

CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held The Boniface Centre, Crediton on 3rd November 2025

Present: Cllr Beasley, Cllr Brimacombe, Cllr Cole, Cllr Mortimer (joined meeting after Item 7), Cllr Parker, Cllr Price, Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Vigers, Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Cairney (DCC), Cllr Binks (MDDC), Charlotte Long (newly appointed Clerk) and Rachel Hodder (Retiring Clerk).

1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies received and accepted from 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 25/01172/FULL.

3. Public Discussion

Three members of the public raised comments regarding planning application 25/01172 with particular concern regarding proposed fencing and boundary treatment and also concern regarding road safety in relation to the concealed vehicular access to the proposed development. As the application is a re-submission of previous planning approval 16/01362/FULL dated 8th May 2017 the previous approval document was reviewed and it was concluded that the councillors would support the application subject to retention of the conditions included the previous approval, addition of a stated speed-limit on the private access road and further consultation with neighbours regarding proposed boundary treatment.

4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 6th October 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

Nothing to report.

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

With regard to previous matters regarding parking on Westwood Road in Crediton **Cllr Cairney** reported that he had met with DCC Highways which had concluded that he should write formally to Highways regarding the mistaken yellow-lining of the road to request for it to added as an emergency item to the next HATOC meeting. With regards to the extension of yellow lining between Westernlea and Tuckers Meadow Councillors agreed that **The Clerk** should submit a formal request to Highways for this to be undertaken.

7. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – to consider the following application upon which the Council has been asked to comment: [Cllr Mortimer absent from the meeting]

Reference: 25/01172/FULL
 Proposal: Conversion of 5 redundant agricultural buildings to 5 dwelling.
 Location: Land & buildings at NGR 279371 101700 (Spencecombe) Crediton
 Applicant: Mr G Mortimer

It was **resolved** to support the application with qualifications – refer to Item 3 above.

[Cllr Mortimer re-joined the meeting]

Reference: 25/01377
 Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension.
 Location: Orchard Croft, Crediton
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nash

After due consideration it was **resolved** to support the application.

Signed
 Cllr Stevens (Chair)

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8. Mid Devon District Council Planning Applications – It was noted that consent has been granted for the following applications with conditions as filed;

Reference: 25/01049
 Proposal: Conversion and extension of garage to additional ancillary accommodation.
 Location: 3 Elston Meadow, Westwood, Crediton.
 Applicant: Mr P & Mrs S Hayes

9. Christmas Lights Competition – To agree the arrangements for the 2025 competition and agree associated actions.

It was **resolved** to run a competition in each of the Yeo Ward and the Hookway Ward. First prizes to be £50 pound vouchers for The Duck (Yeo Ward) and The Three Little Pigs (Hookway Ward). Second and third prizes to be boxes of chocolates. Cllr Yarnold will judge the Hookway Ward and Cllr Parker will judge the Yeo Ward. **Clerk** to arrange prizes, publicise the competition in the Yeo Ward and gift of bottle of wine for the Westernlea organiser.

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

The Clerk reported that a page for the cemetery had been put onto the website. 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. Letter re S106 Funds – For discussion and to agree associated actions.

Cllr Beasley reported that letter had not been received.

12. Service of Remembrance, Crediton – To agree the Council's representatives at the Service at Crediton parish Church at 10.00am on Sunday 9th November and attendance at the Armistice Ceremony at Crediton War memorial on 11th November.

Clerk to confirm to Crediton Parish Church that Cllr & Mrs Parker, Cllr & Mrs Mortimer and Cllr & Mrs Cole would attend the Service of Remembrance on 9th November.

13. Bridge at The Nest, Yeoford and Yeoford Station

Cllr Yarnold reported that the bridge over the Yeo adjacent to The Nest, Yeoford has developed a significant crack. **Clerk** to notify Highways with request that inspection and action is required, **Cllr Yarnold** to forward relevant pictures to accompany notification. **Cllr Cairney** confirmed that he would support this request.

Cllr Yarnold reported new spring bulbs for the station planting were being provide with funding from GWR.

14. Replacement Defibrillator Pads at The Duck Defibrillator

The Clerk had previously circulated some information on the cost of replacement pads. As expiry of the existing pads was imminent The Chair had authorised purchase of replacement pads which had been ordered at cost of £168.00.

It was **resolved** to approve the payment.

15. Budget 2026/7 – To discuss the draft budget for the upcoming year (as circulated to Councillors with the agenda) and agree associated actions.

The Clerk explained the draft, following due consideration and discussion Councillors unanimously agreed to support the proposed draft budget.

Signed
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16. Accounts 2025/2026 – to approve the following payments.

Clerk pay (R Hodder – October)	£328.48
Lloyds Bank Charges (10 August to 9 September)	£6.25
DALC (new clerk training) – Invoice 6946	£36.00

It was resolved to **approve** these payments.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Cole enquired about progress on S106 funds for Westernlea, **Clerk** reported that no further response had been received and agreed to follow up.

Cllr Vigers reported that Venny Tedburn pads and battery expiry date is 2027 and RV is OK, **Clerk** to report to The Circuit.

Cllr Yarnold agreed to organise sign to acknowledge volunteers involved with the new bus shelter in Yeoford at approximate cost of £50-60.

19. Correspondence/Clerk's Report

None

- 16. Next Meetings:**
- 1st December (Yeoford Community Hall)
 - 2026
 - 5th January (Yeoford Community Hall)
 - 2nd February (Yeoford Community Hall)
 - 2nd March (Boniface Centre)
 - 7th April (Tuesday due to bank holiday) (Boniface Centre)
 - 5th May (Tuesday due to bank holiday) (Yeoford Community Hall)
 - 1st June (Boniface Centre)
 - 6th July (Yeoford Community Hall)
 - 7th September (Boniface Centre)
 - 5th October (Yeoford Community Hall)
 - 2nd November (Boniface Centre)
 - 7th December (Yeoford Community Hall)
- All meetings commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated

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