Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowden room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also, present Cllr A Swaine TDC, Carol Retallick (Clerk) 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	
Received from Cllr J Orme.	
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 declared	
4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports.	
Report from Cllr R Keeling – Circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting. Report from Cllr A Swaine – He hopes that the bin collection has gone back to normal, 7 new staff has been employed within the waste collection department. Cllr Read noted that the recycling collection is still not back to normal service and he has reported it to TDC. The proposed new boundary re9organisation has been cancelled and the LGR is now on hold. Election will be based on the current boundaries taking place in May 2027 for another 4-year term. Report from PCSO T Jordan – For the period 01/09/2026 to 30/09/2026 in the Christow beat area there were 8 Incident Reports (logs) created of a varying nature and 6 Occurrence Reports being raised and matters being investigated under the following categories: Safeguarding and Concern for Welfare: 3 Harassment: 1 Other-including Police Admin: 2 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 14th, 1400-1500h and December 9th 1400-1500h at The Community Shop Bus stop.	.
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September 2026	
These were signed as a true record of that meeting.	
6) Chairmans Business – Information only	
Cllr Archer laid a strip of tarmac in the recreation field gate way, more needs to be laid to prevent water running onto the field. The hedge cutting contractor has taken down a few branches within the recreation field hedges and put them onto the bonfire site.	
7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
• The Mayor's Civic Fling - 6 March 2027 at Dawlish all councillors are invited. • Doddi Art show is on the weekend of October 23,24 and 25th • DAA Christow landing site - annual survey is on Thursday 8th October 2026 – TVCH has been notified. • Allotment renewals sent out and several payments have been received. Currently there are three names on the waiting list	

• The streetlight in car park not working I have asked local electrician to look and give a quote for repair	
8) Fireworks – discussion and decision	
This event has already been advertised. The councillors approved the request to use the field.	
9) 4 Parish meeting – plan agenda and refreshments	
The Bowden room has been booked the 14th of October from 7.30 till 9pm Confirmation has been received from Bridford, Doddiscombsleigh and Dunsford that councillors will be attending. The suggested topics for discussion - dark skies, people's emergency briefing, 20's plenty update, Local Government Reorganisation, Police presence in the Valley, Facilitation of communication between the whole valley	**Cllr Archer will arrange refreshments. Clerk to create an agenda**
10) Asset transfers – update	
Following the last meeting TDC has been contact and confirmed our wish to retain the small piece of play area for the zip wire, also that CCLT should receive the rest of the field as an asset.	
11) Martyn's Law and the implications to the Parish Council – Led by Cllr Read discussion and decision	
Cllr Read reported that he and the clerk attended a webinar. This law is aimed at big events and has been created for organisers to plan for emergency events. The main findings are that in our case we can pass on the responsibility to abide to this law to the person hiring the facilities. Document Templates have not been released yet. The only action we suggest is to add the law to our T&Cs after the guidance documents are published. Cllr Read proposed wait and all agreed.	**We attended the webinar and will await the guidance docs to be published**
12) Beech Tree at the Allotment Field – update	
The tree has now been taken down, and all the wood has been removed by councillors and contractors. The contractors also noted that there were other beach trees that may need attention in the future. Review again in 12months time. Approx 2 cubic meters of logs removed.	**Sept 2027 tree inspection.**
13) Play Area – update	
Recently the Matched CIL funding from TDC was distributed. The successful applicants were ready to go with projects i.e. quotes in, public consultation done, evidence why the parks were needed to be upgraded, and the match funding was available to complete the project. Christow is not quite ready, Cllr AJ Orme will contact the working party for equipment suggestion so quote can be obtained	**Cllr Orme contacts the group for more information.**
14) Defibrillator for phone box in Dry Lane – discussion and decision	
1 quote has been received, and grant funding has been applied for from AED who would donate £300 toward the project. An application has been made to the BHF but still waiting feedback from them.	**Next meeting for more info**
15) Recreation Field – bookings update	
Invoices have been sent out for recent bookings, Christow FC has settled their annual fee. There are concerns that the gate code is too widely known – maybe change the codes. The Fireworks booking was approved.	**Agreed to change the code**
16) Planning - Applications received after this agenda is published may be discussed.	
0292/26 Proposed: Replacement of flat roof with dual pitched roof to existing rear extension and other external alterations to dwelling at 2 Butts Park Lane. **Councillors were unable to make a decision as the site is not showing on the DNPA website. If we get more info decision via email.** <u>GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION</u> 0310/24 - 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, EX6 7PA.	
17) FINANCE	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for = £ 618.19	**Payments**

HMRC = £ 623.22 HP Instant Ink, = £ 6.49 GreenTrees – = £2204.40 PKF Littlejohn External Audit fee = £ 252.00 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 522.00 J Jackson Farm – Inv 1073-£624+ Inv 1078-£204 = £ 708.00 AB Chadwick goal post repairs = £ 500.00 Bank Charges = £ 4.25 **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 AJ Orme proposed to accept the payments and details on the bank statements this was seconded by Cllr R Slack. **a. Arrange finance meeting** – set a date Thursday 12th November 2pm at Richards office	**approved.**
18) Correspondence received	
Clerks and Councils Directs leaflets received	
19) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behave of this council or actions from the previous meetings	
Cllr Cook attended the film Peoples emergency well attended. Cllr Green has an allotment asked any trees to be planned along the fence to make a hedge – not as they need maintenance – the councillors discussed it the original decision was not to have a hedge due to maintenance issues. Cllr Read was asked about dogs barking in the village Clerk gave update on local leader's teams meeting.	
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.51pm

Signed…… Date…….

Position…….