

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

Present: Cllr T Archer Cllr AJ Orme Cllr R Slack
 Cllr H Tucker Cllr A Cook Cllr G Read

Also, present Cllr A Swaine, Cllr J Brook and 3 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 J Orme and Mrs C Retallick	
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>	
Updates, Changes to shop questionnaire have been made ready for distribution. Teign housing have been asked about weed spraying in Stafford Close. This has been investigated and they are using Glyphosate. Corony has a meeting with Teign housing booked to discuss this further. With the possibility of them not using it any further. TVCH- New LED lighting has been installed. The old ventilation has now been blocked up. New heating system being installed. 6-8 weeks to complete this work. Post office update- this was meant to start on the 26.09.23. Unfortunately, some additional IT equipment is needed to get this up and running. Awaiting from the PO for this to arrive.	
3) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None were declared	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<p><u>Andrew Swaine TDC</u> - Renewing waste Vehicle fleet currently. To all electric fleet. Except for large waste dust cart trucks which cannot currently be electric due to size and weight. Funding issues to address due to cuts from central government. Some increase in local car parking fees will cover shortfall in funding.</p> <p><u>Jerry Brook DCC</u> - Mobile library service. Cabinet to decide whether this will be axed. Lot of backlash against this locally. Which has been fed back to the cabinet. They will investigate this service and make a decision. Whoever this service currently works out at around £8 a book when all costs are factored in. Jerry has suggested alternative services and will support cabinet on looking into other options. Main users of this service tend to be more mature. Maybe without the internet. Unfortunately looking like the service will be phased out. County council will also be looking into making more savings this year. By the new year they will be looking into more changes to generate savings.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman</u></p> <p>The hedge along Dry Lane had been flailed so all of the drains were completely covered in debris. These were all cleared, and the detritus removed from site. In addition to that, the drain at the top of Dry Lane, where it joins with Foxhole Lane, had been used by someone to dispose of a load of unwanted tiling grout. This grout had completely clogged up the drain cover making it utterly useless. You could see it was tiling grout as it had tile spacers mixed in with it. I cleared all of the grout and spacers and opened the</p>	

<p>drain once more.</p> <p>The gullies and easements along Commons Hill were cleared as was the drain at the top of Commons Hill.</p> <p>The drains and buddles along Bennah were all rodded and made sure they were clear.</p> <p>One of the drains along the village road was absolutely full of mud. I lifted the cover and emptied the chamber (photos sent) so all is ready for the next rain storm.</p>	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 th of September 2023	
Signed 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"> No report as clerk not in attendance 	
7) Shop in Christow – discussion over the provision of a shop in Christow, possible conversion of the toilet block	
Questionnaire now approved by PC. Meeting to discuss distribution of this set for the 11.10.23. This will distribute slightly further afield also. To Bridford and Ashton as an example.	
8) Hedgehog Highway Project - discussion	
This was discussed and decided although a nice idea. There is plenty of Hedgehog habitat locally in Christow so maybe not needed. in such a rural location. A letter to be sent from the Clerk to explain our reasoning and an apology CR	No action, clerk to write to the organisation.
9) Christow Parish Council to press for 20 mph in Christow	
Do we need this? It was felt that perhaps this was mainly an issue with delivery drivers. It would be good to get some signage up perhaps made by the school children to refresh the signage already up. School to be approached on this. But a lot of expense to set this up and complicated legally. County Council are looking into trialling this in 6 villages, but this will need to be changed by law, which can be expensive. There are a lot of parked cars in Christow which act as traffic calming already. Perhaps more evidence to be gathered if this is to be pursued further. Will signage deter people who will unfortunately drive at speed regardless of. Agreed that the school project for new signs was the way to move forward with this currently hoping of raising awareness	Contact the school and ask if they are interested.
10) Risk Assessment - review	
Site visit arranged in order to look at all sites within the parish in further detail on the 21.10.23 GT, TA, AC to meet at 10 TVCH car park	Meeting arranged
11) Lengthsman - review	
Unable to set a date in the clerk's absence. Clerks will distribute suggested dates via email. Feedback from a member of the public at the meeting was on what a great job he is doing in the village.	
12) Finance Committee – to set a date to meet to consider next years precept request	
At Cllr Slacks office on 02.11.23 at 2pm	
13) Planning	
<p>a) 0398/23 Consultation Request Letter - Application at Christow Stores Village Road, EX6 7NG</p> <p>Strong Objection - the plans are incorrect more residential shown than what was originally there.</p> <p><u>Grant of Planning Permission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0302/23 The Old Rectory, EX6 7LY. Proposed: Shed to house plant equipment for swimming 	

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15) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings																										
Please can the allotment committee minutes be distributed to the PC as requested by the committee.																										
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 7th November 2023, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.																										
There being no other business the meeting closed at **** pm																										

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