

CHARDSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 – 7.00pm; meeting held in Chardstock Community Hall.

Present: Cllrs C. Wilson (Chair), F. Eames, P. Greer, S. Hughes and L. Sonnenberg (quorate).

Also Present: Michael Davis, Honorary Tree Warden

In Attendance: Sally Freemantle (Clerk)

7.00pm	<p>The Chair welcomed all in attendance and outlined Fire Safety precautions.</p> <p>Public Forum</p> <p>i) No Police report received. ii) No P3 (footpath) report available. iii) a) Apologies were received from Cllr Iain Chubb, Devon County Council, Whimble and Blackdown division. b) Apologies were received from Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward. iv) There was one member of the Public (Peter Manley, treasurer of the Parochial Church Council) present.</p> <p>There was no requirement for a Public Forum as the member of the Public would speak on the planning (tree) application.</p>
7.01pm	Meeting Commences
24/001 i)	<p>To note members of the Parish Council in attendance: As listed above.</p>
24/001 ii)	<p>To note and, if thought fit, to approve apologies for absence received: (LGA 1972 s.85(1)) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M.Reeves (unwell). Apologies for absence approved with the reason given.</p>
24/001 iii)	<p>To note members not present and to receive any other apologies for absence: Apologies received from Cllr. Iain Chubb, Devon County Council, Whimble and Blackdown Division and Cllr. D Mackinder, East Devon District Council, Yarty Ward. Noted.</p>
24/002	<p>Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct: No declarations made.</p>
24/003	<p>To consider any matters listed on this agenda that Councillors consider should be dealt with as confidential business as per the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: None.</p>
24/004	<p>To consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Chardstock Parish Council held on 13th December 2023: Approval of the minutes of this Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council were</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued overleaf</i></p>

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	<p>proposed by Cllr. Wilson, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and RESOLVED unanimously. The minutes were signed as a true record of that meeting by the Chair.</p> <p>Matters arising from these minutes: <i>None.</i></p>
24/005	<p>Planning matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) i) To consider planning applications received prior to agenda publication: 23/2589/FUL Holly Bush, Holy City, Devon EX13 7JZ Demolition of conservatory, construction of single storey extension, conversion of outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation, and associated landscaping works. SUPPORT; proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Eames. RESOLVED unanimously.</p> <p>a) ii) To consider planning applications received after agenda publication as per supplementary agenda circulated to all members: None received.</p> <p>b) Determinations/Decisions advised by LPA: None advised.</p> <p>c) Tree Matters: 23/2689/TCA St Andrews Church, Chardstock T3 Cedar of Lebanon: install 2x3 way wire rope cable braces at approx. 8 and 12m above ground. Brace to be installed on belts or via invasive bolts. Reduce lateral spread of canopy to south, west and north by 2-3m by a combination of thinning and reduction. Works to specifically target longest branches to reduce risk of branch failure. T1 Western Red Cedar: Crown raise lower foliage over graveyard in order to give approx. 1.5-2 metres clearance over headstones. SUPPORT; proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Eames. RESOLVED unanimously.</p> <p>d) Appeals lodged / in progress: None advised.</p> <p>e) Planning correspondence: None advised.</p> <p>f) Ward planning applications to be considered at EDDC: None advised.</p> <p>g) Planning consultations pending/in progress: None advised.</p>
24/006	<p>Financial Matters to be considered:</p> <p>a) To consider and if thought fit, to approve Council's Payments for December 2023: RESOLVED that Council payments for December (£4,649.02) be approved.</p> <p>b) To receive and note RFO report for December 2023: Reports received and noted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued overleaf</i></p>

	<p>c) Questions to the RFO on accounts / financial reports: None.</p> <p>d) To note items of expenditure authorised under Chair/Clerk delegated authority: (Financial Regulations May 20215.4.1 and Delegation Appendix). None.</p>
	<p>Chardstock Parish Council Business to be considered:</p>
24/007	<p>“Matters of Council consideration may include public participation if so invited by Chair”</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chair and RESOLVED to consider agenda item 24/007 b) next.</p> <p>b) To consider any matters pertaining to tree planting projects/initiatives in the parish: Discussion took place regarding the offer from Devon Wildlife Trust for a landmark tree and some orchard trees for the Parish (on a first come, first served basis). Michael Davis, Honorary Tree Warden stated that he would endeavour to find land in the parish for further tree planting, with a view to purchasing trees from the Parish Council’s budget allocation for trees. RESOLVED that the offer of a landmark tree and orchard trees from Devon Wildlife Trust be accepted, with a small leaf lime being the preferred landmark tree and that two cherry trees and an apple tree be requested as part of the orchard tree allocation if possible.</p>
7.23pm	<p><i>The Honorary Tree Warden and the representation of the Parochial Church Council left the meeting and did not return.</i></p>
24/007	<p>The order of business on the agenda was resumed.</p> <p>a) To consider parish maintenance, highways and footpath (P3) matters: The Chair informed the Council that an email had been received from a member of the public regarding damage to the road following an open road rally which passes through Hook. The response from Devon County Highways was also summarised. It was noted that the rally would take place again in the forthcoming weeks and that this would be the last one organised. It was also reported that the grit bin at Birchfield Cross was damaged and required replacing. RESOLVED (1) that the matter regarding the road rally be noted; and (2) that the grit bin at Birchfield Cross be replaced.</p> <p>c) To consider matters pertaining to ecology and climate action in the parish: None received.</p> <p>d) To consider ongoing work on the Emergency Planning for parishes: Cllr Sonnenberg updated Councillors on the progress made and explained that there was a grant which could be applied for to assist with costs of materials. RESOLVED (1) that the matter be noted; and (2) that the Clerk investigate the grant funding available and make an application.</p>

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	<p>e) To receive an update on the ongoing streetlighting consultation: No further information from the street lighting department. Noted.</p> <p>f) To consider information relating to The George Inn: The Chair informed the Council that contact had been made by Save Britain's Heritage and that she had put the organisation in contact with a member of the George Inn Continuity Group. Noted.</p> <p>g) To consider proposed meeting dates for 2024-5: It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting would take place on 24th April 2024. RESOLVED that with the amendment of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting to 24th April 2024, the proposed meeting dates as attached to these minutes be approved.</p> <p>h) To consider submission of articles to Parish Newsletter for the February 2024 edition: RESOLVED that information about the request from TRIP for voluntary drivers be added to the February newsletter.</p>
24/008	<p>Other matters considered as urgent by presiding Chair for discussion only: None.</p>
24/009	<p>Date of next meeting: Next Ordinary meeting of council scheduled for 13th February 2024 7.00pm start time. Clerk: Please prepare agenda and publicise accordingly through usual channels.</p>
24/010	<p>"It is proposed by the Chair that, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Members to agree upon matters to be discussed in confidential session, as per agenda item 24/0003 above." RESOLVED: unanimously.</p> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>
24/011	<p>Matters for discussion under Part Two (Confidential) business: None.</p>
	<p>With no further business to transact, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm</p>

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Signed: _____ Date: 13th February 2024
(Chair)

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