

CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of this council which took place on 21.04.2026

Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Hall

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

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Public Participation: Brambles in Meads Meadow needs to be cut back,

Formal Business:

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

2. Apologies - Cllr Yeandle

3. Minutes - It was agreed to approve the Minutes for the 17.03.26 meeting. Proposed Cllr Frost, Seconded Cllr Cooke, all agreed.

4. Declaration of Interest – None.

5. District Councillor/County Councillor Report.

5.1 District Report - Local plan – MDDC are in a position where not only do they not now have an up-to-date local plan, because it has actually time expired, but we also are in the uncomfortable position of not having the five-year land supply as required by central government, largely because they've more or less doubled the numbers that we are supposed to produce. That has left us in a position where we are very vulnerable to any speculative planning applications. Simultaneously, the central government is demanding a local plan within a 30-month time frame. It's fairly stringent, this time frame. and getting all the work that is required for a local plan done within that time frame is not going to be easy. Dates are 26th of May, notice of intention to commence the local plan preparation. 6th of July, representations from individuals, from parish councils. to be received no later than 6th of July.

MDDC has a new enforcement officer who is going to be joining us on the 11th of May. Our current senior enforcement officer is staying; there will be quite a long overlap period during which the current officer can explain and carry out some of the more important enforcement cases that she's currently working on.

Dean Avery has been running a drop-in sessions for business rates is happy to explain on a one-to-one basis if anybody still wants help, get in touch with DCllr Colthorpe or with Dean Avery.

5.2 County Councillor Report – I'm here to apologise, explain, and ask for your help regarding the road works that didn't take place. There was no notification of this the first I heard was when the clerk contacted me, and the neighbourhood highways officer didn't know that the works had been cancelled. I have received an explanation to what had actually happened, it really goes back to all the storms and the 10,000 potholes that there was a high-level decision made, an operational management took a decision in February because of the demand on the workforce, that contracts were to be cancelled. To try and blame the winter is unsatisfactory as an excuse because it wasn't a particularly bad winter.

5. Roads and Footpaths

5.1 Road Closure – Councillors to write a letter of complaint to the Director of Highways and members of the cabinet.

7. Finance

7.1 The Current Account at Lloyds bank statement dated 17.03.2026 was presented showing a credit of £31,949.25, Instant Access Savings account £10,029.57.

7.2 Accounts to settle.

7.2.1 CFPH – Hall Hire – March - £23.00.

7.2.2 D Kingdon (Clerks' Wages - £629.74, Office Charge - £10.00, (£639.74, less £125.80 PAYE) - £523.94.

7.2.3 M Smith Grass cutting - £455.00.

7.2.4 DALC Membership - £404.88.

7.2.5 HRH Tree Services - £800.00.

7.2.6 Roy Swain – Litter Picking - £84.00.

7.2.7 RoSPA - £99.60.

It was agreed that 7.2.1 – 7.2.7 to be paid by bacs and verified by 2 councillors – Proposed Cllr Cooke, Seconded Cllr Frost – All agreed.

7.3 An increase in grass cutting fees has been approved.

8. Planning

1 Ref: 26/00128/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of Methodist Chapel to community shop, social space, café and toilets, installation of air conditioning units; change of use of existing shop to meeting space

Location: Methodist Church Cheriton Fitzpaine Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286947 / 106239

Parish: Cheriton Fitzpaine 12 - Supported

1.1 Determined applications:

8.2.1 Reference No: 26/00273/CAT

Proposal: Notification of intention to remove 1 Fir tree within the Conservation Area

Location: The Old Rectory Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286787/106037

Mid Devon District Council has no objection to the works described above - Noted

8.2.2 Reference No: 26/00102/FULL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 287288 106179 (Landboat Farm) Cheriton Fitzpaine Devon

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287320/106178

Mid Devon District Council hereby grants full planning permission for the above development - Noted

8.3 Planning Information

9. Spring Clean

9.1 The date of the Spring clean has been agreed as 13th June 2026.

10. New Councillor –

9. Correspondence – None

Matters of immediate concern for inclusion in the May agenda.

Date of Next Meeting.

18th May – Annual Meetings

June Agenda - Local Plan