

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st October 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 A Swaine and 1 member 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 Slack	
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>	
No matters were raised .	
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>Cllr Swaine <u>TDC</u> – All quiet at the moment if there are any questions please contact him.</p> <p><u>Report from PC Paul Wilson</u> - The Parish of Christow is served by the Neighbourhood Police team working out of Ashburton Police station and Chudleigh Police office.</p> <p>This area is part of the Coastal and Rural sector and has the beat code. JC2E The team is led by Inspector Sean Roper who is the sector inspector, Sergeant Seth Saunders is the Neighbourhood Team Leader. PC David Hawkins is the Neighbourhood Beat Manager and PCSO Tina Jordan has taken up the role for this area.</p> <p>In the period, 1st September 2024 to 09:00 27th September2024, there were 0 recorded offences in the Christow area, and there were 3 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>	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd September 2024	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting	
6) Chairmans Business – Information only	
Foxhole Hill has now been repaired and all agreed it's a good job. Its unsure if DCC will tar and chip the road in the future.	
Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Parish Meeting on 15th October from 7 till 9 final numbers please • Locality grant received for play area repairs • Damaged benches removed and new bench can be delivered within 1-2wks – just need to check details with council between Falmouth and Dartmoor benches • Email form resident about widening a gate way at Waterwell lodge -this matter has been raised to DNPA and councillors have received a copy of the email. • TDC Local Plan examination is going on at the moment and the findings will be published later • Allotment rent renewals have been sent and agreements are coming back 	

<p>slowly Plot 16 will not renew due to health reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gambling Act 2005 – notices for notice boards comments by 15th November • Future Farming Resilience programme holding a free event in Christow on 20th November • Notification of work on Dry Lane in November • Second Precept payment received. 	
8) Community Shop – Update	
<p>Cllr Archer informed the meeting of correspondence received regarding the shop; he proposed that this should be discussed further in a Part 2 session.</p> <p>Cllr Tucker informed the meeting that the shipping container arrived, and work had begun to convert it by a local carpenter. A shop manager has been employed, who has previous experience. The volunteer’s recruitment is going well and the committee are still planning to open in the autumn although there is no set date set yet. Cllr J Orme noted that the car park will be busy the first weekend of November with Doddi Art show already booked the hall and car park. Cllr Tucker reassured the meeting that there is planned a soft opening times over the first few days of trading.</p>	
9) Toilet Block and closure of gent’s toilets – discussion and decision	
This item will be discussed in Part II of this meeting	Moved to Part II
10) Parish benches – discussion and decision for repairing removing or replacement	
<p>An email was received from a parishioner noting the condition of a couple of the benches, the worst two have been removed, one of which had a memorial plaque (metal) this has been retained to be placed on a new bench. The council then discussed again which recycled plastic bench to purchase. After a discussion it was agreed to purchase the Falmouth bench. It was also agreed to include a piece within the Unity article giving parishioner the opportunity to donate a new bench of money towards new benches.</p>	Order Falmouth bench and article into unity
11) Play area at Laynes Field – Update	
<p>Rhino play company have not been to repair the existing play equipment yet, the clerk will chase this up.</p> <p>With regard to new equipment which has been planned once the new housing development is underway, both clerk and chair have spoken to the housing enabling officer at TDC who explained the complication of the planning application with the need to meet DNPA policy. This is linked with the removal of the lower piece of land of our play area that is needed for the housing development. All parties are looking for a solution which will meet DNPA’s policy.</p>	Clerk to chase Rhino play
12) Lengthsman and ground maintenance contract – set a date for working party to review contracts for renewal	
Monday 21 st October 3pm meet at Chairmans house	21.10.24@3pm
13) Finance Committee – to set a date for this meeting	
Monday 11 th November 2pm at Gidley Park	11.11.24@2pm
14) One Teignbridge Council Strategy – discussion	
The councillors decided not to comment, however the clerk noted that an individual could comment within their own right.	No Comment
15) .Gov email addresses for councillors – discussion and decision	
Discussed the concept of the .gov email addresses and the advantages and disadvantages for having them. It was agreed to discuss it during the finance committee meeting where the budget is being set and balance this against other commitments the council already have.	Report back to full council after finance meeting.
16) Planning	
<p><u>Grant of Permission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0326/24 Erection of a community shop using a temporary building, Christow Parish Council Car Park, Lower Town, Christow, Exeter, EX6 	

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<u>Prior Approval is not required for</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0352/24 Erection of a Water Tank at Bowden Farm Commons Hill, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7NX 		
17) FINANCE:		
Expenditure:	Clerk's salary for September	= £619.18
	HMRC	= £250.80
	HP Instant Ink, September	= £ 5.49
	SHS Ltd	= £359.24
	SW Grounds Maintenance	= £264.00
	TDC Green bin subscription	= £ 55.00
DD's:	Pennon water Services	= £ 27.50
	SSE Energy	= £249.10
	SWW – Toilets	= £ 36.78
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. The payments and statements were proposed by Cllr G Reed and seconded by Cllr J Orme.		
18) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings		
Cllr Tucker – attended shop meeting and reported earlier in the meeting.		
The next Council meeting is Monday 4th November 2024, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.		
There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.15 pm		

Signed..... Date.....

Position.....

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