teignbridge now in refurbished eco-friendly offices for inside staff.

I have enjoyed working with you all over the last four years and would like to wish good luck to all those standing for election on the 4th May.

Cllr Read ask how well the mobile library is used. He is not sure but Ashton has a lunch around library day and make it very social able, use is not high but it is another service being lost.

**PC David Hawkins Chudleigh Police Office-** The Parish of Christow is served by the Neighbourhood Police team working out of Ashburton Police station and Chudleigh Police office.

This area is part of the Coastal and Rural sector and has the beat code. JC2E

The team is led by Inspector Dave Hammond and Sgt Seth Saunders is the Neighbourhood Team Leader. From 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Inspector Steve Philp will be returning to his position as Sector Inspector to lead the Neighbourhood team.

PC David Hawkins is the Neighbourhood Beat Manager based in Chudleigh. At this time there are no dedicated PCSO's for this area so, others are helping out when necessary.

In the period, **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, there was 1 recorded offence in the Christow area which, was an assault.

Police responded to 1 other non-offence incident in this period which, was a report of anti-social driving.

Due to a changeover in operating systems, I am still unable to provide a comparison to last year's figures.

**Lengthsman Report** - March saw the final drain clearance session of the year. This means it will not be revisited until May 2023 and will be carried out as per next year's work plan agreement.

All the drains were clear and taking water. Some were worse than others (top of Dry Lane, bottom of Church Lane and top & bottom of Commons Hill) but all were cleared with the debris collected and removed well away from the drain entrances. On inspection of the bus shelter, it appears as though there may be a slate tile loose on the rear face and the gutters are starting to accumulate with moss and leaves. If you would like me to remedy these then, please just ask.

This means the 2022-23 programme is now complete and I believe every task has been completed to schedule and to budget so hopefully CPC are happy with the running of the program. Other than flash floods during heavy rainstorms, I am unaware of any flooding issue caused by blocked drains which is important to me. The progress made to the culvert at the bottom of Bennah Lane, as well as the drain chamber being cleared at the top of Dry Lane will make significant improvements to the Christow drainage network which bodes well for the future.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to carry out these services for you, I look forward to starting next year's program of works in April 2023

**5) Minutes** – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

These were recorded as a true record of that meeting.

**6) Clerks Report** - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination deadline now closed, tomorrow all the name submitted will be published.</li> <li>• Reminder that ID is required for voting on 4<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>• Bike rack is on its way, was delivered but taken away and needing to arrange new delivery date.</li> <li>• DNOA nomination – soon after the May elections PC’s can nominate a member for DNPA membership see poster for more details.</li> <li>• TDC Local Plan response was submitted and acknowledged.</li> <li>• Acknowledgement of Precept payments received.</li> <li>• RVSG – I am not the main contact but will reply to the email by 13<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>• Level 1 complaint re case number 0012181498 regarding water leak opposite Teign House Inn.</li> </ul>																															
<b>7) Coronation - update</b>																															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday big screen in the hall</li> <li>• Sunday street party with road closure</li> <li>• Monday – event at the field organised by the Artichoke – school involved and games, music food have been organised.</li> </ul> <p><i>SO suspended</i> – A MOP asked if flyer would be circulated and also advertised on Face book, with a link of all three events. The Parish Council are awaiting confirmation of the road closure. The landlord from the Artichoke has already started to advertise on Facebook.</p> <p><i>SO resumed</i> Cllr Fidock asked the Councillors to share the information with the community and tables will need to be organised for the street party.</p>																															
<b>8) Play Area Safety Report – To consider the findings of the report and plan actions</b>																															
<p>Nothing has been highlighted as High risk- The councillors will have a site visit to go through the report. Arranged a visit for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm in Layne Field play park.</p>	<p><b>All 6.30pm at Layne Fields on 17.4.23</b></p>																														
<b>9) Allotment inspection – Report from councillors</b>																															
<p>Cllr Archer noted that there are four 4 vacant plots which have been earmarked for cemetery extension, the fences should be removed to make it easier to maintain – A schedule of works should be created to work towards that. Property from these plots could be moved subject to permission from the owners of the property. Several plots require strimming, and the vacant plots will be readvertised.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Fencing off</b></li> <li><b>2. Trees removed.</b></li> <li><b>3. Planning</b></li> <li><b>4. Work</b></li> <li><b>5. PC to strim overgrown plots</b></li> </ol>																														
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<p>a) 0096/23 Ms Coronay Edwards Replacement windows &amp; doors, and alterations to existing internal reveals Barn End, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7LY – No Objection <u>Refusal of Planning Permission</u> 0026/23 Ms Kaz Langley New low impact dwelling Land Due Southeast of Waterwell Barn Waterwell Lane, Christow, Newton Abbot, 16/03/2023</p>																															
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	SW Water for Burial Ground 1 <sup>st</sup> half	= £ 147.82	
	SW Water for toilets	= £ 29.51	
	SW Ground Maintenance	= £ 166.00	
	DALC Subscription	= £ 251.57	
	Delivery for bike rack	46.00 + vat = £ 55.20	
<b>DD's:</b>	Pennon water Services	= £ 27.50	
	ICO -subscription	= £ 40.00	
<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 Fidock proposed the payments and this was seconded by Cllr Evans.			
<b>12) 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 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH</b>			
<b>Annual Parish Meeting Friday 21st April 2023 in the Bowden Room at 7pm.</b>			
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.25pm			

Signed.....

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