

CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at Yeoford Community Centre on Monday 4th March 2024

Present: Cllr Beasley, Cllr Brimacombe (from item 8 onwards), Cllr Cole, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Vigers, Cllr Yarnold and Cllr Letch (DCC)

In attendance: the Clerk and one member of the press

1. To receive and accept apologies:

Apologies received from Cllr Parker, Cllr Price, Cllr Binks (MDDC) and Cllr Chenore (MDDC)

2. To receive declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda

Cllr Stevens declared a personal interest in item 7 of the agenda. The Clerk reported that Cllr Stevens had, in accordance with Standing Orders, asked for a dispensation to be allowed to remain in the meeting whilst this item is discussed so as to be able to assist in answering Councillors’ questions and thus enable an informed decision. The Clerk and Councillors had agreed to the dispensation. Cllr Stevens had not requested and did not want a dispensation to be allowed to vote on this item.

3. Public Discussion – an opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda

None

4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 5th February 2024 – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record

It was **resolved** to amend the minutes to show that Cllr Vigers was at the meeting and then approve the minutes as a correct record.

5. To receive a report from Cllr Letch (DCC) – for information only

Cllr Letch had already circulated a written report which will be available to read on the Parish Council’s website. Cllr Letch will be touring the local roads with the DCC Highways Officer later in the week and will bring various issues raised at the meeting to the Highways Officer’s attention. DCC has increased the roads and transport budget by 3% for the new financial year. Due to inflation this will not result in extra money being available. DCC only inspects 5% of road repair works carried out by its contractors. The 2023/4 Locality Fund has now closed. Cllr Letch will have £8000 available for good causes in the 2024/5 financial year.

6. To receive a report from MDDC Councillors – for information only

None

[Cllr Stevens left the meeting].

7. Parking opposite Yeoford Chapel and Cemetery– to receive an update and appoint solicitors for the transfer to the Council

The Clerk reported that the Wildlife Warden had contacted her about wildlife friendly and conservation management of the Cemetery. To be discussed when the land has been transferred to the Council. Two quotes for the legal work for the transfer of the two pieces of land had been circulated. It was **resolved** to appoint Alison Stock of Stephens Scown LLP as she has prior knowledge of the land. **Clerk** to action.

[Cllr Stevens re-joined the meeting].

8. Mid Devon District Council Planning Application – to consider the following application upon which the Council has been asked to comment

Reference: 24/00206/LBC
Proposal: Listed building consent to remove ad rebuild chimney stack
Location: Little Harford Venny Tedburn
Applicant: Ms R Samuel

Cllr Vigers reported that she had visited the property and could see that the work is required. It was **resolved** to support this application.

Reference: 24/00301& 24/00303/LBC
Proposal: Erection of canopy over entrance door and east side door, replacement roof light, replacement entrance door and French doors on rear extension and replacement side door and window on east elevation

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Location: Gunstone House Gunstone
 Applicant: Mr J Turner

It was **resolved** to support this application.

Reference: 224/00291
 Proposal: Erection of a detached garage
 Location: Babbling Brook Farm Yeoford
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Best

After discussion it was **resolved** to support this application with the suggestion that, if permission is granted, MDDC impose a condition that the garage is not to be used as residential accommodation.

9. Bus Shelter – to receive an update and agree associated actions

Clr Yarnold reported that he had contacted DCC regarding updating children’s bus passes so that they refer to the new stop at the bus shelter but after a wait of 4 weeks had not received a reply. He has also called them several times but not been able to get through. **The Clerk and Clr Letch to contact DCC again.**

10. Defibrillator for Hookway – to receive an update on funding and agree associated actions including the purchase of a defibrillator and a cabinet

The Clerk thanked Clr Letch for a £500 grant from his Locality Fund. The defibrillator cabinet will not be heated as there is not an appropriate site in Hookway with an electricity supply. In these circumstances the Clerk had been advised that the best defibrillator is a Heartsine 360P because it comes with a padded carry case that is more insulated than some. Also, a double skinned polycarbonate cabinet has been recommended for better thermal efficiency. It was **resolved** to purchase a Heartsine 360P (£775), a first aid prep kit (£18), one set of paediatric pads (£135) and a polycarbonate cabinet without heater (£495). The funding is ring-fenced in the Council’s reserves. Future costs will be posts and postcrete. Councillors discussed running a training event – to be considered at a later date.

11. Accounts 2023/24 – to note the following receipts and approve the following payments:

Receipts

Yeoford Fun Day – donation to bus shelter	£2000
DCC Locality Fund – grant towards defibrillator	£500

Payments

Clerk pay (February)	£342
Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription (refund to Clerk)	£59.99
The Defibpad Co – replacement pads for School defib (refund to Clerk)	£116.39
DML & AP Hawkins – pad and blockwork for bus shelter	£1440
Visionict – clerk website editing training (already paid)	£30
Visionict – Website hosting Apr 2024 to Mar 25 (already paid)	£161.26
Paul Everall – supply and construction of bus shelter (already paid)	£2650
Boniface Centre hall hire – Inv 5592 (already paid)	£20

12. To receive a report from the Chair– for information only

The Chair reported that DCC had recently sucked out a drain on the road from Denbury to Moorlake but that the cover had not been put back correctly, which is causing a hazard. **Clr Letch** will report.

13. To receive a report from Councillors – for information only

Clr Beasley reported that she had narrowly avoided being hit by a lorry at the Fordton junction where the give way road markings are so poor as to be invisible. Clr Letch will again visit this junction with the Highways Officer to point out the problem. Clr Vigers reported that DCC’s contractors had recently sucked out a road drain that had been blocked for months in Venny Tedburn. The drain is already blocked again and it needs to be jetted, not just sucked out. Contractors had also recently repaired a small hole near Posbury Lodge and carried out very poor repairs to larger holes. The repairs are breaking down after just one week. In comparison, South West Water had recently carried out a repair

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to a very good standard. Cllr Cole reported that he had delivered letters to residents of Westernlea, reminding them that they are in Crediton Hamlets Parish. **Clerk** to liaise with Cllr Cole regarding sending similar letters to other residents of the parish near Westernlea. One resident of Westernlea had been in touch regarding continual flooding at Westwood which is caused by a blocked drain which needs to be jetted. The issue has been reported on the DCC website but only a generic response is ever received. **Cllr Letch** will include this on his tour of local roads with the Highways Officer later in the week. Councillor Cole also reported that the small play area at Westernlea is very untidy and must be difficult to mow. It needs to be tidied up. **Cllr Letch** will check who cuts the grass and the **Clerk** will look at past minutes to remind Councillors of grants previously made.

14. Correspondence/Clerk’s Report – for information only

None

15. Dates of Next Meetings

2nd April (Tuesday due to Bank Holiday) Boniface Centre, 7th May (**Tuesday due to Bank Holiday**) **Annual Parish Council meeting at 1915 immediately followed by May Parish Council Meeting Yeoford Community Hall**, 3rd June Boniface Centre, 1st July Yeoford Community Hall, 2nd September Yeoford Community Hall, 7th October Yeoford Community Hall, 4th November Boniface Centre, 2nd December Yeoford Community Hall (all meetings commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated)

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