Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 2nd June 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also, present Carol Retallick (Clerk) DCC Cllr Keeling, TDC Cllr Swaine, DNPA Ranger P Rich and 0 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the Council meeting	ACTION
1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
None received	
2) Declaration 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.	
None	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
Report from Cllr R Keeling DCC – report had already been sent through previously ad circulated to all councillors. DCC are now focused on 15million for maintenance ½ mill drains and gulleys and ½ mil to ensure work on the highways is being checked after the work has been completed. Additional 4 mil added to the highways budget this year, it is hoped that this fund will prepare for next winter. Library survey completed and successful return rate showing that communities are keen to keep – the library fund has now been increased 1 mil for transformation i.e. how libraries can offer other services and more user groups. Investment into new book. Public transport 2.5 mil invested to improve the services. Cllr Read mentioned the problems on Bridford Road, he acknowledged the complaint. Local Gov reorganisation CEO is the lead for this in Devon, next week county and districts are meeting to discuss how they are planning to work together. Report from Cllr Swaine TDC – TDC has held their annual meeting with no new officers elected. The community fund is now open, and more information is available on online. Report from DNPA P Rich – Explained his role within the National Park. He deals with footpaths and bridle paths approx. 120 miles of paths, the local volunteers are very useful. A footpath bridge in the parish has now been fixed and is wide enough to be used by a wheelchair user. Another path locally has been identified for repairs once funds are available. Report from PCSO T Jordan – For the period 01/04/2026 to 30/04/2026 in the Christow beat area there was 1 Incident Report (logs) created and 2 Occurrence Reports being raised as a result under the following categories: Concern For Welfare: 1 Criminal Damage: 1 For the period 01/05/2026 to 26/05/2026 in the Christow beat area there was 5 Incident Reports (logs) created and 3 Occurrence Reports being raised as a result under the following categories: Theft: 1 Violence Less Serious: 1 Police Management: 1 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 11th June 2026 at 7pm at The Community Shop Bus. Additional dates were requested for August 19th, October 14th and December 9th all	.

commencing at 1400 hrs	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of May 2026	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting.	
6) Chairmans Business – Information only	
Banter fest – successful event – also mentioned the caravan that had been parked in the ca park has now been removed another vehicle that had been there is now gone.	
7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
• Grit bin ordered – on the highway outside Lilies House this year and next year near St James Place, Christow. • Cast Iron Signs in Christow parish Bennah yes ask what they require from us. • New ROIs • Landing sign lights not working • Feedback from Banter band was positive • Information evening regarding Deer population. • Adoption of Local Plan has been published	
8) Asset Transfer – discussion and decision	
There are no assets that could be transferred at this time.	
9) Play Area – report from Cllr AJ Orme	
(SO Suspended) to allow MOP report Stephenie Weaving – met recently and Cllr AJ Orme updated the meeting of where the project is now online group of 22 ppl. She will take the lead 2 questions 1. Site is on a slope and is there chance to level the site?? 2. Potential removal of hedge – for the purpose of planning the site the reason is for inclusive purpose Group totally agree to have equipment that has a longer life span. Booking a pitch at Christow show – to raise awareness of the project and possible fund raising. Run under the PC Levelling need to asks TDC – also all the equipment would need to be taken away. Discussed removing the hedge. And maybe planting another hedge to cover mitigation The group was looking at creating tiered areas maybe linked with slides Queried the drainage running under the site and if we can get a copy??? Maybe TDC and or CCLT Quotes for ground works would be useful. All these queries should be investigated	**1. CPC contact TDC to see if they would consider improvement and development of the site and making it tiered and levelled.** **2. Detailed plan of the site**
10) Councillors' inspections of Cemetery, Allotment and Recreation field – confirmation of date arranged	
Saturday 13th June at 9am meet at Allotment fields	
11) Litter Bin at Recreation Field - decision	
The bin is ok Councillors decided to relocate the bin to within the field behind the fence.	**Move into field**
12) Phone Box adoption – update	
The link to complete the form online is not working, therefore the clerks has emailed the info address ad is waiting response	
13) Recreation field – Update	
Clerk updated on current and upcoming bookings Tag rugby enquiry – answer the queries as discussed.	
14) End of Year Accounts and Annual Report	
a) Review the End of Year Accounts and approve for publication. b) Internal Audit report – clerk reported no actions to report c) Approve the Annual Governance statement - all agreed d) Approve the Accounting Statement – all agreed	**All documents approved**
15) Planning:	
Grant of Permission	

0054/25 Replacement roof to provide rooms in attic, side porch, change of materials and alterations to windows/doors, Willsdene, Lower Town, Christow, Exeter, EX6 7LZ	
16) FINANCE	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for May = £ 674.99 HP Instant Ink, May = £ 9.49 Lee Accounting (SW) Ltd – internal Audit = £ 180.00 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 432.00 J Jackson – Lengthsman = £ 504.00 **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 G Reed proposed to accept the payments and details on the bank statements this was seconded by Cllr R Slack.	**Payments approved.**
17) Correspondence	
Discussed the complaint Cllr Read has made to DCC re the knot weed and the repair to Bridford road – DCC have not provided a timeline to repair and deal with these matters. DCC say it's the landowners' responsibilities to stop it spreading but not to clear it. No authorities are taking responsibility for any of these matters. Email from resident regarding land and hedges within the village, these were noted.	
18) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
Cllr Read attended Wellmoor alliance, and he will circulate the notes from the meeting; and included within the notes was how published information get into communities.	
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.10pm

Signed…… Date…….

Position…….