

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

Present: Cllr G Archer Cllr A Cook Cllr B Green
 Cllr G Read Cllr R Slack Cllr H Tucker

Also, present Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 2 members 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 A Swaine, J Orme and AJ Orme arriving later in the meeting	
2) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting.	
2 members of the public attended one of which explained that as part of his studies he required a survey completed by councillors. He explained the course he was taking a what the information from the survey would be used for. After which the councillors completed the surveys.	
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><u>Report from Cllr R Keeling</u> – circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Report from PCSO T Jordan</u> – For the period 01/01/2026 to 29/01/2026 in the Christow beat area there was 5 Incident Reports (logs) created and 4 Occurrence Reports being raised as a result under the following categories: Concern For welfare: 1 Police Management: 1 Animal/Wildlife: 1 Theft: 1</p> <p>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. A further drop-in has been scheduled for February at The Community Shop Bus and will be in the later afternoon with dates for the following months ending approval by the Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Report from Lengthsman</u> - Please note that the drains have been done this month due to high amount of rainfall and bad weather.</p>	
5) Minutes - to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th of January 2026.	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting.	
6) Chairmans Business – Information only	
Reported he had seen the Lengthsman while he was working in the parish. Cllr Archer attended the allotment field to fit a new padlock only to find out a person at the field had taken the old padlock to oil it! The old padlock was fitted later that day. Councillors have been around refilling the grit bins within the parish. The bin at Coombe was full of water, the bins at junctions are the main ones used. Cllr Archer is still received comments about the flooded entrance at the recreation field.	Clerk to order 1t of road salt.
7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New pad has been ordered for the defibrillator at the Artichoke; our first responder will issue these at the correct time. • ROI's, please check they are up to date. • Meetings all booked with TVCH for 2026. • Your inspection is booked! We are pleased to let you know that the inspection of your play area(s) listed below is scheduled to take place during March. During busy periods the inspection may be undertaken in the following month. Christow Skate Park - Annual Inspection £83 Layne Field Play Area - Annual Inspection £83 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Garden Party Nominations. Devon Community Resilience Forum – event in TVCH Thursday March 26th at 10am Bridford Road being washed away by river DAAT re landing site and wet field conditions. 													
8) Emptying of bins by TDC													
<p>The annual letter from TDC has arrived to confirm the costs for the emptying of the bins for the 2026-27 financial year. The cost per empty for a litter or dog waste bin will be £15.00. TDC empty 1 litter bin and 1 dog bin in the community centre car park weekly. The total cost for the next financial year is £1,560.00 plus a £34.00 administration fee. We are currently invoiced in arrears and so TDC will send the invoice for the 2026-27 financial year in March 2027. If we no longer wish to use this service, we need to inform TDC by 13th March.</p> <p>Cllr Cook reported that a member of public has offered to empty the bin in the play park, the councillors were pleased to accept the offer and agreed to supply black bin liners</p>	<p>Approved bin emptying from TDC</p> <p>Provide black bin bags</p>												
9) Permissin for future Police Surgeries													
<p>A request has been made for permission to hold the following “Surgeries” at The Bus Stop: March 19th 1500-1600, May 14th 1800-1900 and June 11th 1900-2000? (No date for April)</p>	<p>All dates approved</p>												
10) Do we need additional grit bins? – discussion and decision													
<p>Cllr AJ Orme refilled empty grit bins around the parish, Cllr Read has received a request for a new grit bin on Bridford Road (near Lillies House). The meeting agreed another slimmer bin would be better at this location and Cllr Slack will investigate getting one. Cllr AJ Orme will supply a new list of grit bin’s including numbers and location for future use.</p>	<p>Cllr Slack – source old grit bin, Cllr AJ Orme update list of number and locations</p>												
11) Recreation field. – update, review requests made discussion and decision													
<p>The new online booking system is nearly ready to go, the councillors agreed that it should be advertised in Unity, Facebook and a sign for the gate/fence with a QR code will be easier for people to use to book. Cllr H Tucker will create the sign. The school have asked to use the field on 20th March. This was approved.</p>	<p>Sign to March meeting for approval</p>												
12) Planning:													
None received.													
13) FINANCE													
<p>Expenditure:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Clerk's salary for January</td> <td>= £ 664.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HP Instant Ink, January</td> <td>= £ 6.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WEL Medical Defib pads</td> <td>= £ 75.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SW Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>= £ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Jackson – Lenghtsman</td> <td>= £ 528.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLCC Subscription (1/2 fee)</td> <td>= £ 100.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>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 Read proposed to accept the payments and details on the bank statements this was seconded by Cllr Slack. Discussed moving savings into an account with better interest rates. All the councillors were agreed that the savings of £15500 should be moved into a CCLA account immediately Proposed by Cllr AJ and seconded Barry</p>	Clerk's salary for January	= £ 664.14	HP Instant Ink, January	= £ 6.49	WEL Medical Defib pads	= £ 75.18	SW Grounds Maintenance	= £ -	J Jackson – Lenghtsman	= £ 528.00	SLCC Subscription (1/2 fee)	= £ 100.00	<p>Payments approved. Saving to move to CCLA all agreed.</p>
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14) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings													
None.													
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.													

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.40pm

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

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