

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday, 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also, present Cllr S Purser, Cllr J Brooks, Carol Retallick (Clerk) and 2 members of the public
Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Council meeting	ACTION
1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence	
Received from Cllr Read, A Swaine TDC, S Purser TDC,	
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>).	
A member of the public informed the meeting that she was attending to listen to the decision the council will make regarding weed killer, she also noted that she would be happy to join the Allotment Committee. The other member of public reported that in her role on the TVCH committee the parish Lengthsman has been asked to duplicate work he is already doing for the 4m and has recently hand weeded the path to the hall.	
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>PC Hawkins reports - In the period, 1st May 2023 to 31st May 2023, there was 1 recorded offence in the Christow area which, was a fraud offence. Police responded to 3 other non-offence incidents in this period all linked to animals. Due to a changeover in operating systems, I am still unable to provide a comparison to last year's figures. PC HAWKINS would very much like to attend Christow, possibly to hold a 'Police Surgery' soon. This can be at a pre-arranged coffee morning/ local group meeting. These events give the opportunity to meet local communities, gain feedback or simply give people a chance to quiz/question their local Police Constable! Any ideas regarding this would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Cllr S Purser TDC reports - Whilst I will try and attend as many meetings as possible, please accept my apologies if I do not attend. Still very early days with the new council and nearly half new councillors. A lot of induction training and briefings have or are taking place to get new and old members up to speed. A mix of in person and virtual. New Executive have been appointed with Cllr Martin Wrigley as Leader and a team of 8 portfolio holders covering all aspects of the operation. Teignmouth Lido now reopened after refurbishment with 25% of energy from renewable solar energy. £100 vouchers available for those residents who want to take part in study on climate change, see website for more details. Landlords information day called Rent Smart Devon on 6th July at Exeter Racecourse see website to book.</p> <p>Lengthsman reports - Following No Mow May I was keen to get out and trim the grass early in the month to prevent it getting too long and to enable it to grow back somewhat before the summers full heat arrives. All of the areas were cleared without anything additional to report. The bus shelter had many new posters and advertisements up which I tidied up and removed out of date ones to prevent it from</p>	

becoming cluttered. I noticed the drainpipes on the toilet block have been damaged and some of the up-pipe's brackets have been broken.	
5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th of May 2023	
These were signed as a true copy of that meeting.	
6) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Public path Diversion Order 2023 (footpath No.6 Christow) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After contacting all the allotment holders, two plot holders have volunteered to join the committee. I will email all the members now so they can arrange their first meeting. • A resident of Teign Terrace has emailed the council with reference to flooding and this has been forward to the highways engineer for further action. • Both contractors for hedge trimming at Lyne Field play area have been contacted, one cannot carry out the task and the other will visit the site and provide a quote. • The money from the fire works committee has been transferred into the saving account for safe keeping and will be ring fenced on future bank reconciliation sheets. • 2 planning applications have been received since the agenda was published, check the DNPA website for more details and these will come to the July meeting. • Annual increase to cleaning charges for the toilet block has now been applied. • Audited accounts have been submitted into the External Auditor and the public publication period started on Monday. 	
7) Shop in Christow – discussion over the provision of a shop in Christow, possible conversion of the toilet block	
<p>The Artichoke is awaiting the valuer to come to give a quote to convert the building to accommodate a shop. Until this information is available there is nothing more to do at this stage. A notice on the shop door offering it for lease, with several clauses that may make the lease difficult.</p> <p>We have received an email from a person who works for the Plunkett foundation offering help and advice to keep the Community asset.</p> <p>The enquiry we made to DNPA has been answered with no applications have currently been lodged for the shop on Village Road.</p> <p>The council agreed that at the present time the toilet block should only be converted as a last resort.</p> <p><i>(Suspend SO)</i> – CLT chairman noted that the trust is supportive of keeping a shop within the community and would be happy to work with the parish council and may make it easier to get funding.</p> <p><i>(SO resumed)</i> The councillors agreed to contact Devon Communities Together and DNPA to seek more advice. Cllr Cook asked if the flood damage had been repaired, Cllr Fidock confirmed that since the flood, the shop area has not been restocked but they do have basic supplies.</p>	Speak to person from the Plunkett foundation for more information
8) Play Areas - Update	
<p>The working party meet and carried out some of the work and councillors are still working some remaining tasks. Clerk will order new basketball net. The lease at Laynes field has now reverted to CPC managing the grass cutting. Clerks will check when TDC stop cutting the grass. Ask hedge cutting contractor to remove the dead tree.</p> <p>The lower area of the playing field is satisfactory.</p>	Clerk order basketball nets, contact TDC re grass cutting.
9) Weed killer – using glyphosate in Christow	
Our lengths man has been using a weed killer up to now, the clerk checked with DCC who no longer spray any weeds. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to stop spraying and ask the Lengthsman to strim and clear weeds and note the time	Notify Lengthsman to weed by hand and note time

taken to do so and report back to the council later, so councillor can assess the variance in cost.	and cost difference
10) Cemetery – arrange site visit	
Councillors agreed to meet at the cemetery Monday 12 th June at 6pm	Meet 12.6.23 @6pm
11) Planning	
a) 0238/23 4 Woods Close, Christow. Installation of roof mounted solar panels, alternation by way of partial demolition to car port and retrospective application for the removal of existing condemned concrete gutters and replacement with UPVC gutters. No objection <u>Grant of Planning Permission</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0152/23 Court Dale, Village Road, Christow – Change use of pub garden to domestic, garden and re-introduce driveway. 0096/23 Barn End, Christow – Replacement windows & doors, and alterations to existing internal reveals. 0058/23 Oaklands, Wet Lane, Christow – Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of replacement outbuilding. 	
12) FINANCE:	
Expenditure: Clerk's salary for May = £ 544.57 SHS Ltd = £ 362.88 E Fairs March to May = £ 467.74 E Fairs May to June = £ 143.60 HP Instant Ink = £ 14.49 SW Grounds Maintenance = £ 348.00 DALC Councillor training A Cook = £ 90.00 DD's: Pennon water Services = £ 27.50 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 Fidock proposed payments to be made and accepted the bank reconciliation this was seconded by Cllr J Orme.	Approved
13) 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 new councillors training day and found it a very interesting day	
The next Council meeting is Tuesday 4th July 2023, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH.	
There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.09pm	

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