

CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at The Community Hall, Yeoford on 6th July 2026

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

Members of the public in attendance: None

1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Parker (Chairman)

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

No declarations received

3. Public Discussion

None

4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 1st June 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 from MDDC Councillors – For information only

Not available

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

Cllr Cairney introduced the councillors to charity “AbilityNet” who provide free digital skills training for older and disabled adults. Councillors agreed that contact details should be advertised in Yeoford Village Voice and the charity representative should be invited to present to the council at the September meeting. **Clerk** to organise.

Cllr Cairney advised that works to A377 in Crediton could be extended due to difficulties arising from tarmac-laying in extreme hot weather however contractors are making all efforts to complete the roundabout works as soon as possible.

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

None

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

None

9. Mid Devon District Council Planning Enforcement Notice - To update Appeal under Section 174.

Reference: 23/00018/RURAL
Location: Pumping Station, Uton. Crediton
Appeal Start date: 5th May 2026
Appellant: Mr K J Mears

It was noted that the appeal is on-going.

10. Housing and Economic Land Assessment 2026 – To review sites within the parish that have been identified (Email forwarded to Councillors on 08.06.26)

It was noted that this document is the first consultation identifying initial proposed development sites in Yeoford under Appendix 3B and is part of the new Local Plan process over a 30 month period commencing March 2026.

Councillors agreed to consider the sites identified in CHPC with regard to consultation deadlines.

Clerk to research consultation timetable.

Signed
Chair

Date

11. Roadworks associated with A377 in Crediton – To update on follow-up after previous meeting.

Clerk confirmed that following the last meeting a Freedom of Information Request had been issued to DCC with particular regard to proposed traffic re-directions through Hookway and a meeting had been held on site with DCC Highways and Crediton Town Council Clerk resulting in issues raised in FOI request being resolved.

12. Road Warden Scheme – To update and reconsider previous resolution.

This has been raised again by Cllr Cairney as he informed the meeting that he will be seeking Certificate 8 qualification in order to recruit a team of volunteers together with Hittesleigh Road Warden using their equipment to repair minor potholes in CH parish which will require CHPC to join the Road Warden Scheme in order that repair materials can be obtained from DCC.

Following extensive discussion it was resolved that **Clerk** should obtain details of Hittesleigh Road Warden costs & public liability insurance and implications of the scheme as regards CHPC insurances.

Councillors asked **Cllr Cairney** to seek information regarding possible third-party liability insurance from DCC to cover local volunteers who undertake clearing of flooding in emergencies.

13. Planned Local Road Closures – To review notification of road closures received (Emails forwarded to Councillors ahead of meeting)

Clerk reported that notifications are being received from third party contractors due to install broadband infrastructure that appear to overlap with DCC Highways road closure notifications resulting in the broadband installations being delayed – **Cllr Cairney** to report.

14. Defibrillator at Venny Tedburn – To confirm defibrillator has been checked and emergency-ready for report to The Circuit.

Cllr Vigers confirmed that defibrillator is emergency-ready. **Clerk** to update The Circuit.

15. New Printer – To confirm replacement of current printer (quotes emailed to Councillors ahead of meeting)

Councillors confirmed their agreement issued prior to the meeting to replace the council printer in accordance with clerk email dated 25.06.2026.

16. Noticeboards – To consider proposed new noticeboards.

Clerk reported that advice had been received from DALC that there is no stipulation regarding number of noticeboards required other than notices must be displayed in a prominent position which can include the website.

Cllr Price confirmed that noticeboard at Woodlandhead had been repaired.

It was resolved that noticeboards at Westernlea and Hookway should be removed (noticeboard at Hookway can be possibly be stored for possible future replacement of that at Woodlandhead) – **Cllrs Mortimer and Parker** to action.

17. Social Media – To consider whether the Council should open a facebook page.

It was agreed that this could be beneficial as notifications relevant to the community submitted on Yeoford Hub would be quicker than relying on the monthly editions of Village Voice.

Clerk to investigate.

18. Accounts 2026/2027 – to approve the following payments

Clerk pay (C Long – June)	£ 384.75
HMRC (June)	£ 94.40
Lloyds Bank Charges (10 April – 09 May)	£ 7.75
Cemetery Gate Sign (Refund to Clerk)	£ 52.87
ICO Annual fee	£ 52.00
Yeoford Comm Assoc (Invoice 29.05.26)	£ 42.00
Boniface Centre (Invoice 6334)	£ 22.00
AVG Secure VPN (Refund to Clerk)	£ 32.28
Post Office – Stamps (Refund to Clerk)	£ 9.79
Community First - Insurance renewal 2026-2027	£ 253.22
Cartridge People – Replacement printer (Refund to Clerk)	£ 179.67

Signed
Chair

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

Cllr Price stated that he was still experiencing difficulties accessing the new webmail system – **Clerk** to seek advice from Vision ICT.

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

Cllr Stevens noted that Dragon WiFi had not responded to invitation to present mobile extensions to the council and asked **Clerk** to pursue further.

Cllr Yarnold reported that the new Bug Hotel had been installed at the station together with associated planting and an open meeting is scheduled with North Devon Tarka Line on 8 July at the station.

Cllr Brimacombe asked that specification of works being undertaken to repair Neopardy Bridge be obtained – **Clerk** to contact DCC Highways.

Cllrs Mortimer and Vigers reported that stone coping to bridge located on the road from Crediton to Tedburn St Mary approximately half way between Fordton Cross and Culvery Cross had been dislodged and required repair – **Clerk** to report to DCC Highways.

21. Correspondence/Clerk's Report - Clerk to report.

Clerk reported that confirmation of Land Registry for the cemetery had been received.

Clerk reported that public phone-box in Yeoford had been repainted and that the telephone is temporarily out of order as the line is being upgraded to a digital line with a 6 digit number.

Clerk presented new sign for cemetery gate to council for installation – **Cllr Price** to action.

Clerk asked **Cllr Cole** to confirm dates of 2027 council meetings required to be held at The Boniface Centre, Crediton.

22. Next Meetings:

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
Chair

Date