

CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting which took place on 21.05.2024
At the Committee Room, Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Hall

Clerk: Denise Kingdon. 6 Wordlandcross, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon. EX17 4JR
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1. Election of Chair and signing of Declaration of Office.

1.1 Cllr Dean proposed Cllr Sheldrick, seconded by Cllr Kingdon, all-in favour. Motion carried. Declaration was signed and witnessed by Cllr Frost and the Parish Clerk.

2. Election of Vice Chair and signing of Declaration of Office.

2.1 Cllr Dean proposed Cllr Dibley, seconded by Cllr Frost, all in favour. Motion carried. Declaration was signed and witnessed by Cllr Cooke and the Parish Clerk.

3. Present.

3.1 Cllr Sheldrick, Cllr H Kingdon, Cllr Dean, Cllr Dibley, Cllr Frost, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Metcalf, Cllr Cooke, DCllr Colthorpe, CCLlr Squires.

4. Apologies. Cllr Yeandle.

5. Minutes.

5.1 It was agreed the Minutes for the April meeting be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

6. Declarations of Interest.

6.1 Cllr Dean and Cllr Sheldrick, registered an interest in 11.

7. Roads and Footpaths.

7.1 Working Group Report – Drain cover at Barnshill and Cherry Meadow rocking, blocked drain at Sanders Lea – Clerk to report, Verges at Coffin Tree Cross need cutting back – Cllrs to trim

8. Playing Fields.

8.1 Working Group Report – Jack's Acre - Basketball Hoop is rusty, Cllrs to visit and discuss repairs needed to the gate. Meads Meadow – Dogs are being taken into Meads Meadow – Clerk to contact school to put this in the newsletter

8.2 RoSPA Report – Clerk to send to Cllrs

9. Burial Ground.

9.1 Working Group Report – The drain in the cemetery is blocked, Cllr Kingdon to unblock.

10. Allotments.

10.1 Working Group Report – Inspection due.

11. District Councillor/County Councillor Report

11.1 District Report – Devolution powers to Devon we have been assured that no matter what the outcome of the election, all the signs are that all are in favour of this so it is unlikely the rug will be pulled out from under its feet if there is a change in administration, The Local plan is always under review. Thanks to everybody for the improvement in recycling, the collection of side waste has come down from 4043 to 279.

11.2 County Councillor Report – John Hart is standing down as leader and his name is going forward for chairman of the council for his last year, more money has gone into highways, HS2 money was 6.2million that has been spend on things that otherwise wouldn't get done, Devon County has found another 12 million, from monies saved as they recognise highways money has been already spent, 42 pothole gangs have been sent out so far this year. Public Health are looking to take preventative measures so we haven't got so many people going into hospitals and residential homes, they want to keep people around us healthy.

12. Governance

12.1 Standing Orders has been reviewed and remains unchanged - Noted

12.2 Data Protection Policy has been reviewed and remains unchanged - Noted

12.3 Code of Conduct has been reviewed and remains unchanged - Noted

12.4 Complaints Procedure has been reviewed and remains unchanged - Noted

12.5 Statement of Internal Control has been reviewed and remains unchanged - Noted

12.6 Risk Management and Asset Risk Assessment Policy has been reviewed and remains unchanged - Noted

13. Finance.

13.1 The Current Account at Lloyds bank statement dated 01.04.2024 was presented showing a credit of £11574.18.

13.2 Accounts to settle: -

13.2.1 CFPH – £44.00 (March and April Hall hire)

13.2.2 D Kingdon – (Clerks Wages – £561.00, Office Charge - £10.00) - £571.00.

13.2.3 Playsafety Ltd – 93.60 – (RoSPA Report)

14.1 Annual Governance and Accounting Return 2023/24

14.1.2 Annual Internal Audit Report - Approved

14.1.3 Annual Governance Statement - Approved

14.1.4 Accounting Statements - Approved

14.1.5 Bank Reconciliation - Approved

14.1.6 Explanation of Variances - Approved

15. Planning.

15.1 New Applications – None

15.2 Determined Applications

Ref No: 23/01381/FULL

Proposal: Erection of 6 dwellings following demolition of 4 existing dwellings Location: 7-10 Wordland Cross Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287245/105776

Parish: Cheriton Fitzpaine 12

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY GRANTS FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT

16. Correspondence.

16.1 Personal Liability.

16.2 Website, social media and notice boards.

16.3 Parking next to the millennium green.

17. Chairman's Reports.

17.1 This year has been one of considerable upheaval and change since the last Parish Meeting, we have a new monarch, first in a life time experience for most of us, we have also had a decision that could impact on Parish and other local democracy in that the devon devolution has been voted through, we will wait and see how that effects powers locally and what is devolved to us, hopefully it will mean we have a bit more of a say in how money is spent, probably through our local council rather than the parish council and at some point before the next Parish Council meeting we are going to have a general election, we look forward to some changes and we look forward to the things we might be able to improve about our influence. I think it is important to say that we as a village need to work for the collective good of the community, we have had a major period of expansion over the last few years, that is unlikely to continue but we need to consolidate and involved the new parishioners and villagers, and make sure we are representing all of the people within our parish, some of those don't even know we exist as a Parish council , certainly they have had very little contact with district and county, we need to make sure they know we are here, know they can come to us and know that we have the ear of our District and County councillor who regularly attend our meetings and raise topics for them, even if we don't necessarily have the decision powers we do have the ear of those who do. Our biggest challenge as a Parish Council is the state of our local highways, with the road at Langford closed and no prospect of any works being done, makes our links to Exeter through the lanes a bit more difficult and the effect that has on village life and connections to local towns is something I would like to raise a voice about, Cllr Dean has done sterling work of raising the state of the roads within the village a bit more attention and I think this is something we need to focus on, on the back of the expansions and more traffic on the roads the more damage the edge of the roads suffer, more damage to parishioners vehicles by what we describe as potholes even if Devon County don't. we have organised to run some defib courses through the summer at least one during the week and one over a weekend.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Date of the next Meeting - 18.06.2024.