

CHERITON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of this council which took place on 20.05.2025

Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Hall

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

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Public Participation: Sarah Steele, Jamie Acton, Lesley Harlow

Formal Business:

1. **Election of Chair** - Martin Dibley has been elected as Chair – Nominated by Hollie Kingdon, Seconded by John Cooke, all agreed
2. **Election of Vice Chair** – Hollie Kingdon has been elected as Vice Chair - Nominated by Dave Frost, Seconded by Martin Dibley, all agreed
3. **Present** - Cllr Dibley (Chair), Cllr Edwards, Cllr Cooke, Cllr H Kingdon, Cllr Yeandle, Cllr Frost, DCllr Colthorpe, CCllr Keeble.
4. **Apologies** – None
5. **Co Option of Councillors** –
 - 5.1 **Sarah Steele elected** - Nominated by Morley Yeandle, seconded by Martin Dibley, all agreed.
 - 5.2 **Jamie Acton elected** - Nominated by Hollie Kingdon, seconded by Morley Yeandle, all agreed.
6. **Minutes** - It was agreed to approve the Minutes for the April meeting.
7. **Declaration of Interest** – None.
8. **District Councillor/County Councillor Report.**
 - 8.1 District Councillor Report – DCllr Colthorpe gave an update on the MDDC Local Plan.
 - 8.2 County Councillor Report – See report attached.
9. **Finance**
 - 9.1 The Current Account at Lloyds bank statement dated 12.04.2025 was presented showing a credit of £32,251.34.
 - 9.2 Accounts to settle.
 - 9.2.1 CFPH – Hall Hire April - £23.00.
 - 9.2.2 D Kingdon – (Monthly pay - £609.96 + Office Charge £10.00) - (£619.96, less £121.80) – £498.16.
 - 9.2.3 Penny Clapham – Internal Audit
 - 9.2.4 Mike Smith - £640.00

It was agreed that 9.2.1 – 9.2.5 to be paid by bacs and verified by 2 councillors – Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Cooke – All agreed.

 - 9.3 Football/Rugby Posts - Jacks Acre – The Parish Council has received a donation to upgrade the football posts in Jacks Acre, Cllr Yeandle kindly offered to coordinate.
10. **Annual Governance and Accounting Return 2024/25**
 - 10.1 The Certificate of Exemption has been approved
 - 10.2 The Annual Internal Audit Report has been approved.
 - 10.3 The Annual Governance Statement has been approved.
 - 10.4 The Accounting Statements has been approved.
 - 10.5 The Bank Reconciliation has been approved.
 - 10.6 The Explanation of Variances has been approved
 - 10.6 The Exercise of Public Rights Dates has been approved.

11 Governance

11.1 The Parish Council email addresses – The Parish Council agreed to contact Paul Mapp and go ahead with a .org domain for email address.

11.2 Membership of the Governance Working Group – Cllr Dibley, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Steele and the Clerk

11.3 Membership of the Finance & Risk Working Group – Cllr Cooke, Cllr Steele and the Clerk

11.4 Membership of the Allotments Working Group – Cllr Dibley, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Kingdon

11.5 Membership of the Playing Fields Working Group – Cllr Acton, Cllr Kingdon

11.6 Membership of the Communications Working Group – Cllr Edwards, Cllr Dibley and the Clerk

11.7 Membership of the Roads and Footpaths Working Group – Cllr Edwards, Cllr Yeandle

11.8 Membership of the Burial Grounds Working Group – Cllr Frost, Cllr Kingdon

12 Planning

12.1 New Applications

12.1.1 Ref No: 25/00576/LBC

Listed Building Consent for replacement of timber lintel to fireplace with concrete lintel due to fire damage.

Location: Buddle Cottage Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton.

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 287091 / 106155 - Supported

12.1.2 Ref No: 25/00474/HOUSE

Proposal: Replacement of asbestos garage roofs with drip-stop rib roofing and replacement of shed with garden room

Location: Chilton Fold Chilton Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286386 / 104140 – No Objections

12.1.3 Ref No: 25/00474/HOUSE

Proposal: Replacement of asbestos garage roofs with drip-stop rib roofing and replacement of shed with garden room

Location: Chilton Fold Chilton Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286386 / 104140 – No Objections

12.2 Determined Applications

12.2.1 Ref No: 25/00359/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent to repoint external stonework; re-render external elevations to the main house and east wing; reinstate window in west wall of main house and replace rainwater goods including installation of soakaway

Location: Poole Barton Barton Close Cheriton Fitzpaine Crediton

Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 286720/106126

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL HEREBY GRANTS LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT - Noted

12.2.2 Ref No: 25/00274/PNCOU

Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1 dwelling under Class Q

Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 288094 108224 Court Place Farm Cheriton Fitzpaine Devon Site

Vicinity Grid Ref: 288145/108230

MID DEVON HEREBY APPROVES THE PRIOR APPROVAL FOR THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT - Noted

12.3 Planning Information.

12.3.1 25/00375/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the installation of 16 solar panels on linhay roof

Location: Farm Buildings West Forde Farm Cheriton Fitzpaine

I write to inform you that the above application has now been withdrawn - Noted

13 Chairs Report

Thank you all for your efforts over the past year. In giving up your time and expertise to support the community.

Thank you in particular to our clerk in keeping us on track and in line with the statutory roles and tasks.

The year has included some key changes, the movement of the allotments should not be overlooked, and I am pleased that the new allotment group have the autonomy to manage the site to meet their needs. We are still able to support the wider needs of the parish in maintaining allotments with disabled access at White Cross.

We have continued to make improvements to the open spaces with a new basketball hoop and gate at Jacks acre along with a number of new benches. This has been along with some key maintenance and benches in the under 11s. The formulation of development plans for these spaces in the coming year is also well underway and I hope to see these spaces grow and evolve.

The working groups are delivering value in addressing the key areas and autonomously tackling issues and reporting back, hopefully a real efficiency in our operations that we can build upon. For example our efforts in reporting road defects will, I trust, in time result in action before a more serious incident or accident than we have seen to date

I also hope we can continue to develop our outreach and visibility in the coming year and support local groups and activities that make our village the welcoming place it is.

Lastly, I convey our thanks to those for whom we have received resignations over the year and acknowledge the important input they have made to the council.

14 Date of Next Meeting

17.06.25

Councillors Report for Cheriton Fitzpaine Parish Council 20th May 2025.

Cllr Steven Keable, County (Creedy, Taw & Mid Exe), District (Taw Vale)

Following the **May 1st Devon County Council** election this is the first of my joint Councillors report that will cover both the County Council and Mid Devon District Council. While I look forward to working with 29 different parish communities in my Creedy County Division, it does mean that with so many parish council meetings happening most months, it will be physically impossible for me to attend all meeting. I shall endeavour to keep your parish council informed through regular written reports.

It is an honour to be elected and it is my intention to serve everyone in our community and I shall keep to my election priorities of ‘people, planet and prosperity’.

1. **Devon County Council** - there will be a new Liberal Democrat led administration formed at the first Council meeting on 22nd May, where Cllr Julian Brazil (Kingsbridge) will become Leader of the Council and Cllr Paul Arnott (Seaton & Colyton) as Deputy Leader. There will be a Cabinet of 9 Councillors formed around the same themes as the previous Council. County Committee positions will be determined on 22nd as the political groups become organised. More information: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/democracy/councillors-info/> The political composition of the Council is as follows:
 - Liberal Democrat: 27
 - Reform UK: 18
 - Conservative: 7
 - Green: 6
 - Independent: 2
 2. **Potholes** - the most talked about issue and this will receive a great deal of attention.
Q: Why does it cost 3x as much to fill a pothole in Devon than it does in Somerset.
 3. **Children's services** - after months of delay OFSTED publish their long awaited judgment on Children's Services in Devon <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50276862>. The 5-point grading of 4 x inadequate and 1 x requires improvement is not good! "Children's experiences in Devon remain poor. For too many children, serious weaknesses remain, leaving children at risk of harm".
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4. **Mid Devon District Council** - Full Council met for the new Municipal Year on 7th May. Details of Councillors, Democracy and Meetings are available <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-democracy/>
 5. **Mid Devon District Council has achieved its highest-ever ranking for waste and recycling performance, thanks to the continued efforts of residents to reduce waste and recycle more.** For the year 2023/24, the district council recorded a recycling rate of 57.9%, placing it 11 out of 197 local authorities. Mid Devon also achieved a non-recyclable waste figure of 307.8kg per household, ranking ninth and placing the district within the top 5% of local authorities nationwide. <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/mid-devon-achieves-best-ever-waste-and-recycling-results/>

6. **Mid Devon District Council's 2025 Green Enterprise Grant is now available to small and medium businesses in the district.** The Green Enterprise Grant scheme offers capital grants from £500 to £5,000, covering up to 50% of eligible project costs. Funded by Mid Devon District Council, it is open to small and medium sized local businesses who want to reduce their carbon footprint by investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy, or by efficient use of resources or materials. <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/grants-now-available-to-help-mid-devon-businesses-go-green/>
7. **Mid Devon District Council has received a judgement from the Regulator for Social Housing, following its housing rent calculation error.** The Council made a self-referral to the regulator in September 2024, following the discovery of a historic error in the way it applied formula rent to the majority of our tenants. <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/housing-rent-error-regulator-s-judgement/>
8. **Active Mid Devon-** Mid Devon's new look leisure service, introduces fee reductions to unpaid carers who use its facilities and classes with a 25% discount on Membership or a 20% discount on casual sessions, for adult carers while those careers who are under 18 years will have free access to Mid Devon's leisure centres.
9. **Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation – 28th November** is the deadline for submissions to Government. The District Council are pooling resources to work through joint consultants on 1:4:5. DCC has put forward 5 options: these will be considered by the new Council.
10. **State of the District Debate –** this annual event has been deferred due to the County Council Elections and is being scheduled for 25th June – where Local Government Reorganisation in Devon will be theme.

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