

## CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at The Boniface Centre, Crediton on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Present:** Cllr Price (Vice Chair), Cllr Beasley, Cllr Cole, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Vigers, Cllr Cairney (DCC), Cllr Binks (MDDC) and Charlotte Long (Clerk).  
Members of the public in attendance: 1

### 1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Parker (Chairman), Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Brimacombe and Cllr Mortimer.

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

No declarations received

### 3. Public Discussion

Presentation was given by representative from AbilityNet, a UK based charity offering free IT training to the disabled and aged 55+. (Refer to Item 10)

[Member of public left the meeting]

### 4. Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> July 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

Cllrs Binks stated that he and Cllr Chenore propose to split attendance of parish council meetings between them with Cllr Binks attending CHPC meetings.

Cllr Binks informed that meeting that the Hittesleigh Road is due to be up-graded as it is a school bus route.

Cllr Binks reported that issues with a slotted drain at Woodlandhead had been reported by a member of the public which is being dealt with – it was noted that responsibility for the drain has not been identified as belonging to Highways or the land-owner as its outfall has not been located.

Cllr Binks notified the meeting of National Government's announcement to put Local Government Re-organisation on hold.

Councillors were reminded of the "Autumn Newsletter" that had been circulated by Cllr Chenore including information on proposed Community Emergency Hubs.

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

Cllr Cairney informed the meeting that cycle-way and walk-way lanes are proposed to be installed on A377 between Tesco, Crediton and Newton St Cyres which will require manually controlled traffic signals.

Cllr Cairney stated that he intended to consult DCC Highways to achieve extended gritting route through Yeoford beyond the station bridge.

#### **Clerk to forward another copy of proposed route plan sent in 2025.**

Cllr Cairney reported that he had been working with Crediton Town Council to resolve parking issues along Westernlea to extend double yellow lines up and also at the top of the hill and that the possibility of a priority chicane/roundabout was being considered.

Cllr Cairney reported that long-awaited repairs to Gunstone Road were underway and nearing completion.

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

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Reference: | 26/00962/HOUSE                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Proposal:  | Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and corridor, including the formation of a balcony area over part of the extension roof. |
| Location:  | 20 Yeoford Meadows, Yeoford, Crediton                                                                                                                                           |
| Applicant: | Mrs Clare Bedford                                                                                                                                                               |

Following discussion regarding possible confusion with the content of the application drawings Councillors **resolved to submit Neutral Comments.**

Signed .....  
Chair

Date .....

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Reference: 26/1048/FULL  
 Proposal: Retention of amended design and layout to Plots 2 and 3 relating to planning permission 23/01522/FULL (Erection of 4 dwellings and associated infrastructure) including changes to positioning within the plot, external appearance (window sizes and positions), materials and alterations to internal layouts.  
 Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 284223 97546 Westacott Barton, Crediton.  
 Applicant: Mssrs Salter & Rowe, Westacott Developments

Councillors had **no comments** to make.

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

Reference: 25/00921/FULL  
 Proposal: Application for renewal of planning permission 21/00782/FULL to allow continued siting of a rural workers dwelling (caravan) on a permanent basis.  
 Location: South West Game Birds, Crediton  
 Applicant: Mrs Helen Polhill

Reference: 26/00505/DCC  
 Proposal: Extension to Waste Transfer Station Building  
 Location: Punchbowl Transfer Station, Road from Raddon Down Cross, Crediton EX17 5BP  
 Applicant: Ms Eleanor Crick, SUEZ recycling and Recovery UK Ltd.

**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: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 Appellant: Mr K J Mears

The Clerk reported that the final comments dated 19 June 2026 are that the Inspector was requested to dismiss the appeal and uphold the enforcement notice in its entirety.

**10. Presentation by AbilityNet** – Regarding provision of free digital skills training available for older and disabled adults.

Presentation was given by representative from AbilityNet, a UK based charity offering free IT training to the disabled and aged 55+. Training is available in groups or on a 1 to 1 basis and is given in relation to any internet connected device including televisions, doorbells etc. Under certain circumstance the charity can gift devices / free sim cards for 12 months.

AbilityNet can help with assistance in relation to switch-over from analogue telephone services to digital services eg, emergency buttons etc however it was noted that individual providers are responsible for notifying their customers of switch-over.

AbilityNet can be contacted on:

Call: 0300 180 0028

Email: [digitalskills@abilitynet.org.uk](mailto:digitalskills@abilitynet.org.uk)

www: [abilitynet.org.uk/BTDigitalSkills](http://abilitynet.org.uk/BTDigitalSkills)

**11. Yeoford Station** – Update from Cllr Cairney regarding proposed modernisation works.

Cllr Cairney informed the meeting that there are long-term proposals to open the second platform at Yeoford station to facilitate routes between North Devon and Cornwall however these are at a very early stage at present.

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

The Clerk updated the meeting with:

Response from the Council's insurers (previously emailed to councillors) which requires full risk assessment and Health & Safety compliance to maintain current cover.

DCC Highways had been contacted regarding third-party liability cover in relation to road wardens and volunteers as well as assurance that risk assessment & health and safety compliance is included in relevant training but no response has been received.

P Hancock (possible contractor) had been contacted requesting his hourly & day rates together with copy of his public liability insurance – although a response has been received (previously forwarded to Councillors) it did not include answers to these queries. It was noted that Cllr Parker (Chair) would be happy to meet P Hancock to resolve these matters.

Signed .....  
 Chair

Date .....

**13. Defibrillator at Woodlandhead** – To confirm defibrillator has been checked and emergency-ready for report to The Circuit.

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

**14. Planned Local Road Closures** – To review notification of road closures received

Clerk reported that numerous notifications are being received, some out of date on receipt – it was agreed that where practical the **Clerk** should advertise closures in Village Voice.

**15. Parking on Westonlea** – To review comments received by Cllr Vigers.

Cllr Vigers reported that comments had been received by a member of the public regarding parking on Westonlea that is obstructive and dangerous.

Comments stated under Item 6 were noted.

[Cllr Cairney left the meeting]

**16. Unity Trust Bank** – To agree account arrangements prior to application for switchover (Refer to email forwarded to Councillors on 19.08.2026).

Councillors confirmed that they were happy with the Unity Trust's Terms and Conditions and resolved that the bank account should be switched from Lloyds to Unity Trust bank.

3N° new account signatories were agreed.

It was agreed that the account will be managed on desk-top or lap-top devices only ie, mobile banking should not be used.

It was agreed that ideally the switch-over should occur in November as there are minimum transactions in this month.

It was resolved that the **Clerk** should instigate application to switch over accounts.

The Clerk informed the Council that there are 2 unbanked cheques that are now out-of-date – it was agreed that re-issue of both payments should be deferred until after switch-over is completed.

**17. Station Planting** – Update on possible funding from GWR.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Yarnold has obtained additional funding from GWR which is being processed but not yet received.

**18. Local Government Re-organisation** – To review any comments to various emails forwarded to Councillors.

As a result of National Government putting LGR on hold this item was no longer relevant to the meeting.

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

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| Clerk pay (July + August)                           | £ 613.84 |
| HMRC (July + August)                                | £ 152.80 |
| Lloyds Bank Charges (10 May – 09 June)              | £ 8.75   |
| Lloyds Bank Charges (10 June – 09 July)             | £ 9.25   |
| Vision ICT – Invoice 22372                          | £ 240.00 |
| Post Office – Stamps & Stationery (Refund to Clerk) | £ 16.19  |

It was **resolved** to approve the above payments.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Stevens observed that the remedial works to Neopardy Bridge obstruct passage for farm equipment meaning that lengthy and inconvenient detours are required and also that the signage seems overly intrusive.

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Chair

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Cllr 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 further dislodged and the masonry wall is now exposed to the weather – **Clerk** to report to DCC Highways.

Cllr Vigers reported that there had been a significant hedge fire in Venny Tedburn and access to hydrants had been obscured by recent road re-surfacing works. It was noted that location identification of hydrants should be checked after road re-surfacing.

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

Clerk asked **Cllr Cole** to confirm dates of 2027 council meetings required to be held at The Boniface Centre, Crediton otherwise venue of all 2027 meetings will be booked for Yeoford Community Hall.

**22. Next Meetings:**           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).

Signed .....  
           Chair

Date .....