

CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of this council which took place on 21.10.2025

Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Hall

Clerk: Denise Kingdon. 6 Wordlandcross, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon. EX17 4JR

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Public Participation: Posters advertising a fireworks display are repeatedly being removed from the village. The Bonfire Committee expressed its frustration.

Formal Business:

1. Present - Cllr Dibley (Chair), Cllr Acton, Cllr Frost, Cllr Steale, Cllr Harlow, Cllr Cooke, DCllr Colthorpe.

2. Apologies – Cllr H Kingdon.

3. Co-Option of Councillor

3.1 Joanne Williams – Was co-opted as a new councillor after confirming eligibility and completing paperwork – Proposed Cllr Cooke, Seconded Cllr Frost, all agreed.

4. Minutes - It was agreed to approve the Minutes for the October meeting. Proposed Cllr Frost, Seconded Cllr Harlow, all agreed.

5. Declaration of Interest – Cllr Dibley declared an interest in 8.3.

5. Actions from September meeting.

5.1 State of the District Debate – Cllr Cooke attended the meeting, the discussion was mostly about local councils potentially taking on more responsibilities from county councils, with a suggestion to consider increasing the precept to prepare for this.

5.2 Speed Watch – Surgery held on 11th October – Cllr Dibley and Cllr Kingdon were in attendance, Feedback indicated speeding is less of a concern than road conditions and white lines, ongoing frustration with the slow pace of road repairs and missing white lines. Residents were encouraged to report issues online to increase pressure for action. Speed Watch has been put on hold.

5.3 Meads Meadow – The council discussed quotes for new play equipment for young children. The initial quote was considered high, so more quotes will be sought at a later date.

5.4 Millenium Stone – Still uncertainty about land ownership, CCllr Keeble meeting with Steve Tucker on the 07th of November, he will ask the question of who owns the land. Cllr Dibley has received a quote for a 12ft tree delivered to Cheriton £70.00, light £60.00, quote has been accepted.

5.5 Community Herb Garden – The proposed location has been considered too shaded. Alternative, sunnier locations were discussed, Cllr Steele has suggested putting the herb garden by the bench near the school entrance, Cllr Steele will bring additional information to the next meeting.

6. District Councillor/County Councillor Report.

6.1 District Councillor Report – An enquiry has been made as to what is happening to the houses at Wordland Cross, the portfolio holders have changed since the county elections, some of the people who were the portfolio holders became county councillors as well and then found themselves with too much to do, so there was a reshuffle at Mid-Devon of portfolio holders and the portfolio holder who is now property, assets and public service is Jane Locke. DCllr Colthorpe has given Jane a brief format.

6.2 County Councillor Report – A pilot scheme is being carried out in terms of the potholes, potholes are being treated in that they're looking at them and surveying 500 metres either side of the pothole. That pilot scheme is being evaluated this month, monthly report attached.

7. Roads and Footpaths

7.1 Dog walking areas – A request was made for more dog walking areas, but restrictions on existing spaces limit options, the Council were unable to identify a suitable place.

8. Finance

8.1 The Current Account at Lloyds bank statement dated 19.07.2025 was presented showing a credit of £26601.94, instant access savings account £10,014.00.

8.2 Accounts to settle.

8.2.1 CFPH - £23.00 - Hall Hire Sept

8.2.2 Roy Swain – Litter Picking - 18 Weeks - £126.00

8.2.3 D Kingdon (Clerks Wages - £629.08, Office Charge - £10.00, (£689.08, less £125.80 PAYE) - £513.94.

8.2.4 PAYE Aug - £125.80

8.2.5 PAYE Sept - £125.80

8.2.6 Mike Smith – Grass Cutting - £825.00

It was agreed that 8.2.1 – 8.2.6 to be paid by bacs and verified by 2 councillors – Proposed Cllr Cooke, Seconded Cllr Acton – All agreed. Cllr Kingdon abstained from voting.

8.3.6 Jacks Acre Quote – It was agreed to accept the quote, DCllr Colthorpe has been asked to find out if planning is needed for this.

9. Planning

9.1 New applications:

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9.1.1 Ref No: 25/01304/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove damaged branches from 1 Horbeam tree and remove lower branches of a tree overhanging neighbouring property within the Conservation Area

Location: Poole Barton Barton Close Cheriton Fitzpaine

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286720 / 106126 – No Objections

9.1.2 Ref No: 25/01380/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural livestock building

Location: Land at NGR 287620 108268 Upham Cheriton Fitzpaine

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287506 / 108175 - Supported

9.1.3 Ref No: 25/01235/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building and change of use of land for the erection of a stable building

Location: Land at NGR 288031 108092 Park Firs Cheriton Fitzpaine

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 288000 / 108063 - Supported, but requested applicant address water drainage concerns.

9.2 Determined applications:

9.2.1 Ref No: 25/01088/HOUSE

Proposal: Installation of air source heat pump

Location: 1 The Old Almshouses Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287108/106229

Mid devon district council hereby grants full planning permission for the above development - Noted

9.2.2 Ref No: 25/00988/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of air source heat pump, hot water tank, radiators and associated works

Location: 1 The Old Almshouses Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287108/106229

Mid devon district council hereby grants listed building consent for the above development - Noted

9.2.3 Ref No: 25/00841/FULL

Proposal: Retention of two holiday units, including a hot tub shelter Location: Land at NGR 289584 107690 West Farleigh Cadeleigh Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 289584/107690

Mid devon district council hereby grants listed building consent for the above development - Noted

9.3 Planning Information

9.3.1 Ref No: 25/01295/PNAG

Proposal: Prior Approval for proposed excavation works to form a pond

Location: Land at NGR 287638 107745 West of Silver Springs Cheriton Fitzpaine

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287749 / 10778 - Noted

9.4 Application for a change of use for the Methodist Chapel - Council agreed in principle to submit the application on behalf of the chapel, provided all information is prepared by the shop committee.

10. Correspondence - None

Date of Next Meeting
18.11.2025.