

**Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at Yeoford Community Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Present: Cllr Beasley, Cllr Cole, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Price, Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Cairney (DCC), Rachel Hodder (retiring Clerk) and Charlotte Long (newly appointed Clerk)

**1. To receive and accept apologies**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Brimacombe, Cllr Parker, Cllr Vigers, 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 Mortimer declared a personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 25/01180.

**3. Public Discussion**

None

**4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025** – to consider the approval of the minutes as a correct record

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

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

None received

**6. To receive a report from the DCC Councillor** – for information only

DCC has endorsed a motion proposing a countrywide ban on student smartphone use during the school day, set to take effect from September 2026. **Clerk** to forward an email with more information to the Councillors. Residents have expressed concern about parking on Western Road in Crediton. The double yellow lines are in the wrong place, allowing vehicles to be parked so that they block the view of other drivers. In addition, vehicles are driven dangerously fast on this stretch of roads. Cllr Cairney will endeavour to get DCC Highways to alter the double yellow lines. Cllr Cairney suggested that “20 is Plenty” signs should be erected. **Clerk** to email Cllr Cairney to confirm the PC’s support for this. He will then discuss the idea in principle with DCC Highways and report back to the PC which would then consider paying for the signs.

**7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications** – to consider the following application upon which the Council has been asked to comment:

[Cllr Mortimer left the meeting]

Reference: 25/01180  
 Proposal: Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of 2 agricultural buildings  
 Location: Land & buildings at NGR 279380 101955 Spencecombe Lane Crediton  
 Applicant: Mr G Mortimer

It was **resolved** to support this application. Councillors noted that the applicant already has Class Q permission to convert the barns to 2 dwellings. The application improves the Class Q consents as it is for 3 smaller and therefore more affordable dwellings.

[Cllr Mortimer re-joined the meeting]

**8. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications** – to note that consent has been granted for the following applications with conditions as filed

Reference: 25/01076  
 Proposal: Erection of a replacement machinery barn  
 Location: Building at NGR 281562 99205 (Follymoor) Uton  
 Applicant: Mr Wreford

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Date .....

Reference: 25/01043

Proposal: Erection of a side extension and installation of ground floor window to North elevation  
 Location: The Linhay The Village Yeoford  
 Applicant: Mr T & Mrs E Donne

**9. Road Sign in Yeoford** – to note that the Station Road sign on the road from Yeoford to Woodland Head has been obscured and agree associated actions

Cllr Beasley informed Councillors that DCC had acknowledged her on-line report of this issue. Cllr Beasley will update Councillors when she has more information.

**10. Yeoford Cemetery** – to receive an update and consider the purchase of a noticeboard

The Clerk had previously circulated some information on the cost of noticeboards. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will research the cost of a sign for the Cemetery gate. The sign will include the wording of the risk warning on the existing sign and contact details for the Clerk.

**11. Local Government Re-organisation** – to receive a report on Exeter City Council's presentation to Parish Councils

The Clerk reported that she had joined Exeter City Council's presentation. The inclusion of Crediton Hamlet and many other parishes in the bid was justified by describing all the parishes as "semi-urban development areas" which have a "natural affinity" with Exeter. The presentation was not a consultation. It is understood that the Government will run a consultation in 2026. All Councillors agreed that Exeter City's bid is inappropriate and shows a lack of understanding of the needs of rural parishes in Devon.

**12. Accounts 2025/2026** – to approve the following payments and note the budget report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and September bank statement.

Clerk pay (September	£435.57
Lloyds Bank Charges (10 July to 9 August)	£8.25
SLCC Membership Renewal (refund to Clerk)	£110.00
N Yarnold – refund for equipment for planting at Yeoford Station	£134.47
Clerk (refund for printer cartridge, toner and paper)	56.27
Village Voice – advertisement (already paid)	£8

It was **resolved** to approve the payments. Budget report and bank statement noted.

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

The Chair has taken photos of the dangerous state of the bridge at Neopardy and will forward them to Councillor Cairney. One side of the bridge is protected only by a plastic barrier and tape.

**14. To receive a report from Councillors** – for information only

Cllr Mortimer confirmed that he will arrange the Council's wreath for remembrance. Cllr Yarnold has recruited 3 new volunteers to help with the planters at the station. He will shortly be purchasing new plants for the Winter season. **Cllr Yarnold** suggested that the PC should put a plaque on the Yeoford bus shelter to thank those who paid for it. He will research costs and report back.

**15. Correspondence/Clerk's Report**

None

**16. Next Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Boniface Centre), 1<sup>st</sup> December (Yeoford Community Hall), 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday due to bank holiday), 5<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday due to bank holiday), 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December (all meetings commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated).

Signed ..... Date .....

## **PART II**

**In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public will be excluded from the meeting when the Council discusses a staffing matter**

**17. Appointment of New Clerk**

The new Clerk and the Chair signed the employment contract with the commencement of employment being the 6th of October.

Signed ..... . Date .....