

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 7th October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also, present Cllr A Swaine TDC Councillor, Cllr R Keeling DCC Councillor, Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Council meeting	ACTION
1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
Received from Cllr Green.	
2) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct.	
None present	
3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting.	
Nothing to discuss	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
<u>Cllr R Keeling DCC</u> – Come to introduce himself to the council the report has already been circulated and commented on the LGR latest plans and reorganisations. 80% of DCC budget is adult and social care this will increase in the future Cllr Keeling is keen to promote independent living provision for older people one facility has been identified in Newton Abbot which is providing extra care. He is also focused on delivering more homes on brown field site. Tomorrow's topic at DCC meeting is libraries of which there are 50 within Devon and most of the library's budget is spent in the Exeter library. Cllr Keeling encouraged the councillors to contact him at any time with questions or queries. <u>Cllr A Swaine TDC</u> – reported lots of road closures at the moment which is a DCC responsibility and he also offered his availability to the councillors. <u>PCSO Tina Jordon</u> Although every effort has been made to accurately produce the following figures, there may be a slight discrepancy in the total shown. For the period 01/09/2025 to 30/09/2025 in the Christow beat area there were ZERO Incident Reports (logs) created of a varying nature and 1 Occurrence Report being raised which was a Police Management Report. The Neighbourhood Team continues to provide a visible presence in the community offering advice and reassurance in the form of our "Talk with Your Local Police Team" drop-ins. Further drop-ins have been scheduled for October and November at The Community Shop Bus and will be in the evening.	
5) Minutes - to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd of September 2025.	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting	
6) Chairmans Business – Information only	
Some of the 20's plenty bin stickers have been given to Bridford parish clerk, and the Cahir has put up the banner by the school, positive comments have been received.	
7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
- Road closures at Roads affected - PACKSHEEP DOWN, CHRISTOW , (FROM COMMON HILL JUNCTION TO BECHHAMS TREE HILL JUNCTION) on Thursday 4th December - Road closure on the Teign valley road in November and December - BT / EE Digital Voice Engagement Event 15th October, Princetown Visitor Centre	

• Firework committee cleared the nails on the field and have invested in a magnet to ensure this year any metal nails etc are collected quicker. • Helping share free support for local farmers in your parish area on website and sent to Unity magazine • Cemetery gates have been finished, and invoice is being presented this evening for payment • The rise in Romance fraud is alarming, and no one is exempt from becoming and unwitting victim. Many such frauds go unreported as people often feel embarrassed. The poster campaign is designed to raise awareness and to allow an easily accessible method of reporting to Action Fraud, the poster has been added to our website and will be displayed on the noticeboards. • Christmas Events – Our PCSO has asked if she can be advised of the dates of any Christmas Events or late-night shopping days in December this year that you have arranged so that I can get them into the duty planner. • Property coming up for rent in Stafford close, bidding will be open on Wednesday 8th October to 13th October • Bench at cemetery family have agreed to replace with a recycled bench.	
8) Community shop – Matters arising and rent	
The clerk reminded the meeting that the lease payment for the community shop is £20 + the insurance of £80.02 has been agreed to be paid annually. The Shop committee have asked that the lease payment should be waived this year due to repairs to the drain. The pipes were relined. The council has not seen the report and would like sight of that. With the use of only one toilet this has been used more which is likely to have caused the blockage. The councillors would like to have sight of the video report. Councillors agreed that the rent and insurance payments should still be made but on sight of the video report and invoice they would consider a donation towards those costs.	Clerk ask for sight of the video report. And the Invoice for the repairs. Send Invoice for insurance rebate and rent?
9) Recreation Field	
a) Fence repair – Cllr Archer has been carrying out temporary repairs over the last few years to the fence. The iron gates bottom hinge has been damaged and Cllr Archer has been repairing this also. When the fence was erected the post were driven into the ground rather than concreted, this may explain the movement now in the fence. It was agreed that Cllrs Archer and Orme should visit the site and prepare a spec for quotations. b) Field hiring Policy – The clerk will prepare a document of T&C + a hiring for application to completed. This will be circulated to all councillors for comment c) Request to use from Doddyscombsleigh Art show 2026 – This was approved d) St Basils church – The church is now using the field monthly plus at other times as well. On Friday 31st October they have asked for a children party with fireworks as well. The councillors will not approve the fireworks but will approve the party and a Risk Assessment should be taken. Cllr Archer noted the tag rugby group use the field regularly and do not inform the PC that they are there. The clerk will send the new form to the known organiser.	a. AJ and TA to look at fence. b. doc prepared and circulate c. Approved d. new hiring form to be sent to the church.
10) 20's Plenty – update from DCC and discussion	
The Head teacher of Christow supports the councils request for children to design new posters. Bridford PC has suggested swapping our existing signs with theirs which will be fresh and new for both communities. Cllr Read agreed to go into Christow school to promote the new signs idea. The clerk will reply to Bridford informing that Christow would like to get new signs which will be brighter.	GR go into the school
11) Land to rear of Stafford Close and Affordable Housing - Update	
TDC have offered a joint meeting with CCLT and it was agreed that would be advantageous to all. An evening meeting or before a PC meeting was suggested.	Clerk to arrange.
12) Flag pole and flags - Update	
There was a discussion regarding a new flag. The clerk will purchase one and Cllr AJ	Clerk to

Orme will arrange for it to go onto the pole for remembrance week.		purchase Flag
13) Memorial request for E Goodfellow - decision		
Approval		
14) Town & Parish Charter with TDC – draft document for consultation – discussion and decision.		
No comments to add		
15) Planning:		
a) 0303/25 Removal of porch and installation of a conservatory at the rear of property at The Mine Cottage, Frank Mills House, Christow, Exeter, EX6 7NT b) 0329/25 Removal of oil boiler, installation of air source heat pump, addition of under floor heating and alterations to cylinder cupboards at Combe Farm, Christow, Exeter, EX6 7NR <u>Grant of Planning Permission</u> 310/24 Refurbishment and reconfiguration of the existing clubhouse; erection of padel and pickleball courts; redesign of the existing 18-holes to a 12-hole golf course; erection of ancillary golf facilities; visitor and staff accommodation; and family putting course Teign Valley Golf Club, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7PA <u>Refusal of Planning Permission</u> 0475/24 Part retrospective change of use of an existing contractors yard with workshop/store to a contractors yard/barn for the maintenance, storage and repair of agricultural machinery and storage/cutting of granite, Clarks Yard, Bridford, Exeter, EX6 7Q		a. No objection b. No objection Seek an explanation for the decision. As the approval doesn't match the application we consulted on.
15) Finance		
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for September HMRC HP Instant Ink, September SW Grounds Maintenance A B Chadwick cemetery gate repairs J Jackson– Lengthsman Invoice no. Bank Charges for October = £ 664.14 = £ 438.27 = £ 7.99 = £ 510.00 = £ 350.00 = £ 684.00 = £ 8.25		Authorised and agreed
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 R Slack proposed to accept the payments and details on the bank statements this was seconded by Cllr H Tucker.		
16) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings		
Cllr Read has been corresponding with MP Mel Stride over the improvements to broadband and internet coverage for the village and areas of the valley. He has also written to SWW for an explanation why 200 mega litres of water was taken from Kennick reservoir into another reservoir. Cllr Archer has noted that overall improvement of phone reception however there are still areas with no coverage at all.		
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 4 th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.		

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00 pm

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