

## CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at The Community Hall, Yeoford on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Present:** Cllr Beasley, Cllr Brimacombe, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Parker (Chair), Cllr Price, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Yarnold and Charlotte Long (Clerk)  
In attendance: 6 members of the public.

### 1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Cole, Cllr Vigers, Cllr Binks (MDDC) and Cllr Cairney (DCC)

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

No declarations received.

### 3. Public Discussion

**Community Broadband** – Presentation by Airband Community Broadband to advise on upcoming network deployment planned in the area. A representative of Airband gave an illustrated presentation of the proposals for installation of full fibre broadband (speed up to 1000Mbps) within Crediton Hamlets and neighbouring parishes which is contracted to be complete by end of September 2027.

Councillors enquired if there was a programme of works, Airband confirmed that proposals are currently in the planning stage and agreed to forward a plan of works when it is available.

Airband confirmed that members of the public can register interest at [www.airband.co.uk](http://www.airband.co.uk) or email [communityengagement@airband.co.uk](mailto:communityengagement@airband.co.uk) Several members of the public had specific individual questions regarding wayleaves, virtual providers etc especially given previous experiences with Airband in 2023/4.

It was agreed that Airband would answer these outside the meeting with the individuals involved.

[6 members of the public left the meeting]

### 4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> April 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.

Not available.

### 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: 26/00464/HOUSE  
Proposal: Retention of Garden Shed in Front Garden  
Location: 16 The Oaks, Yeoford, Crediton  
Applicant: Mrs C Masson

It was noted that 1N<sup>o</sup> neighbour support and 1N<sup>o</sup> neighbour objection had been submitted on MDCC planning portal.

It was **resolved** to support this application

Reference: 26/00523/TPO  
Proposal: Application to reduce crown of 1 muntli-stemmed Willow by approx. 7-8m and to lift the crown by approx. 3-4m, protected by Tree Preservation Order 21/00002/TPO.  
Location: 13 The Oaks, Yeoford, Crediton  
Applicant: Mr Adam Williams

It was noted that no comments or objections had been submitted on MDCC planning portal.

It was **resolved** to support this application

Signed .....  
Chair

Date .....

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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: 25/00356/FULL  
Proposal: Demolition of former accommodation block known as “Nazareth” and erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage.  
Location: Land at NGR 281381 97496 Former Posbury St Francis Posbury Devon.  
Applicant: Mr Charles Burnet-Hitchcock

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

**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

There was nothing further to report on progress of the processing of this notice – Councillors asked the **Clerk** to contact planning offer for a report on progress.

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

**10. Repair of pot-holes by Road Warden** – to consider undertaking of repairing pot-holes by the Council following information received from Hittisleigh Road Warden at March and April Meetings.

Councillors reported that since the last meeting DCC Highways had undertaken remedial drainage work at Venny Tedburn and marked pot-holed area in centre of Yeoford village for repair.

The Clerk reported that advice had been received from DALC regarding DCC “Road Warden” scheme (email forwarded to Councillors ahead of the meeting).

It was noted that the scheme requires:

1. A Certified Warden and all volunteers must have undergone training by DCC.
2. The scheme is intended for minor road repairs only and any pot-hole meeting DCC stated criteria are excluded and should be repaired by DCC Highways.
3. All proposed repairs must be pre-approved by DCC Highways with agreed specification of materials, method statement and risk assessment.
4. Any unapproved repairs or work undertaken by the CHPC would not be covered DCC insurance.

It was **resolved** not to go ahead with a Road Warden appointment and the **Clerk** should notify Hittisleigh Road Warden accordingly.

**11. Petitions** – to consider draft Petition Policy (Draft document forwarded to Councillors ahead of meeting)

Councillors **agreed** that the policy should be adopted.

**Clerk** to put on website.

**12. Closure of Outreach Post Office services at Yeoford** – to recognise email received regarding the cessation of service at end of May.

It was noted that a notice had been placed at the Community Hall only – Councillors asked the **Clerk** to include information in report to Village Voice.

**13. Transfer of Mid Devon Assets** – to review implications of transfer of assets resulting from proposed Local Government reorganisation (email forwarded to Councillors ahead of meeting).

Councillors **resolved** that there are no assets that should be transferred to CHPC.

Signed .....  
Chair

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**14. Public Open Space funding** – to consider advice received from DALC (email forwarded to councillors ahead of meeting)

Advice for DALC was noted and it was resolved that more investigation is required to clarify application of S106 funding – **Clerk** to follow up.

**15. Accounts 2026/2027** – to approve the following payments:

Clerk pay (C Long – April)	£ 307.32
HMRC (April)	£ 76.00
Lloyds Bank Charges (10 February to 09 March)	£ 7.25
R J Rich – Invoices 25-027 and 26-028 (Grass cutting at cemetery)	£ 75.00
Vision ICT – Invoice 21750	£ 90.00
DALC – Invoice 7322 (Affiliation and Service Charge)	£ 543.43
Boniface Centre – Invoice 6303	£ 22.00
Red Robin – Invoice RRG2002 (Bug Hotel – Refund to Cllr Yarnold)	£ 994.99
Post Office – (Refund to Clerk)	£ 7.28

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

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

None

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

Councillors reported that some were still encountering problems with VisionICT's new web-page – **Councillors** should contact VisionICT direct and **Clerk** to confirm new passwords where required.

Cllrs Beasley and Yarnold reported that trees on Station Road have low over-hanging branches that require cutting back.

**Cllr Yarnold** to forward photographs for **Clerk** to include in email to DCC Highways.

It was noted that no interest had been received regarding purchase of the phone-box in Yeoford village – Councillors asked **Clerk** to contact BT Openreach to request its removal of the box.

Councillors asked the **Clerk** to obtain costing for new notice boards at Hookway and Woodland Head – they should be durable eg, aluminium on an galvanised/aluminium stand.

**Cllr Price** to check Notice-board at Woodland Head to assess if repair is practical.

Councillors expressed concern that the condition of the bridge at Neopardy is dangerous and potential for a serious accident.

It was noted that CHPC had brought this to DCC Highways attention several times previously over a considerable number of years but no action had been taken.

**Clerk** to email DCC Highways and Cllr Cairney.

**18. Correspondence/Clerk's Report** – Clerk to report.

None

**19. Next Meeting:**

- 1st June (Boniface Centre)
- 6<sup>th</sup> July (Yeoford Community Hall)
- 7<sup>th</sup> September (Boniface Centre)
- 5<sup>th</sup> October (Yeoford Community Hall)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Boniface Centre)
- 7<sup>th</sup> December (Yeoford Community Hall)

All meetings commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated

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Chair

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