

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 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 J Orme Cllr A Cook Cllr G Read

Also Present: Mrs C Retallick (Clerk), Cllr A Swaine and no members of the public

Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting	ACTION
1) SWW	
<p>SWW was not able to attend our meeting but attended a meeting at the school which Cllr Archer attended. He reported that five SWW Officers attended and informed those present of SWW’s policy to attend and fix leaks within 3 hrs of reporting it. There have been problems because of lack of mobile signal in the area as a unit at the sewage work needs this to be activated once a problem is detected.</p> <p>The 7 days without pressure has still not been resolved, but it could be a problem with mobile service at the pumping stations at Dunchideock or Tottiford as this will affect the pressure at Christow, another problem could be caused by faults on a valve at the Commons Hill pumping station.</p> <p>There are plans to replace failing valves on connected pipes on the Valley Road this will be dealt with in the near future. There are No plan to renew any of the pipework as SWW do not consider that is needed as the pipes are not the problem.</p> <p>Ofwat is looking at compensation claims. Cllr Read asked if the notes form the meeting would be useful and if so, he will request a copy. He noted that not everyone has experienced loss of pressure and suggested if this was mapped it would be easier to solve where the problems are.</p>	
2) Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
Received from Cllr Purser, Cllr Fidock	
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>	
None present	
4) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None were declared	
5) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission Officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<p><u>Report from A Swaine TDC Councillor</u> - TDC are reviewing the council strategy, the priorities that underpin all decision making, there is a need to improve engagement with the community and we are working to become more of a “Community powered council”. There are a series of workshops planned to hear from the community on how this can best work including one at Tedburn St Mary Village Hall on Tuesday 16 April from 10am - 12pm.</p> <p>The 10 two hour workshops are an opportunity for local people to help shape the One Teignbridge strategy and TDC is offering a £25 Love2Shop gift voucher as a thank you.</p> <p>There is also the business specific One Teignbridge survey which runs until 29 March.</p> <p><u>Stephen Purser - Teignbridge District Councillor</u> – Queen Street pedestrianisation in Newton Abbot with the row still going on with several heated meetings. Full council did vote for the scheme to continue but watch this space.</p> <p>Teignbridge council voted to petition government directly to save Teignmouth hospital from closure.</p> <p>More information on the Devon Torbay devolution deal which now with the detail</p>	

<p>does not look beneficial to the districts with little or no say or vote on what happens with yet another layer of bureaucracy.</p> <p>Changing places fund has provided £200,000 for disabled toilet upgrades at three sites in Newton Abbot and Dawlish.</p> <p>And on the lighter side Teignbridge is running a competition for children to name the new recycling baler. See website for details and job opportunities.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman</u> - I timed my visit to coincide with the tail end of the heavy rain we had on 22nd February and was pleased to see that the majority of the storm drain system had coped with what had fallen overnight. The gully at the top of Commons Hill was filled with debris and overflowing onto the road so this was given a good clear out and some TLC. The easements at the bottom of Commons Hill, beside the Grit Bin, were all full of hedge flailing's from one of the neighbouring properties. These were collected up and disposed of away from the drainage network. The drains along Wet Lane were all behaving themselves with the exception of one which is overflowing back onto the road but then is immediately gathered up by its neighbouring drain. I will report this to DCC. a number of boulders had fallen out of the wall alongside Bennah's buddle's so I extracted these from the ditch and placed them on the roadside to help demarcate where the road ends and the ditch starts. One of the drains at the bottom of church Lane was overflowing where the underground pipe was blocked but once rodded was flowing cleanly again.</p> <p>I then went to clear out the bus shelter and found there to be some new graffiti that had been sprayed on the rear of the block, inside the block on its roof, on the bench within the bus shelter and on the grit bin. Photographs of these have been sent to the clerk. This was not here the last time I inspected the bus shelter which according to my records was 22nd January. Let me know if there is anything you wish for me to do about this, either sanding it off or painting over it.</p> <p>With the exception of a bus shelter inspection in March this is now all of the Lengthsman tasks completed for this financial year.</p>	
<p>6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2024</p>	
<p>Signed as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
<p>7) Chairmans Business – Information only</p>	
<p>Cllr Archer attended an allotment meeting on Thursday night the committee requested that they can be known as a working party this would reduce the need for actions etc to be agreed at a PC meeting – this will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Local resident has inspected all the grit bins in the parish and noted down information related to each bin which has been passed to the clerk.</p> <p>The tree next to the toilet block still needs to be removed the councillors will action this.</p> <p>Cllr Archer has inspected the skate park and has seen the graffiti which is like others in the parish.</p>	<p>Allotment committee structure.</p>
<p>8) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property in Stafford Close – The PC has been updated on the process of finding a new tenant for a vacant property. The housing association has found it very difficult finding a new tenant with a close link to the parish and the search continues under the 106 guidelines. • Graffiti at the playing field and bus shelter • 80th anniversary of D Day do we want a flag? • Email from resident regarding potholes. Clerk will reply. • Charges for play area inspection shave been notified. • DALC + TDC meeting info and agenda • TTT AGM is on 21.3.24 at 7.30pm • TDC Cost for emptying bins in 24-25 received and information shared. • TDC – Precept confirmation received 	<p>Graffiti add to next months agenda. Add to unity magazine with photos.</p>
<p>9) Shop in Christow – Update</p>	

Cllr Tucker reported from the meeting last week where the structure of the committee was discussed. The group made to decision to become a formal meeting and appoint officers they are still looking for more members and Cllr Tucker agreed to remain as a liaison with the PC the next meeting scheduled for end of month. The group will seek planning permission for a portacabin in the car park and would like to meet with the PC to agree that site, as it will need drainage. The location needs to be carefully considered bearing in mind the toilet block could be demolished. Councillors discussed various location which Cllr Tucker will report back to the Shop group. The group have joined the Plunket foundation, and a subcommittee has been formed to look at elements to make the project successful. Funds are increasing and the group is keen to get the project moving forward.	Meet with PC to agree a location for the temporary portacabin.
10) Annual Parish Meeting – Plan agenda items and other details.	
Although the parish meeting is for the public to decide the agenda the councillors feel it relevant to include the Community shop, SWW issues, Post Office services and public library information to it. The meeting will be advertised to start at 7pm with light refreshments of tea coffee and biscuits.	Clerk and Cllr J Orme to liaise.
11) Cemetery and Allotment inspections – inspections and update	
Arranged for 17 th March at 10 am meet at the allotment field.	All Cllrs
12) Insurance Review – Discuss insurance review in preparation for renewal	
The council insurance is due for renewal from 1 st June the councillors would like to seek two quotations to consider at next month’s meeting for both 1 year and 3-year contracts.	Clerk to seek quotes
13) Water on Water Well Lane – discussion	
Clerk has spoken to highways the problem is on the highway and out of the PC responsibility and he must refer back to DCC highways	
14) Planning:	
a) 0029/24 Application at Prestercot Butts Lane, EX6 7NN Demolition of existing conservatory and alterations to existing property including new window fenestrations, canopy and timber cladding. No objection	
15) FINANCE:	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for February = £ 577.13 HP Instant Ink, February = £ 5.49 E Fairs = £ 279.85 TVCH 2023 hall rentals = £ 28.00 SHS Ltd = £ 332.64 Grant for ACORN = £ 200.00 A T Weaving – hedge cutting = £ 1380.00 DD's: Pennon water Services = £ 29.00 SSE Electricity Supply at Toilets = £ 96.39 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 J Orme proposed to make payments and accept the statement, and this was seconded by Cllr G Read.	
16) 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 2nd April 2024, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.40 pm	

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