

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

Present: Cllr T Archer Cllr AJ Orme Cllr J Orme Cllr A Cook
Cllr B Green Cllr H Tucker Cllr R Slack

Also Present: Mrs C Retallick (Clerk) and no members of the public

Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cllr Green to his first meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting	ACTION
1)Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
Received from Cllr Read.	
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 present	
3) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None declared	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports	
<p>Cllr A Swaine TDC – pre-election period so not much happening. Devolution and TDC have put their suggestions forward. Cllr Archer noted there are lots of vacancies at TDC Cllr Swaine replied that there is some restructuring in progress readiness for the changes in the future.</p> <p>Cllr J Brook DCC – Came to thank Christow Parish Council as this is his last visit. He has enjoyed his time as councillor especially out in the rural community working towards making them better places to be. Cllr Archer thanked Cllr Brook on behalf of the council and the parish for his support over the years and taking time and energy to help us.</p> <p>Lengthsman Thank you so much for entrusting me with this role back in 2019. I have met many people, made many contacts and friends and hopefully have helped resolve many issues over the years. There certainly seem less incidents on blocked drains, debris on lanes, cluttered gullies and there is an increased sense of general tidiness and care. I wish CPC the best of luck in recruiting someone to fill the vacancy and hope that they find it easier to keep on top of things now the issues are all in hand.</p>	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th of November 2024	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting	
6) Chairmans Business – Information only	
<p>Query regarding goal posts the posts have been moved out of the way for safety but there are metal sections left in the ground which needs covering over. Cllr Tucker suggested that it could be repaired. Christow PC Tristan is a contact for them. They could be welded contact tony Chadwick Penn Farm. Cllrs agreed to claim ownership of them and take on the responsibility of repairing them.</p> <p>Salt has been delivered and AJ put away.</p> <p>Bench arrived put needs to be fitted old one to be taken away. AJ will fit it and Barry offered to help.</p> <p>Email received from Jude Jones – asked about the defib also asked several questions about adding benches and decorating the bus shelter. This will an agenda item next month</p>	
7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Friday 25th April for the Annual Parish Meeting the main hall is being used for setting up by the Model Railway people for an event at the weekend, so we will share the kitchen facilities. DALC has organised a meeting for Smaller Councils regarding Devolution 	

<p>on 8th April, 10am – 11.30am so that DALC can provide an update on what we know about local government reorganisation in Devon at that point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fireworks group have responded to our comments regarding the event - We have to pay quite a hefty despot to secure the fireworks team. We will go ahead and book and if the ground is too wet, we will keep all cars off the field. Obviously, the fireworks team carry out weather safety checks on the day and if the weather is poor, they will cancel. Cllr Green has booked onto 3 courses Pothole outside school has been reported and we have received a response that DCC expect this to be completed by 22 Apr 2025. External Audit notification received The subscription for 2025/26 for DALC is £318.00 Order for grit has been made and delivered. Teignbridge DC - Town and Parish Charter – from DALC is there a councillor interested to attend? GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018 registration with ICO has been increased to £48 it is due to be taken at the beginning of May Changes to Devon's Bus Services from 20th April 2025 – information added to the notice board on the website. Latest DCC bulletin circulated to all councillors for information about the forth coming elections. 		
8) Village Road Car Park – discussion and decision regarding consultation survey.		
<p>The consultation document has been circulated to all the councillors who agree with Cllr Swaine's suggestions that the matter should be more of an open slate for discussion at the parish meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Green noted that parishioners have made comments to him about the problems in the centre of the village.</p> <p>There has been increased parked cars near the Artichoke which have not been there in the past, but they are causing</p> <p>Use a suggestion box idea pens and paper at the annual parish meeting.</p>		
9) Recreation field – request to use on April 20 th decision		
<p>A request is from St Basils Church to use the field for tables chairs and gazebos. Councillors authorised the request with the usual conditions being weather dependant, they also suggested that we ask for a donation for the use of the field as it was noted the track is in need of repair to ensure future use.</p>		Approved ask for donation
10) Cemetery Extension – to engage an adviser/Architect for planning application.		
<p>The clerk informed the meeting of the quotes received from 2 architects. Both quotes are quite high. The councillors suggested that we research the history of the field rather than engage an architect at this moment – look in the archive cupboard.</p>		Look in Cupboard Cllr AJO will help
11) Planning:		
<p>a) 0111/25 Proposed Erection of replacement stables, tack room and tractor store at Land To The North Of Seahill Barn Dry Lane, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7PH. Objection as the proposed development is too far away from existing building, in open countryside, lack of adequate screening. The new development should be nearer to the existing stable complex.</p> <p><u>Refusal of Planning Permission</u> :0484/24 Retrospective alterations and extension to dwelling with upgrading and re-roofing together with provision of disability footway (amended plans), Foxview, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7QB</p>		Objection
12) FINANCE:		
Expenditure:	<p>SHS Final Invoice = £ 189.50</p> <p>DCW Polymers Picnic bench = £ 627.60</p> <p>Clerk's salary for March inc back pay = £ 709.10</p> <p>HMRC = £ 281.08</p>	Payments and bank statements Approved

HP Instant Ink, February	= £ 6.49	proposed by Cllr AJOrme and Seconded Cllr R Slack
Vision ICT new email addresses	= £ 208.03	
SW Grounds Maintenance	= £ 120.00	
E Fairs – Lengthsman final invoice	= £ 312.65	
TDC Bin emptying	= £1785.60	
Source for Business at Burial Ground ½ annual water charges	= £ 264.42	
TDC rent for Layne Field	= £ 1.00	
DALC Annual Subscription	= £ 365.70	
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 prior to the meeting		
13) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council.		
Cllr J Orme attended the TTT AGM there has been a change of Chairman and work has been done to update the courts gradually, they have a good membership at the moment.		
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.		
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.57pm.		

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