

Chelbridge Parish Council

Minutes

July 11th, 2018

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Gillbard, Grant, Webber, Cllr Squires (DCC & MDDC)

Apologies: Cllrs Ford, Gibson, Hayes, Cllr Binks (MDDC)

I. Public forum

One member of the public from Nomansland regarding grass cutting. Some grass being cut by a neighbour who has to pay for the cuttings to be removed. MDDC would not provide free of charge sacks. Visibility onto the B3137 is now impaired due to the height of the grass. The feeling is that enough has been paid in Council Tax to keep the service going.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes for 16th May 2018 were signed.

III. Declarations of interest

Cllr Grant has a current planning application for the Laurels.

IV. To receive reports (if any) from:-

Cllr. Squires has taken some photos of the state of the road between Thelbridge Cross Inn and Churchyard Lane and will follow up with Highways.

This year is 100 years since the suffragettes won votes for women. Then it was votes for women over thirty, thanks to them starting the movement women today can take part in all areas of democracy. At Devon County Council we again have a female Chairman Cllr Caroline Chugg and we have councillors in the Cabinet in both DCC and MDDC that are ladies. Nationally we have a lady Prime Minister and it is great that women are now recognised on an equal basis.

Locally MDDC had a tree planting ceremony in Peoples' Park in Tiverton on 6th July in celebration. There are other events all over the County and the Country.

From a Devon History Society map it has been possible to identify at least 4 women who were active in the Mid Devon area in the fight for women to gain the vote.

They were:

- Olive Hepburn from Bradninch
- Bertha Lake from Tiverton
- Ada Jefford also from Tiverton: and
- Amy Montague from Crediton.

Information only exists about Amy Montague. She was born in 1864 was the daughter of a retired army officer, was married to an army officer and sadly both of her sons were killed in action in the first world war. Their names can be seen on the Crediton War Memorial today. She lived at Penton House, in Old Tiverton Road, Crediton. Amy was secretary to the Exeter branch of the Women's Social and Political Union from its foundation in 1907.

Fairer funding

Cllr James McInnes Cabinet Member for Children's services at DCC had a meeting in London with Damien Hinds MP, Secretary of state for Education.

DCC is part of the F40's group of Authorities who are arguing for fairer funding for our schools, there is a real concern about the national funding formula. For the Schools Block that is passed direct to schools, we want to see one National Funding Formula (NFF). For the high needs block which includes Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), it needs to take into account the increasing demands of the higher needs due to improvements in medicine.

We need a review of the early years' national formula to make it fit for future use with fair funding for early years providers to take account of the pressures of the living wage and the impact of the 30 hours provision.

V. Clerk's Report

Section 137 limit for 2018-19

Guidance on the new section 137 spending limit for 2018-19 has been issued by NALC. The new limit has been set at £7.86 for each person on the electoral role. The legal guidance on spending s137 funding can be found [here](#) and the briefing note can be found [here](#).

Community Together Fund

Community groups are to apply for funding towards local projects from the Communities Together Fund (CTF). The project must involve two or more community groups working together (either developing or delivering the project) to benefit two or more communities to address a common issue. The new fund, administered by Mid Devon District Council and Devon County Council, replaces the former Town and Parish (TAP) Fund.

Applications are now open for 2018/19. There are two funding rounds and applications may be received at any time prior to these application deadlines:

	Application Deadline	Funding Panel	Decisions Announced
Round 1	30-Sep-18	29-Oct-18	12-Nov-18
Round 2	28-Feb-19	01-Apr-19	15-Apr-19

Devon and Cornwall Police

There is a proposal for Devon and Cornwall Police to merge with Dorset Police.

A new website has been created which provides details of the proposal, FAQs and importantly, a survey in which you can give your views.

<http://www.futurepolicing.co.uk>

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez is very keen that town and parish councils submit their views by completing the survey. This can be completed both as a council and as individual councillors. **The survey is open until 27th August 2018.**

VI. Finance

- a) Current statement of accounts, most recent bank statements and budget monitoring report were presented. The bank statements were signed, confirming the financial reports were accurate.
- b) The following payments were approved
HMRC 1st quarter 2018/19 £26.20
Printing & postage £27.32
- c) It was **resolved** not to give a grant to Victim Support

VII. Parish Paths Partnership (P3) report for decision

The report was considered and it was **resolved** to accept the recommendation to join the scheme with the Clerk acting as co-ordinator. The agreement with Devon County Council was duly signed.

For information:

Washford Pyne: 5.5 miles, there are three bridleways and ten footpaths in the parish.

Woolfardisworthy: 11 miles, there are 30 footpaths, one restricted byway and no bridleways.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk should contact Woolfardisworthy Parish Meeting and Washford Pyne Parish Council regarding the opportunity for co-operation on the scheme.

VIII. Verge cutting report for decision

The report was considered and it was **resolved** that the Clerk should email Cllr Squires and cc the Highways Officer regarding concerns in Nomansland. If the cutting is scheduled by DCC in the next couple of weeks, then no further action, otherwise it was **resolved** that the Clerk arrange for a one off cut by a contractor, excluding removal of the cuttings.

IX. General Data Protection Regulations

- a) It was **resolved** that the new Data Protection Policy should be adopted.
- b) It was **resolved** that the Privacy Policy should be adopted.
- c) It was **resolved** that the Clerk's DPO appointment (originally agreed on 6th December 2017) be revoked since in May the House of Commons accepted a Government amendment to the Data Protection Bill, the effect of which will be to remove all parish, town and community councils, parish meetings and Charter Trustees in England and Wales from the initial requirement that they must appoint a Data Protection Officer.

X. Planning

No planning applications have been approved since the last meeting.

Applications pending decision:

[Erection of double garage and workshop with office and store over](#)

Land at NGR 283372 113938 (The Laurels) Nomansland Devon
Ref. No: 18/01049/FULL

It was **resolved** to lodge a comment of support. Cllr Grant withdrew for the vote.

[Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of building as dwellinghouse](#)

Land at NGR 282359 114500 (Labour-in-Vain) Campbellhayes Hill Witheridge Devon

Ref. No: 18/00945/CLU

It was **resolved** to lodge a comment of neutral

XI. Items for future agenda

Health and safety policy
Equal opportunities policy
Standing orders review
Financial regulations review

Future meeting dates, all starting at 19:30 in the Thelbridge Parish Hall:

12th September 2018

5th December (budget setting) 2018

6th February 2019

10th April 2019 (approve year end accounts)

8th May 2019 Annual Meeting (elections 2nd May)

The meeting closed at 21:00

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