

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also Present: Mrs C Retallick (Clerk) Cllr S Purser, Cllr A Swaine, P Rich DNP Ranger and 4 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 Slack and Cllr Fidock	
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>	
The agent for the planning application on tonight’s agenda gave an overview of the planning application and its history including a description of the proposals. A MOP who neighbours the property also gave her support for the application.	
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>Cllr Stephen Purser - Teignbridge District Councillor</u> – A few points that may be of interest: Citizens Advice looking for new volunteers please see their website if interested. Teignbridge Budget being finalised and likely to be 2.99% equal to around £5.00 on Band D. Devolution deal agreed by government for Devon and Torbay further detail will follow in regard to impact on Teignbridge. The Government is proposing to transfer over £16 million of new funding to invest in new green jobs, homes, skills, and business growth and accelerate Devon and Torbay’s transition to a net-zero economy, capitalising on the area’s world-leading expertise in green science and technology. Teignbridge is on group to finalise proposals hopefully beneficial to Teignbridge residents. Let’s talk programme has received extra funding for programme of talks to help parents and teenagers see website for more details. My account which gives personal access to your information held by Teignbridge has been revamped to make it easier to navigate. See website or log in if an existing user. Invitation for Town and Parish 12th March hosted by DALC and TDC at the Courtney centre. <u>P Rich DNP Ranger</u> – nothing to report but was able to take any questions particular from the ranger department. Cllr Archer reported a missing handrail on a footpath within the parish. <u>Cllr Jerry Brook DCC</u> – reported that the budget proposals will go to full council soon, has been worked on since June of last year. DCC do not know how much grant they will receive from central government. The budget records a 6.33% increase across the board. Children and young persons services take most of the funds. The proposed increase will be 4.99% on last years and the council tax bands by 2% Monies have been ring fenced for the children and adult services. One area of service which has remained stagnant is environment and highways, the roads are in bad state of repair and Cllr Brook has questioned the maintenance of the road networks. There has been a plea that any spare funding goes towards the road</p>	

<p>network. He is confident the budget will go through as it stands, as a considerable amount of time has been spent on perfecting the budget. He noted that there has been a reduction of staff, which helps reduce spending overall. The locality budget has been increased to support organisations that help the whole community. <u>Police report from PC D Hawkins</u> – Currently on leave <u>Lengthsman</u> - This month saw me only needing to clear out the bus shelter as part of my normal Lengthsman duties, however, a series of additional tasks were asked of me across the Parish. The first was to carry out some remedial works to the toilet block. This included repairing the down pipes and gutters on the building as well as clearing out the choked guttering and blocked downpipes. I am pleased to confirm all of this was completed. Whilst up on the ladder it became very obvious that there are a number of slates broken on the roof and loose enough to slide out. I understand there are consultations out at present on the future of the toilet block so I will leave this information with yourself. Next, I was required to clear out the guttering on the bush shelter as well as all of the vegetation around the bus shelter, including the ground ivy and buddleia tree. All of this was completed, and I am pleased to report no loose roofing tiles were identified. Lastly was the need to clear the vegetation around the small building within the cemetery. I cleared all of the bramble and ivy that was growing up, on and immediately around the building. I then climbed onto the roof and cut back any overhanging branches and cleared the debris from the roof itself. February sees me return to clear all of the drains for the final time this financial year. <u>Report from Cllr A Swaine TDC Councillor</u> - reported the changes to the planning department and he has met the new head of planning, new planning applications will be dealt with in a timely manner.</p>	
<p>5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of January 2024</p>	
<p>Signed as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p>6) Chairmans Business – Information only</p>	
<p>Farmers market – the chairman has received confirmation that stall holders will pay £5 per session and this will be donated to Christow PC. The line marking at TVCH we are still waiting for quote on the amount of paint needed. There have been several water problems leading to low water pressure in the village. A bowser is at Bennah and will be used if necessary. SWW are still working to find the leak, Cllr Archer has helped by providing information and local knowledge of the area. There have been more leaks than are officially notified or recorded. A request has been made to add this item to next month’s agenda when a representative will be present at the meeting.</p>	<p>Water leaks will be on next agenda and a representative from SWW will be present</p>
<p>7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Highways officer and visited sites which are of concern to the council including Teign Terrace. • Working toward the planning application for extension of the cemetery, contacted DNPA and was advised that a full planning application would be required. • TVCH celebrating 25years on sat 2nd March from 11am to 4pm – refreshments available all day. RSVP 12th Feb • Bench at Commons hill will be moved to recreation field. • Play area inspections have been booked in for March 	
<p>8) Shop in Christow – Update from Public meeting</p>	
<p>Cllr Tucker reported 40-50 people attended the meeting where the survey was reviewed and reported on followed by a Q & A session – all very positive comments</p>	

were received. 20 pledges of help were received and a donation of £5000 as a start-up was offered. The committee wish to formulate their status so they can move forward. They will be electing Officers including a chairperson. Cllr Tucker expressed his wish to stay on the committee for continuity, the next meeting will be at the end of the month.	
9) Grant application – to consider and decision	
Cllr Archer noted that Acorn and Church are asking for funding to continue the coffee mornings. They require £200 and all were in favour.	Approved
10) Farmers market – update for information only	
Already reported earlier in the meeting.	
11) RVSG Area Profiles – Discussion and decision for Christow to be included – Email	
We are not actually a member, and the spread sheet was confusing. This council are not happy to engage now.	
12) Planning:	
a) 0546/23 Retrospective extension to dwelling with upgrading and re-roofing together with provision of disability footway at Foxview, Christow, EX6 7QB. Cllr Archer proposed No objection, and all voted in favour.	
b) 0007/24 Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of replacement outbuilding at Oaklands, Wet Lane, Christow, EX6 7NQ. No Objection	
13) FINANCE:	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for January = £ 576.93 HP Instant Ink, January = £ 4.49 Unity Subscription = £ 28.20 TVCH 2023 hall rentals = £ 240.00 S King – Electrical work at the Toilet block = £ 145.00 E Fairs = £ 266.00 SHS Ltd = £ 332.64 Vision ICT, Biennial fee for.gov.uk emails renewal = £ 78.00 Vision ICT, Website hosting and support = £ 423.60 DD's: Pennon water Services = £ 29.00	
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 to make payments and accept the statement, and this was seconded by Cllr H Tucker.	
14) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
Cllr Archer reported from the TVCH meeting, problems with the heating were discussed but this has now improved, the hall plans to have solar panels in the future. The committee have discussed getting more chairs, but this will be a future project due to the expense.	
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 5th March 2024, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.41 pm	

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