

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd September 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 G Read

Also Present: Mrs C Retallick (Clerk) and no 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 Purser, Cllr Swaine, Cllr A Cook.	
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>	
<p><u>Cllr Swaine TDC</u> - sent his apologies but wanted to remind the meeting he is available for enquiries via email</p> <p><u>Lengthsman report</u> - August saw me carry out some grass cutting and grounds maintenance around the parish to keep on top of the continued summer growth. I made sure all tasks were completed before this weekend's Christow show to help make the village look as well managed as possible and to ensure that visitors could see road signs etc. I also made sure that the vegetation to the toilet block was cleared right back to ensure safe and easy access as well as do a litter pick around the toilet block and bus station.</p> <p><u>Report from PC David Hawkins</u> is the Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Tina Jordan has taken up the role for this area.</p> <p>In the period, 1st August 2024 to 09:00 29th August 2024, there were 0 recorded offences in the Christow area, and there were 2 none offence reports made to the Police.</p> <p>None offence reports are those received through the 101 system, or through email systems that result in a log/ occurrence being recorded.</p> <p>At the time of this report PC Dave Hawkins is on annual leave, he will no doubt be available for contact on his return later this month.</p> <p><u>Cllr J Brook DCC Councillor</u> – not much to report – he acknowledged the grant that this council has applied for the play area repairs. He asked about the community shop and what does the village feel about it. Cllr Archer gave an update of the project. He asked about volunteers and is there had been many offers? Cllr Tucker added more details and suggested that potentially other residents of the valley would use the shop. He also confirmed there has approx. 30-50 volunteers already signed up.</p>	
3) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None were declared	
4) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th August 2024	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting.	
5) Chairmans Business – Information only	
Nothing to raise at this time.	
6) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Basils Church thanked the PC for the use of the field making their event successful. • DNPA had their AGM where officers were appointed for the year details are on their website. • Highways officer has received lots of complaints regarding overgrown hedges, and she has supplied information which will be published in this month's Unity. • Patching work is planned for Foxhole Hill this month details are on the website. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAB taster days on 5th and 19th September – I have advertised this on the Teign valley FB page. DALC AGM on 2nd October – need to book a place and the fee is £50+vat details have been forwarded to councillors External Audit has been returned with no action needed. 3 parish meeting in Bridford has been planned for 15th October at 7-9pm . 	
7) Legal representative – To select a solicitor to prepare the lease for the community shop.	
Two quoted have been received from Tozer’s and WBW while on paper both looked similar amounts after looking at the details the councillors decided to instruct Tozer’s. This was proposed by Cllr Reed and seconded by Cllr Tucker.	Agreed to appoint Tozer’s
8) Parish benches – discussion and decision for repairing removing or replacement.	
Cllr Archer has inspected the benches and is concerned about the safety of 2 in the recreation field, the council had planned to move the Commons hill bench but on reflection the amount of work it would take to move it made that unviable, Cllr AJ Orme confirmed that following his inspection. He suggested that the council should just purchase a new recycled bench. It was agreed to leave commons hill, buy Dartmoor 3-seater with long legs x1. Cllrs will remove the old benches at the recreation field and remove any memorial plaque for safe keeping and stick them onto the new bench once in place.	
9) Play area at Laynes Field - Update	
Received a query about the access into the paly area – the councillors are concerned that there should not be access from the play area onto private land. This should defiantly not be accessible from a private house. The council will reply and confirm the rubbish will be cleared in due course but there should be no access from there property onto the play area we have no right to allow her access to private property onto the play area.	
10) Planning:	
a) 0352/24 Application Erection of above ground water tank at Bowden Farm Commons Hill, EX6 7NX – No objection <u>Grant of Planning</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0270/24 Alterations to existing conservatory at Orchard Corner Village Road, EX6 7NG 0257/24 Replacement Porch, Riversdale, Teign Terrace, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7PN 0292/24 Subdivision of existing linked dwelling and shop (mixed use) to create separate commercial unit (Use Class E) and dwelling (Use Class C3) at Christow Stores Village Road, EX6 7NG 	
11) FINANCE:	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for August = £ 619.18 HP Instant Ink, August = £ 5.49 E Fairs - = £ 138.24 SHS Ltd = £ 359.24 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 216.00 PKF Little Johns External Audit = £ 252.00 DD's: Pennon water Services = £ 27.50	Payments and statement 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. Proposed by Cllr G Read seconded Cllr RSlack	
12) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
None attended.	
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 1st October 2024, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.30pm	

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