

CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held Yeoford Community Hall, Yeoford, Crediton on 1st December 2025

Present: Cllr Beasley, , Cllr Cole, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Price, Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Vigers, Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Cairney (DCC), Cllr Binks (MDCC), Cllr Chenore (MDCC), and Charlotte Long (Clerk).

1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Parker.

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

Cllr Vigers declared a personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 18 – Churchyard Grants.

3. Public Discussion

The local wildlife warden attended the meeting to seek funding for advanced DBS check and provision of local wildlife record books; Cllrs **declined** funding for DBS check and **granted** funds up to £41.22 for 3 wildlife record books to be installed in Yeoford School, Holy Trinity Church and The Duck on receipt of written agreement from the 3 locations that they are happy to be responsible for keeping these records.

4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 3rd November 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 MDCC Councillor – for information only.

Cllr Binks reported that:

1. The LGR 4-5-1 plan has been submitted for Government consideration.
2. Warm Homes Grant is now available in Mid-Devon.
3. Tiverton Work Hub has been established to support small businesses and sole traders.

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

With regard to previous matters regarding mistaken yellow-lining Westwood Road in Crediton **Cllr Cairney** reported that he had met with DCC Highways which had concluded that the matter will be added to the next HATOC meeting.

With regard to the extension of the yellow-lining between Westernlea and Tuckers Meadow **Cllr Cairney** reported that he had a site meeting with DCC Highways and requested that this should be added to HATOC agenda.

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

Reference:	25/01340/HOUSE
Proposal:	Conversion of existing garage/annex to living accommodation and erection of two storey extension following demolition of existing store, erection of replacement double garage and workshop.
Location:	Stoodleigh, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton
Applicant:	Mrs Jill Newton

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

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

Reference:	25/00755/MFUL
Proposal:	Variation of condition (2) of planning permission 18/01800/MFUL (Construction of an on-farm anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure) to allow the substitution of previously approved site plan, to include the addition of CO ₂ recovery infrastructure.
Location:	Land at NGR28504 100245 (East of Lords Meadow Industrial Estate, Crediton)
Applicant:	Mr G Kerslake, Lords Meadow Energy Ltd.

Signed
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Reference: 25/01550/HOUSE
 Proposal: Non-Material Amendment for 25/01049/HOUSE to allow change of roof from hip to gable.
 Location: 3 Elston Meadow, Westwood. Crediton.
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs P & S Haynes.

Reference: 25/01180/FULL
 Proposal: Erection of 3 Dwellings following demolition of 2 agricultural buildings.
 Location: Land and Building at NGR 279380 101955 Spencecombe Lane, Crediton.
 Applicant: Mr George Mortimer.

9. Christmas Lights Competition – .

The **Clerk** reported that notices had been put up on Yeoford and Woodland Head notice boards and advertisement submitted for inclusion in December edition of Village Voice.

After re-consideration Councillors **resolved** that given the outstanding display of lights along Westernlea the gift to the organiser should be increased to a “bottle” up to the cost of £30 and that **Cllr Parker** would be best placed to decide on nature of gift and should arrange accordingly.

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

The **Clerk** submitted to 2 proposals for signs for Councillors’ consideration, it was **resolved** that the aluminium option with green background costing circa £50 + delivery should be ordered – **Clerk** to order.

It was noted that the sign will require a backboard for fixing to the timber rails of the gate – **Councillors** to organise.

11. Letter re S106 Funds – For discussion and to agree associated actions.

Cllr Beasley reported that she had received the report on S106 funds and she will email this the Councillors after the meeting.

12. Yellow Lining on Westwood Road, Westernlea – To receive an update.

The **Clerk** reported that an email had been sent to DCC Highways on 14 November but no response had been received.
 Also refer to Item 6 above.

13. Bridge at The Nest, Yeoford and Yeoford Station

The Clerk reported that an email with Cllr Yarnold’s attachments had been sent to DCC Highways on 12 November but no response had been received.

14. Defibrillators – To receive an update.

Councillors confirmed responsibility for individual defibrillators as follows:

Defib Location	The Circuit Contact	Responsibiity for Inspection
Yeoford School	Yeoford School	Yeoford School
The Duck	Clerk to confirm	Clerk to confirm
Woodland Head	clerk@creditonhamlets-pc.gov.uk	Cllr Price
Hookway	Andrew Deptford	Cllr Parker
Venny Redburn	clerk@creditonhamlets-pc.co.uk	Cllr Vigers

15. State of Road through Gunstone – To consider email received from resident.

Cllr Stevens stated that he had visited the resident who had sent the email and agreed that this matter will be re-scheduled to 2026 – **It was agreed to add to agenda for January Meeting.**

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16. BT Phone Box, Yeoford – To consider BT offer of adoption by CHPC.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from BT confirming that the public phone at Yeoford had been de-commissioned & the line disconnected without prior consultation/ notice and the box was being offered for adoption.

It was **resolved** that:

The **Clerk** should put a notice on the box to state that the phone is no longer in service.

The **Clerk** should put an article in the Village voice to inform village of phone's disconnection.

Ownership of the land where the box is located should be established.

17. Land adjacent to 32 Westernlea – Clerk to report

The Clerk reported that the resident of 32 Westernlea had contacted the Council regarding trees located on the adjacent public garden required "topping" and could potentially cause damage to her property.

After discussion Councillors agreed that the resident should provide written confirmation from an appropriate professional regarding potential damage arising from the trees.

18. Churchyard Grants – To consider making grants towards the upkeep of the churchyards of St Luke's, Posbury and Holy Trinity Yeoford.
[Cllr Vigers withdrew from the meeting]

Councillors **resolved** to grant £200 to each church for churchyard upkeep. This is the same sum as in 2024.

[Cllr Vigers rejoined the meeting]

19. War Memorial – To consider making grants towards the upkeep of the Crediton and Crediton hamlets War Memorial.

Councillors **resolved** to grant £200 towards the upkeep of the War Memorial. This is £25 more than allowed in Estimated Budget.

20. Mid Devon Mobility – To consider making a grant request received and agree associated actions.

The Clerk reported that Mid Devon Mobility had submitted a request and had provided information that they had supported 4 Crediton Hamlets residents through their transport services each making multiple journeys.

Councillors **resolved** to make a grant of £400. This amount is as per Estimated Budget.

21. Accounts 2025/2026 – to approve the following payments.

Clerk pay (C Long – October & November)	£690.07
Lloyds Bank Charges (10 August to 9 September)	£5.25
Royal British Legion (Wreath)	£25.00
Boniface Centre (Room booking 03.11.25)	£22.00
DALC (new clerk training) – Invoice 6946	£36.00

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

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

Cllr Stevens had nothing further to report other than included in Item 15 above and wished everyone seasons greetings.

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

Councillors **resolved** to approve £53.94 expenditure for Christmas planting at the Station.

Cllr Mortimer reported that deep potholes along stretch of road at between Eastercott Farm and Cobblewalls Lodge at Fordton Cross and Heathcross are dangerous and require urgent attention and asked the **Clerk** to notify DCC Highways.

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Cllr Vigers reported hedges at Metford Bridge need ploughing out and drains cleared due to considerable encroachment onto the road and asked the **Clerk** to notify DDC Highways.

Cllr Cole reported excessive flooding at Uton Village and Salmon Hutch.

Cllr Beasley reported flooding along Higher Road a Barnstable Cross where drain needs to be cleared by the landowner.

24. Correspondence/Clerk's Report

None

25. Next Meeting:

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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