CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Crediton Hamlets Parish Council Meeting held at Yeoford Community Hall on 5th October 2026

Present: Cllr Parker (Chair), Cllr Price (Vice Chair), Cllr Beasley, Cllr Brimacombe, Cllr Mortimer, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Vigers, Cllr Yarnold, Cllr Cairney (DCC), Cllr Binks (MDDC) and Charlotte Long (Clerk).
Members of the public in attendance: 0

1. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cole.

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 7th September 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

Cllr Binks drew the Council's attention to:
The "Local Green Spaces" initiative where parish councils can nominate local green spaces as part of the Mid Devon Plan.
Creative Communities Grants available through application to MDDC to support individual and partnership projects relating to tourism, arts, culture and heritage initiatives.

Cllr Binks confirmed that local elections will take place in May 2027.

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

Cllr Cairney reported that a considerable amount of road repairs had been undertaken in the parish as a result of increased funding received by DCC.

Cllr Cairney reported that he is in consultation with highways regarding signage in the location of the recent accident at Moorlake.

Cllr Cairney stated that DCC had prepared a report regarding the significant funds wasted as a result of cancellation/postponement of the Local Government Re-organisation.

Cllr Cairney reported that as a result of increased passengers using the railway the Rail network are proposing to increase the number of carriages on the line running through Yeoford and investigating the opening of the second platform at Yeoford to accommodate trains running to Exeter/Barnstaple/Okehampton.

[Cllr Cairney left the meeting]

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

Reference:	26/01155/LBC
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent for restoration works following fire damage
Location:	Hollacombe Farm, Hollacombe, Crediton
Applicant:	Mr and Mrs Cooper

Councillors had **no comment** to make.

Signed ..... Date .....
Chair

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Reference: 26/01250/MFUL
Proposal: Variation of Condition 8 of planning permission 25/00755/MFUL [Variation of condition (2) of planning permission 18/01800/MFUL (Construction of an on-farm anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure)] to increase the annual feedstock limit from 32,500 tonnes to 48,500 tonnes and remove the restrictions relating to individual feedstock types, tonnages and source sites.
Location: Land at NGR 285024 100245 (East of Lords Meadow Industrial Estate)
Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 284899/100079
Parish: Crediton Hamlets 19
Applicant: Mr G Kerslake, Lords Meadow Energy Ltd.

Councillors **unanimously agreed to object** to this application on the grounds of adverse effect of increased traffic and air pollution as a result proposed approx. 49% increase of feedstock, reduction of restrictions on feedstock and the consequential detrimental effect on local livestock feed prices.

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

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

Reference: 26/00649/FULL
Proposal: Erection of dwelling and associated works
Location: 11B Yeo View, Yeoford, Crediton
Applicant: Ms D Keenor

9. Gritting Route – To receive an update

It was noted that Highways had responded to the request to extend the gritting route through Yeoford as follows:
"The request to extend the gritting route at this location has been logged and reviewed prior to winter service treatment for 26/27 and we will extend the route through the village to Woodlandhead Cross".

10. Culvery Bridge – to receive an update as per DCC Highways email dated 21.09.2026.

Response from DCC Highways dated 21.09.2026 was noted by Councillors and it was **agreed** that **Cllr Vigers** would continue to monitor the bridge and that the **Clerk** should report back to DCC Highways accordingly also requesting the possibility of temporary protection being provided to protect the wall-head from deterioration until permanent repair can be made.

11. Yeoford Cemetery – to receive an update. Clerk to report

The Clerk reported that the auditor had requested a register of graves in the cemetery and this has now been carried out.

The Clerk reported that the access off the road had eroded and is hazardous to pedestrians, also that the handrail protrudes into the highway at a height the could cause injury.
It was **resolved** that the **Clerk** should establish the party responsible for maintenance of the road access.

12. Replacement Paediatric Pads for Duck Defibrillator – To approve expenditure.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator located at the Duck requires replacement paediatric pads at a cost of approximately £120.00.

Councillors **agreed** to this expenditure.

13. Outstanding Register of Interest updates – Councillors to submit updated forms.

Completed forms have been received from all councillors except from **Cllr Mortimer**.

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14. Changeover to Unity Trust Bank – To receive and update.

The Clerk reported that application to transfer account to Unity Trust Bank had been commenced and Switch Agreement conditions had been forwarded to members of the Finance Committee.
Councillors **agreed approval** of the Switch Agreement conditions.

It was **resolved** that the **Clerk** should complete the transfer application.

[Cllr Brimacombe left the meeting]

15. 2027 – 2028 Budget – to consider and approve proposed budget estimate – previously forwarded to Finance Committee

Copies of the Proposed 2027-2028 Budget Estimate dated 05.10.2026 indicating a 3% increase to the precept was distributed to the meeting which Councillors **unanimously agreed to approve**.

2027-2028 precept of £10,895 was **proposed by Cllr Vigers** and **seconded by Cllr Price** and **unanimously agreed** by councillors.

16. Accounts 2025/2026 – To:
Note the financial report and Bank reconciliation.
Approve following payments:

Clerk Pay (September)	£ 401.65
Clerk Back-pay (to 1st April 2026)	£ 79.84
HMRC (September)	£ 119.60
Lloyds Bank Charges (107-09.08.26)	£ 6.75
Boniface Centre – Invoice 6383	£ 24.00
Community Network Rail – Invoice 5014	£ 30.00
Station Planting (Refund to Cllr Yarnold)	£ 53.98

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

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

Cllr Parker noted that some recent road closures had been subject to late / lack of advance notifications together with poor signage.

It was agreed that **Councillors** will forward specific examples to the **Clerk** to enable notification to DCC Highways and when practical notices should be posted on the council website.

[Cllr Price left the meeting]

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

Cllr Stephens reported that several signposts required repair of "finger" signs and agreed to forward locations to the **Clerk** for notification to DCC Highways.

Cllr Yarnold reported that abuse of the cemetery car-park had occurred by the dumping of a vehicle – it was **resolved** that **Cllr Yarnold** would affix a notice to the car.

Cllr Beasley reported that the signpost at Northdown Cross required replacement "finger"signs - **Clerk** to notify DCC Highways.

Cllr Beasley reported that grit-bins at Neopardy Hill and Larkhill required filling – **Clerk** to notify DCC Highways.

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Cllr Mortimer reported that the chain of office will be handed over to Cllr Parker ahead of Remembrance Day ceremony at Crediton.

Cllr Mortimer agreed to obtain wreath for Remembrance Day ceremony at Crediton.

Clerk to obtain details of Remembrance Day ceremony at Crediton.

19. Correspondence/Clerk's Report

20. Next Meetings:

2nd November (Boniface Centre)
7th December (Yeoford Community Hall)
2027
4th January (Yeoford Community Hall)
1st February (Yeoford Community Hall)
1st March (Yeoford Community Hall)
5th April (Yeoford Community Hall)
4th May (Yeoford Community Hall)
7th June (Boniface Centre)
5th July (Yeoford Community Hall)
6th September (Boniface Centre)
4th October (Yeoford Community Hall)
1st November (Yeoford Community Hall)
6th December (Yeoford Community Hall)
(All meetings commence at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated).

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