

CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at Boniface Centre, Crediton on 2nd March 2026

Present: Cllr Beasley, Cllr Brimacombe, Cllr Cole, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Parker, Cllr Price, Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Vigers, Cllr Binks (MDDC) and Charlotte Long (Clerk).

1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Cairney (DCC) and Cllr Chenore (MDDC).

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

No declarations received.

3. Public Discussion

Presentation given by Airband regarding proposal for broadband provision in the parish:

Airband’s previous activity 2 years ago had stopped as a result of restructuring of the company.

Airband now has the Government contract to upgrade broadband services in the Crediton area and it is proposed to install fixed line technology (1000Gb) by replacing all copper wiring with fibre.

Work is due to start in July 2026 with completion during January 2027.

It was **resolved** that Airband should undertake a more detailed presentation at the parish council meeting in May at Yeoford Community Hall. **Clerk** to liaise with Airband and publicise event in Village voice.

Presentation given by Road Warden to Hittisleigh parish regarding requirements if CHPC were to undertake pot-hole repairs:

Road Warden volunteer needs to undertake 2 day course at Westpoint by DCC to achieve Chapter 8 qualification (No course fee).

To remain within DCC insurances CHPC has to undertake to comply with all DCC procedures, risk assessments and paperwork.

Costs to Parish Council include Road Warden Pay, Purchase of repair material from DCC, Provision of tow-vehicle, Trailer with ramp, Compactor, Butane torch, Propane gun, Road signs, Spade, Brush, Tamper, Safety clothes & boots.

DCC supply repair material in 1.5 tonne loads and material has to be kept in a storage facility @ +5°C.

Several councillors expressed strong opinions that responsibility for maintenance and repair of roads lies with DCC Highways who should be brought to account for the poor condition of the parish’s roads rather than duplication of costs for pot-hole repairs being undertaken by the parish council.

It was **resolved** that Councillors will review the implications presented and consider their options further.

4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 2nd February 2026 – 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 form MDDC Councillor – for information only.

Cllr Chenore had emailed her report to Parish Councillors ahead of the meeting.

Cllr Binks reported that loan granted to Redlands Primary Care by MDDC is £200,000 for their retirement fund and the new pharmacy located adjacent to the surgery; the loan runs until 2048 and the interest rate has not been disclosed on the grounds that it is commercially sensitive.

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

Not available.

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

Reference: 26/00126/FULL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the amended design and layout to planning permission 18/01830/FULL including the provision of 2 garages and an outbuilding

Location: The Old Farmhouse and The Grain Loft, Crediton.

Applicant: Mr M Salter and Mr P Rowe

It was **resolved** to make no comment on this application.

Signed
Cllr Stevens (Chair)

Date

Reference: 26/00136/FULL
 Proposal: Retrospective application for the amended design and layout of Plot 1, pursuant to planning permission 23/01522/FULL including changes to external appearance (window sizes and positions), alterations to internal layout, revised landscaping arrangements and provision of a roof terrace.
 Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 284262 97655 (Plot 1, the Old Tin Barn), Crediton.
 Applicant: Mr Mike Salter

It was **resolved** to make no comment on this application.

Reference: 26/00132/FULL
 Proposal: Retrospective application for amended design and siting of garage and shed associated with dwelling approved under Planning Permission 22/00295/FULL
 Location: The Threshing Barn, Crediton.
 Applicant: Mr Mike Salter

It was **resolved** to make no comment on this application.

Reference: 26/00250/HOUSE
 Proposal: Erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing extension, enlargement of garage and with first floor above.
 Location: 11B Yeo View, Yeoford. Crediton.
 Applicant: Mrs D Keenor

It was **resolved** to make no comment on this application.

Reference: 26/00253/PIP
 Proposal: Permission in principle for the conversion of an outbuilding to residential dwelling.
 Location: Ladywell, Uton. Crediton
 Site vicinity Grid Ref: 282570 98596
 Applicant: Mr Michael Coltart

It was unanimously **resolved** to object to this application on the grounds that the structure proposed for conversion is located in the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Farmhouse and proposed structure is a garage/open store not an outbuilding and is not suitable for conversion to a dwelling.

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

Reference: 25/01749/FULL
 Proposal: Erection of roof over existing collecting yard
 Location: Land and buildings at NGR 278778 98944 Hill Barton Farm, Yeoford
 Applicant: Mr Paul Brimacombe

Reference: 26/00041/PNHH
 Proposal: Prior Approval for the erection of extension extending to rear, maximum height of 3m and eaves height of 3m, including blocking up of a side elevation window and the extension and alterations to a rear terrace.
 Location: Frankland Farm, Neopardy. Crediton.
 Applicant: Jenny Raynor

9. Planning Enforcement Notice - to note that an enforcement notice has been served on the following as filed:

Reference: 23/00018/RURAL
 Location: Pumping Station, Uton. Crediton

The planning history of this site was reviewed and it was noted that the enforcement takes effect from 19 March unless an appeal is submitted.

It was **resolved** to review progress of the enforcement notice at the next meeting in April.

[Cllr Binks left the meeting]

Signed
 Cllr Stevens (Chair)

Date

10. Community Broadband – presentation by Airband Community Airband to advise on upcoming network deployment planned in the area.

Refer to Item 3 above.

11. Flooding on Hittesleigh Road – to consider of provision of flood warning signs.

Cllr Beasley proposed that as 4 cars had fallen victim to the flooding of the road adjacent to the Chapel flood warning signs should be erected particularly from Hittisleigh direction.

After some discussion a majority of councillors agreed that signs were unnecessary at present.

12. Repair of pot-holes – to consider undertaking of repairing pot-holes by the Council.

Refer to Item 3 above.

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

Clerk pay (C Long – February)	£ 316.92
HMRC (Jan)	£ 66.40
Lloyds Bank Charges (10 December 2025 to 09 January 2026)	£ 7.25
Vision ICT – Invoice 21474	£ 175.76
Microsoft 365 Subscription (Refund to Clerk)	£ 84.99
Devon Squire – Invoice 22384	£ 240.00

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

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

None

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

Cllr Yarnold reported that the drain in Station Road had been inspected by DCC but no further action had been taken.

Cllr Yarnold reported that the bus shelter is in need of timber treatment –Councillors **resolved** that funds should be available for purchase of suitable wood-stain to be applied by volunteers. **Cllr Yarnold** to action.

Cllr Yarnold stated that he had been invited to attend to a function in Reading by GWR.

16. Correspondence/Clerk’s Report – Clerk to report.

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from DCC Highways regarding the request made on 08.01.2026 to extend the primary gritting route to include the school as follows:

“Thank you for your enquiry. Unfortunately this will not be possible, as per the DCC winter maintenance policy”.

Councillors agreed to the Clerk’s request for funding for training in relation to maintenance of the website at a cost of £75 per hour.

- 17. Next Meeting:**
- 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

Signed
Cllr Stevens (Chair)

Date