

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27th JANUARY 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs B Amory, Mr M Dentith & County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman to remind Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Robertson and Mr Poulton spoke about the 2025/26 budget, give some suggestions on what items could be included in the precept.

Report on the STAG group's meeting with Criterion Pub Co: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update on the meeting held on 20th January with Criterion. Another meeting was to be held on 24th February.

FINANCE:

1. A McLellan (Guttering for Shed) £12.60 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
2. River Audio (VH Stage Lighting) (£2,460.00 + VAT) £2,952.00 (£665.00 + VAT to be invoiced after installation), prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan
3. Appointment of Independent Internal Auditor for 2024/25 – It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to appoint Mr Iain Selkirk as the independent internal auditor for the 2024/25 audit, agreed.

ALL OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025:

SETTING THE 2025/26 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)	520.00

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Clerks Salary (L.G.A. 1972 S. 112)	3016.00
Telephone/Broadband (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	400.00
Chairman's Allowance/Travel Expenses (L.G.A. 1972 Sch. 12)	150.00
Audit Fee (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	370.00
Stationery (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	160.00
I.T. Support/Website (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	300.00
Subscriptions (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	200.00

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)	500.00
Diggers Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	300.00
Lower End Graveyard (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	750.00
Fitness Equipment (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	130.00
Defibrillator & Xbox (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	900.00
Noticeboards (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	100.00
Storage on Diggers Field (L.G.A. 1972 S. 145)	200.00
Tuns Hill Landscaping (H.A. 1980 S. 96)	2000.00

Verge and Hedge Cutting (H.A. 1980 S. 96)	4700.00
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Community Funding and Donations to other Bodies

Donations (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137 & S. 133 & 145)	15000.00
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Additional Items

Christmas Lights (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	250.00
Community Orchard (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	500.00
Election Costs (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	600.00
Litter Pick (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	50.00
Supporting Seven Tuns (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	600.00
	<u>32896.00</u>

ESTIMATED INCOME:

HVLTC Ground Rent	250.00
Playing Field Rental	100.00
Rent from Vodaphone Pole	1000.00
Income from GCC for Verges	2963.00
Interest on Deposit Account	200.00
Estimated VAT Refund 2024/25	1400.00
Shed Rental	300.00
Water Refund	<u>40.00</u>
	6253.00

Estimated Expenditure	32896.00
Less Estimated Income	<u>6253.00</u>
	26643.00

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Council noted that the projected year-end balance was high. It was noted that the Village Hall is seeking a considerable sum for refurbishment and maintenance. An amount had been included in the budget for the replacement of one of the defibrillators as they were all around 12 years old now. An email had been received from Dan Tiffney, GCC Highways, asking about the possibility of the Council making a donation for match funding for the drainage works in Queen Street, it was agreed to put £5000 in the budget for this. Also included was a sum for the possible landscaping of the Tuns Hill triangle. After some discussion it was agreed to maintain the precept at effectively a zero percent increase. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan to set the 2025/26 precept at £16,426, the same as in 2024/25 agreed with 1 abstention.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30pm.

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