

CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of this council which took place on 21.01.2025

At the Committee Room, Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Hall

Clerk: Denise Kingdon. 6 Wordlandcross, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon. EX17 4JR

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Public Participation: None

Formal Business:

1. Present.

Cllr Dibley (Chair), Cllr Frost, Cllr Edwards, Cllr H Kingdon, Cllr Metcalf, Cllr Cooke, DCllr Colthorpe, CCllr Squires.

2. Apologies. Cllr Yeandle.

3. Minutes.

It was agreed the Minutes for the December meeting were approved, proposed Cllr Kingdon, second Cllr Edwards all agreed.

4. Declarations of Interest. None

5.1 Actions from December meeting.

5.1.1 Cheriton News – Email from Emma and Matthew - withdrawing request for funding to the parish council for the new parish magazine.

6. District Councillor/County Councillor Report

6.1 District Report – Mid Devon held an extraordinary meeting regarding local government reorganisation, the idea is to do away with district councils, central government is going to insist that people become unitary, combined county authorities, mid devon has been working with the county and all other districts for 6 years, towards more devolved powers from Westminster without the mayor.

Recommendations the leaders report put forward: -

1. Write to minister in partnership with the other council leaders to reaffirm our opposition to a single devon wide unitary authority and the postponing of the county council elections.
2. We fully endorse the joint statement issued by devons district council emphasising our position to a single unitary authority, the importance of a consultation of which there is none or any time for it in the timetable and evidence-based reform making clear stance against delaying the scheduled election.
3. To continue to work collaboratively with councils across devon including Torbay to explore options for simplification as outlined in the English devolution white paper with a focus on improving collaboration, efficiency and shared services rather than pursuing disruptive structural reforms.
4. To commission legal advice and independent evidence-based analysis to underpin any future proposals ensuring they are creditable, transparent and robust, to ensure the ministerial deadlines are met with well-prepared facts driven and securitised submissions.
5. To commit to comprehensive public consultation in advance of any business case submission and to lobby government on the importance of a devon wide referendum to ensure that any revised local government structure meet the principals of devolved powers to the local communities rather than being imposed by Whitehall.
6. Any proposal for renewal authorities should advocate to a change to proportional representation.

6.2 County Councillor Report – The government has taken away the Rural Services grant of 10 million and put it in to urban areas where there is deprivation.

7. Governance

7.1 To approve Working Group Terms of Reference.

- 7.1.1 CFPC Working Groups GToR V1.
- 7.1.2 Allotments Working Group Terms of Reference.
- 7.1.3 Playing Fields Working Group Terms of Reference.
- 7.1.4 Communications Working Group Terms of Reference.
- 7.1.5 Roads and Footpaths Working Group Terms of Reference.
- 7.1.6 Burial Grounds Working Group Terms of Reference.

Working Group Terms of Reference 7.1.1 to 7.1.6 were approved – Proposed Cllr Metcalf, seconded Cllr Cooke, all agreed.

7.2 Risk Register – Cllr Dibley wants to make the risk register a bit more formal, the risk register will include an issues log, action log and a decision log.

7.3 Notice of Vacancies – The notice of vacancies for councillors will be published after the meeting.

8. Lagg Hill Allotment - Final inspection report – Cllr Edwards reported that everything was in order and there were no outstanding issues.

9. Playing Fields

9.1 Working party to do edging works – Cllr Dibley asked if a working party could be put together to carry out works that need completing from the RoSPA report.

10. Communications Working group

10.1 A report was given by Cllr Edwards.

11. Finance.

11.1 Presentation of current bank statement.

11.2 Accounts to settle.

11.2.1 CFPD - £23.00.

11.2.2 Mike Smith – £825.00

11.2.3 Ross Hext - £90.00

11.2.4 D Kingdon (Monthly Pay - £609.96, Office Charge £10.00.) – (£619.96, less £11.60 PAYE) - £608.36.

It was agreed that 11.2.1 – 11.2.4 to be paid by bacs and verified by 2 councillors – Proposed Cllr Frost, Seconded Cllr Cooke – All agreed

11.3 To Approve Mid Devon Mobility – Grant - £250.00 - Approved

11.4 Internal Audit Contract – It was agreed to sign the contract for the internal auditor.

12. Planning

12.1 New applications:

12.1.1 Ref: 24/01776/FULL

Proposal: Removal of Condition 5 of Planning Permission 99/02936/FULL - Renovation and extension of store to house vintage tractors (amendment to planning permission number 4/12/98/1801 to include a further enlargement of the building and elevational changes) - as the building has never been used for Class B1 B2 or B8 use

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 288202 108247 (Pond Banks) Cheriton Fitzpaine

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 288202 / 108247

12.2 Determined applications:

12.2.1 24/01339/FULL

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural storage building Location: Land at NGR 287540 107763 Court Place Farm Cheriton Fitzpaine

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287439/107810

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12.2.2 Ref No: 24/01558/HOUSE

Proposal: Erection of plant room and garage extensions Location: Grattons Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286611/105455

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY GRANTS FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT - Noted

12.2.3 Ref No 24/01482/FULL

Proposal: Erection of two holiday lets Location: Perry Farm Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton Devon Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286744/105448 MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY GRANTS FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT - Noted

13. Correspondence.

13.1 Change of use for Methodist Chapel – The shop committee would like help with obtaining a change of Use for Cheriton Fitzpaine Methodist Chapel - DCllr Colthorpe is going to ask the question about the classification for the planning application which the village shop committee (via the parish council) is hoping to make for the whole of the chapel premises.

13.2 Millenium Garden – It has been proposed to put a small garden around the millennium stone

13.3 Fingerpost at White Cross – The fingerpost at White Cross has fallen over, councillors to upright.

Matters of immediate concern or for inclusion in the February agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Date of the next Meeting.
18.02.2025.