

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 23rd JANUARY 2023

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman) Mr G Broad, Mr A Cola, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)

ABSENT: Mr J Theyer

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

VACANCY ON CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL: Mr Andreas Cola had indicated that he was interested in filling the vacancy. The Chairman invited Mr Cola to introduce himself. Council reconvened and the Chairman asked Mr Cola to leave the room. After a brief discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to co-opt Mr Cola to fill the vacancy, agreed unanimously. The Chairman asked Mr Cola to re-join the meeting, welcomed him to the Council and invited him to take his seat. Mr Cola then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Book and Code of Conduct form.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record, with the following addition “To be attached as Appendix A” was added to page 2.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: No other members of the public present.

ALL OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023:

SETTING THE 2023/24 PRECEPT: The Chairman & Clerk had produced a draft budget which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued and agreement reached on each item. The following budget was then agreed: -

EXPENDITURE:

Parish Council Running Costs

Village Hall Rent (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	300.00
Insurance (L.G.A. 1972 S 111)	500.00
Clerks Salary (L.G.A. 1972 S. 112)	2839.00
Telephone/Broadband (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	350.00
Chairman’s Allowance/Travel Expenses (L.G.A. 1972 Sch. 12)	150.00
Audit Fee (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	350.00
Stationery (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	150.00
I.T. Support/Website (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	300.00
Subscriptions (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	350.00

Chairman.....

Maintenance and Improvements to Parish Land and Assets

Playing Field Grass Cut (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	800.00
Playing Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	100.00
Land Below Tennis Courts (L.G.(MP) A. 1976)	100.00
Diggers Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	100.00
Lower End Graveyard (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	500.00
Fitness Equipment (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	85.00
Defibrillator & Xbox (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	250.00
Noticeboard (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	100.00
Storage on Diggers Field (L.G.A. 1972 S. 145)	500.00

Verge and Hedge Cutting (H.A. 1980 S. 96) 6200.00

Community Funding and Donations to other Bodies

Donations (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137) 6300.00

Additional Items

Christmas Lights (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	250.00
Neighbourhood Plan (Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017)	1000.00
Community Orchard (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	400.00
Nature Reserve (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	2000.00
Election Costs (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	600.00

24574.00

ESTIMATED INCOME:

Grass Keep	0
HVLTC Ground Rent	250.00
Playing Field Rental	0
Rent from Vodaphone Pole	1000.00
Income from GCC for Verges	2963.00
Interest on Deposit Account	10.00
VAT Refund 2022/23	2811.00
Shed Rental	300.00

7334.00

Estimated Expenditure	24574.00
Less Estimated Income	7334.00
Less Money from Balances	814.00

16426.00

It was agreed to take £814.00 from balances to allow the precept to remain the same as in 2022/23. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to set the 2023/24 precept at £16,426, agreed unanimously.

Chairman.....

The meeting concluded at 8.51pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Chairman.....

Date.....