

Christow Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Christow Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall, Christow.

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

Also Present: Mrs C Retallick (Clerk) Cllrs A Swain and J Brook and no members of the public
 Cllr Archer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

| Minutes of Council meeting | ACTION |
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| 1) Apologies and acceptance for Absence | |
| Received from Cllr Purser. | |
| 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> | |
| Cllr Tucker representing the shop group asked if a banner and fund-raising barometer could be displayed in the flower bed in between the bus shelter and toilet block Cllr Archer explained that this could be decided at the next full council meeting. | |
| 3) Declarations of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct. | |
| None were declared | |
| 4) County, District Councillor's, DNPA Ranger/Representative, Forestry Commission Officer, Police and Lengthsman - to receive reports. | |
| <p><u>District Councillors report</u>, - Cllr Swaine noted that councillors' activities were quiet due to the pre-election period. The work has started in Queen Street, he reassured the meeting that the area was not going to be totally pedestrianised as the work is widening the pavement. There will be more disabled parking available once the work has been completed.</p> <p><u>Lengthsman report</u> - June saw me carrying out a lot of strimming on areas which had benefited from the no Mow May campaign. The village entrance signs were strimmed in preparation for the Christow Show, as was the Gidley's Junction Road sign. Unfortunately, I forgot to clear the old bus stop on Church Lane so I will carry that over into July and make sure it is competed then. I also strimmed all of the village kerbsides as allocated in the contract.</p> <p><u>DCC Report from Cllr J Brook</u> – reported the SEN budget is £160,000.000 in Debt £95, 000.000 will be paid by Central Government and DCC have some money for the remainder so saving must be made. Children are still on long waiting lists for specialist care, DCC will struggle to keep within the budget to help these children.</p> <p>Cllr Brook asked the councillors if they would support a donation to ACRON, this organisation covers the Teign Valley, the councillors would support this donation. Finally, Cllr Brook informed the meeting that he has been appointed to DNPA committee. Cllr Cook asked if the filming company who were using the moors had made a contribution to DNPA?</p> | |
| 5) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th June 2024 | |
| Amendment made at item 11 then signed as a true record of that meeting. | |
| 6) Chairmans Business – Information only | |
| <p>The owners of the cottage opposite the Artichoke have had lorries backing into it and the residents have asked for the PC's help. Cllr AJ Orme noted that a sign could be displayed giving information of alternative turning places, the councillors agreed that the main problem is that drivers are not familiar with the area</p> <p>The clerk has spoken to the highways officer today her advice was for the homeowner to use CCTV for details of any vehicles damaging the building and</p> | |

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| use that information for insurance claims. She also noted that DCC did not have a duty to protect private houses, but she was visiting an area where a homeowner had wrapped there property with a produce that seem to help and she will provide that information to the clerk when it is available. | |
| 7) Clerks Report - Update on matters arising from the last meeting for information | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments made by Cllr A Swaine at the last meeting with regard to funding for the cover on the reservoir. It was my mistake, it was an application for the Teign Village reservoir, not Christow. • Community Volunteer awards nomination deadline 15th September • 3 Parish meeting 16th July 7-9.30pm in Dunsford • AGAR 's has been submitted to the external auditor before deadline. • Another planning application has been received since the publication of this agenda - should an extra meeting be arranged to consider it? • Village Road, Butts Lane House damage see comments above. • Email from parishioner regarding several points 1. Closure of Wet Lane due to SWW works and provision for parking – DCC noted that there are no parking restrictions at the site mentioned and vehicles can pass. 2. Wet Lane – overgrown hedges – a councillor will approach the homeowner who hold the responsibility for cutting their own hedge. 3. Foxhole Hill – sadly the work planned here has been cancelled due to lack of funds. Cllr Brook has responded to this parishioner and covered most of these points, he has also passed the information onto the Highways Engineer. • Grass cutting at tennis court – complaint that the grass has not been cut – it has been now since the complaint was received. | |
| 8) Toilet Cleaning charges – discussion and decision | |
| The cleaning company has emailed with the increased fees for the forth coming year. The email asked for the increase to be back dated from April. The councillors acknowledged and accepted the increase for May but not for April. | Clerk reply to email |
| 9) 20' Plenty Campaign – Request from Moretonhampstead | |
| A letter from Moretonhampstead was circulated. In regard to reducing speed of vehicles in Christow Cllr Cook has approached the school to ask if they would become involved with more and new signage, but no more information has been received back. The councillors noted that there have been several comments concerning speed of vehicles via social media. Moretonhampstead are seeking support to go to DNPA for more pressure. Christow councillors decided not to join the Moretonhampstead campaign but will look to seek more support from the school. | Contact School for new signs |
| 10) Village Sign – approval of repair and maintenance | |
| Cllr Archer has inspected the sign and its site. The parishioner who usually manages the site has asked for repairs to support structure at the base of the sign. Cllr Archer noted that the stone need repointing. Councillors agreed to take a look and estimate the cost of repairs. | Councillors to inspect and estimate repair costs |
| 11) Memorial Request | |
| A request has been submitted for additional inscription to an existing head stone. This was approved by the councillors. | Approved |
| 12) Play area Inspection – Review quote from Rhino Play and discuss other tasks to be completed by councillors or local contractor | |
| Clerk and Chairman explained the quote to the meeting following the inspection. After debating best ways to fund the repairs it was agreed to apply for a grant from the county Councillor. Also seek donations from local businesses. Advertise on the play area gate the need to repair and replace equipment at the park, also details of commencement of the Rhion Play repair works with details of the costs and contact details for the council for donations of funds and offers of help. Clerk to confirm with Rhino play to book the work in. Finally prepare | Approved Rhino Play quote. Group of councillors to work on other tasks, Cllr Slack bring wood filler |

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| <p>a report for Unity which include all the above. A group of councillors will meet at the play area on Saturday 13th July 9am to repair the other matters, Cllr Slack will bring wood filler.</p> | <p>on Saturday 13th July 9am.</p> |
| <p>13) Allotments – decision for fee charged for plot 14</p> | |
| <p>An existing tenant is interested in taking on a neighbouring plot, they have queried the fee given the size and time left before renewal. The council has also received an enquiry about the last remaining vacant plot and the councillors discussed the fees for this plot as well It was agreed that each plot is £25 regardless of size, however given there are only a few months before renewal the fee would reflect that. Therefore, it was agreed to charge £12.50 from now till year-end (30th September) thereafter the fee revert to £25 per annum. Cllr Archer noted that the contractor has made a start on clearing the vacant plots.</p> | <p>Decision made and clerk to notify tenant and new enquiry</p> |
| <p>14) Review of Burial fees – discussion and decision.</p> | |
| <p>A table of Cemetery fees from neighbouring parishes were circulated to all present Cllr Cook proposed that in section part 1 and part 2 should be increased by £150 on all sections but Part 3's fees remain the same. Cllr Tucker seconded the proposal will all in favour</p> | <p>Increased fees – clerk to revised list</p> |
| <p>15) PTFA Christow 2024 Fireworks Committee – Approval of transfer of funds</p> | |
| <p>The councillors discussed the request and raised concerns of the monies being paid into the PTFA account regardless of the reassurances that have been given. Cllr Tucker confirmed that quotes have been received for the fireworks and other items for the evening. Cllr Archer asked the councillors if they wanted more details of what the monies will be used for? The Councillors did want more information and agreed to:- Refund the organiser the deposit already paid Ask for a breakdown of costs. Offer to refund these in stage payments at the next full council meetings i.e. September and October. OR Ask the organiser to set up a dedicated committee independent of the PFTA with officers and their own bank account with 2 signature then the whole amount of monies held would be transferred to that committee. The councillors then discuss moving the November Parish Council meeting to Monday 4th November. 7.30pm in the main hall as the TVCH having their AGM the same evening in the Bowden room.</p> | <p>Clerk to write to the organiser with the recommendations of the councillors Clerk to book TVCH for Monday 4th November</p> |
| <p>16) Request from Christow Show Society for use of the recreation field and car park – decision</p> | |
| <p>The show committee have requested the use of the car park over night from Friday 16th of August to facilitate better security for exhibitors. The show committee will carry out all the necessary arrangements.</p> | <p>Approved</p> |
| <p>17) Planning:</p> | |
| <p>a) 0257/24 Replacement Porch Riversdale, Teign Terrace, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7PN – No objection <u>Discharged - DOC/0260/23</u> Excavation to form new vehicular access, driveway, parking and turning area. Erection of detached garage / workshop. Change of use of agricultural area into residential use Woodlands Foxhole Hill, Christow, Exeter, Devon, EX6 7PJ</p> | |
| <p>18) FINANCE</p> | |

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| Expenditure: | Clerk's salary for June | = £ 619.18 | |
| | HMRC | = £ 250.60 | |
| | HP Instant Ink, March | = £ 5.49 | |
| | E Fairs | = £ 235.73 | |
| | SHS Ltd | = £ 359.24 | |
| | SW Grounds Maintenance | = £ 444.00 | |
| 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 J Orme proposed the statement correct and the payments should be made this was seconded by Cllr G Reed | | | |
| 19) MEETINGS ATTENDED: to receive reports from councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of this council or actions from the previous meetings | | | |
| None attended | | | |
| The next Council meeting is Tuesday 3rd September 2024, at 7.30pm in the Bowden Room at TVCH. | | | |
| There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.37 pm | | | |

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PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED

1. Christow community shop Heads of Agreement