

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES– PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman), Mr M Dentith, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)  
County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson (until 8pm)

APOLOGIES: Mr G Broad & Mrs B Amory

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 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: Councillor Hodgkinson gave a brief report which included updates on the Eathans Orchard planning application, the proposed campsite at Pinkwell, speed limits and road safety around the school. Several other members of the public spoke about the proposed campsite at Pinkwell.

The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda.

Campsite Notice on the Calmsden Road: Several members of the public had already written objecting to this. The application was made by Natural England under Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and was not subject to the usual planning rules. Councillor Hodgkinson had been looking into this unusual application with CDC as no one seems to have come across on before. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith to write to Natural England objecting as a Parish Council to the unsuitable location of the site along a narrow road and the off-grid nature of the site and also copy the objection to Harrison Bowley, Head of Planning Services at CDC, agreed. It was further agreed to write to Tayler & Fletcher at Bourton who are acting as agents for the owner, expressing concerns and asking for more information.

Mr Musgrave then spoke about road safety around St Andrews School. The Chairman then brought this item forward on the agenda.

Road Safety around St Andrews School: The Chairman reported that Cllr. Hodgkinson and himself had met with the head teacher at St Andrews school to discuss this issue. He reported what the head teacher had said about the issues raised. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Morgan to take Cllr. Hodgkinson up on his offer to speak to the road safety team at GCC to get some advice, agreed. Cllr. Hodgkinson asked the Clerk to email him with this request.

Mr Poulton spoke about some information he had sent to the Parish Council prior to the meeting regarding speed limits and road safety. The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda.

Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: After a brief discussion it was agreed to ask Cllr. Hodgkinson to add this to his approach the Road Safety Partnership regarding the changes to speed limits, some

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put forward by Mr Poulton and some raised previously, basically the extension of the 40mph speed limit around the Hemplands bend, lowering speed limit on Fields Road and implementation of speed limits within the village.

The Chairman invited Ben Pridgeon to speak about his request to the Parish Council to fund your entertainment to the sum of £260.25 as laid out in his email.

The Chairman brought this item forward on the agenda.

St. Andrew's School PTA: Funding to end of 2025: It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr McLellan to fund the entertainment to the sum of £260.25, agreed. It was agreed to point out that this is to fund the entertainment (LGA 1972 Sec.145) it is not a donation to the PTA.

Eathans Orchard Planning Application: Councillor Hodgkinson pointed out that the planning officer was minded to approve this application. He had asked for it to go to the planning panel who will decide if the decision is made by the full planning committee. He suggested writing to members of the panel, who meet next week, asking them to take the application to the full planning committee. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to write to the three panel members, agreed with two abstentions.

#### PLANNING:

25/01970/PLP Eathans Orchard - New Details - Noted

25/02261/TCONR Half Moon House - Tree Works - Noted

25/02227/FUL Carriers Cottage - Demolition and replacement of existing outbuilding, erection of gates and drystone wall, removal and cutting back of trees – No objection, proposed from the Chair seconded by Mr McLellan, agreed.

25/02348/TCONR Absolams Orchard - Tree Works – Noted

Conservation Area – Raised by Graham Rebek at the May meeting: It was reported by Mr Harrison that Graham Rebek was coming to make a representation to the next meeting.

#### MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

##### Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update and asked if he could get Joe Musgrave to do a day's work cutting back scrub and small trees on some of the verges, this would cost around £800.00. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to go ahead with this, agreed. Mr Morgan would liaise with Joe Musgrave regarding this.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: As it had been some time since we have donated the £5,000 to help facilitate the drainage works and we had not heard anything further, it was agreed to write to GCC to ask if they could give an indication when the works are likely to be done.
- d) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
  - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: Nothing further.
  - ii) Extension of 40mph Speed Limit: This had been included in the request to Cllr Hodgkinson to seek advice from the road safety partnership.
- f) Road Maintenance: A reply had been received from Anne Johns GCC stating that the road was

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on the list for patching scheduled for the week after 17th July which has not yet been done. It was agreed to reply and ask if it would be easier to resurface the whole thing as there are so many problem areas which need to be rectified.

g) Winter Arrangements 2025/26: An email had been received from GCC asking for details of the Snow Warden & Plough operator also asking if any further grit was required. Mr McLellan had replied directly to this email.

Footpaths:

a) New Footpath Gates in the Valley: An email had been received from the wardens who installed these gates, they agreed that an inferior job had been done, and they will return to make good.

Playing Field:

a) Gate Post on Fields Road: A quote of £260 had been received from Phil Dickenson for a replacement gate post. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to ask him to go ahead and do this, agreed.

b) Hole in Playing Field Entrance from VH Car Park: The Chairman was concerned about a hole that had appeared and could be dangerous. After some discussion it was felt that someone may have some spare hardcore to fill the hole.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr Kingsley reported that they could do with some volunteers for watering and weeding, it was agreed to add a request to the Hill and Valley item. Mr McLellan reported that he had purchased a 50m hosepipe.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Xbox:

a) Defibrillator Cabinet Repairs: Still awaiting the switch for the Xbox. The bulbs appear to have failed in both the Village Hall and Tuns defibrillators. The Chairman would have a look, a budget of £20.00 was agreed for new bulbs. It was also noted that Mr Steve Phillips had taken over checking the Xbox defibrillator.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Nothing further.

Benches: Still awaiting a quote for repairs to Coronation Bench at top of Tuns Hill.

Request for Parish Council support for Village Party: An email had been received from Iain Robertson asking for financial support from the Parish Council towards the village party to be held on Tuns Hill on 24<sup>th</sup> August. After a lively discussion and a pledge from the organisers to return any surplus to the Parish Council, it was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr McLellan to provide a cheque for £1,500 to help to ensure that the organisers were not out of pocket, agreed with one against. Mr Morgan asked for it to be recorded that he had voted against this proposal.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution) £98.80 prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website June 2025) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website July & Domain Renewal) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan

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- 4. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting July) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan
- 5. Chedworth Village Hall (Rental for School Fete) £58.00, prop. A McLellan, M Dentith
- 6. Bank Service Charge June £6.75 prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
- 7. Bank Service Charge July £8.75, prop. D Broad, sec. M Dentith

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley: Several items were agreed to be included in the September edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm.

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