

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also Present: Mrs C Retallick (Clerk), Cllr A Swaine and 4 members of the public
 Cllr Read welcomed everyone to the meeting.

| Minutes of Council meeting | ACTION |
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| 1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence | |
| Received from Cllr Archer. | |
| 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> | |
| None | |
| 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>PCSO Wilson</u> - I am out of the office until Saturday 31st May 2025. If you need assistance before my return, please telephone 101 or, alternatively you can contact the local Neighbourhood Policing team via the Devon and Cornwall Police website.</p> <p><u>Cllr A Swaine TDC</u> – reported on the TDC budget, which was approved, most of the public toilets have been saved from closure but they will become pay to use, however the least used blocks will be closed. The devolution process is being discussed at district and county levels the final decision will be made in November the deadline to submit proposals is in 6wks time. TDC plans to move over to online services to save funds. The government have asked for proposal, including Plymouth being a unitary council but needs to become bigger, he also expressed his concerns how the parishes will get services and funding.</p> <p>Cllr Read asked where councillors could look for more information – Cllr Swaine is not to sure as the consultation are still happening.</p> | |
| 5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th February 2025 | |
| These were signed as a true record of that meeting | |
| 6) Chairmans Business – Information only | |
| Nothing to report | |
| 7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The architect for the cemetery extension is researching what surveys are needed for the planning application • Notice Board has been repaired and be refitted • The lock on the gate at the recreation field has been replaced • New tenant has viewed the plots at the allotments and has taken it on. • Scaffolding up at hall notification from TVCH re extra solar panels being installed • There is potentially funding for new grit bins do we need any? • This is to notify Christow Parish Council that Teign Valley Tennis Club is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7,30pm on Thursday 13 March 2025 and would like to invite you to attend. • Play area inspection booked for March | |

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| 8) Village Road Car Park – discussion and decision regarding parking overnight, allocation of spaces, charges? | | |
| Cllr Read introduced this item as the community has raised the issues, he suggested that the community should be asked for ideas. A consultation within the parish could offer solutions especially for the congestions at junctions within the village. This should be a discussion point at the annual parish meeting. | | Consultation with the parish GR will draft a doc for Annual Parish meeting |
| 9) Recreation field | | |
| a) Councillors felt that the field should not be extended as use for car park, the Car Park is large enough but for events and the track can be used with marshals. Cllr H Tucker suggested the track could be widened with a turning circle – this was discussed but the feeling was that very expensive and probably not feasible. b) Fire work display for 5 th November – approved this request Suggest grant donation toward play equipment c) St Basil – track getting grubby these requests would only be granted subject to weather conditions – perhaps the track needs stone to repair the track. | | All bookings are weather dependant and donations should be sought. Send the church a note about a donation towards the repairs to the track. |
| 10) Memorial request – Decision | | |
| Application received from the family of Edwin Cleave. | | Approved |
| 11) New Picnic Bench at skate park – discussion and decision | | |
| The councillors discussed the options of benches and agreed to order the DCW Polymers recycled plastic picnic bench – with wheelchair access. | | Order picnic bench with wheelchair access |
| 12) Winter weather planning – discussion | | |
| This item was raised from information provided by a parishioner – the councillors discussed the project but eventually they were concerned about the expense, liability and volunteers. There was also concerned that if we did purchase machinery for the safety of people operating the machinery. | | All agreed not to move forward on this. |
| 13) Annual Parish Meeting | | |
| Friday 25 th April 7pm same format main item parking in the village – Refreshments will be Cheese and wine | | |
| 14) Councillors annual visit to Cemetery and Allotment – set a date | | |
| May 2025 Saturday 10 th at 9am at allotment field | | |
| 15) Planning: | | |
| a) 0054/25 Proposed: Replacement roof to provide rooms in attic, side porch, change of materials and alterations to windows/doors at Willsdene, Lower Town, Christow, Exeter, EX6 7LZ – No Objection b) 0069/25 Replace an existing barn/stable (part-retrospective) at Field off Church Lane, Christow, Exeter – No objection <u>Grant of Conditional Planning Permission</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0016/25 two storey side extension and new flue at Barnefield House, Dry Lane, Christow EX6 7PE | | |
| 16) FINANCE: | | |
| Expenditure: | Clerk's salary for January = £ 619.18 HP Instant Ink, January = £ 5.49 SHS Ltd = £ 359.24 Clerk's salary for February = £ 619.18 HP Instant Ink, February = £ 6.49 SHS Ltd = £ 359.24 Vision ICT Website hosting, backup data, support = £ 426.00 A Weaving Hedge cutting = £ 1380.00 CORMAC Training for new Lengthsman = £ 102.00 | Cllr R Slack proposed to accept the payments and statement and Secoded by Cllr AJ |

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| C Retallick expenses 2024-25 = £ 575.70 | | Orme |
| 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. | | |
| 17) Co-option of Parish Councillor – to propose, second and co-opt a Parish Councillor a) to sign acceptance of office | | |
| The clerk explained the process, the councillors agreed to vote by show of hands 1. Barry Green – 4 2. Oli Knightley – B Green signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the councillors | | B Green Co-opted |
| 18) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council. | | |
| Cllr AJ Orme -attended the DNPA site visit at Foxview. The DNPA planning officers were not keen with the application, recommended for refusal. Cllr H Tucker informed the meeting that the allotment committee has folded as the main organiser has resigned her plot. | | |
| The next Council meeting is Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH. | | |
| There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.44pm. | | |

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