

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

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

APOLOGIES: County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 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: Iain Robertson reported on the Tuns Hill party, which was a success, and made a small profit. The £1,500 grant from the Parish Council had been returned but was much appreciated by the organisers. He also reported that there were people camping in the field along the Calmsden Road. He also spoke about progressing the first aid course he suggested to the Parish Council. The new Footpath Warden, Rod Sinclair, introduced himself and it was suggested that his contact details be included in the Hill and Valley. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council Facebook page was now back in action. The Chairman also spoke to Ben Pridgeon about the small shed on the Playing Field which he had been enquiring about.

## PLANNING:

25/01912/FUL Greenhill Farm - New Details – No objection

25/02464/FUL Orchard Cottage, Pancake Hill - Rear extension, internal alterations to floors, windows and internal refurbishments – No objection

25/02465/LBC Orchard Cottage, Pancake Hill - Listed Building Consent – No objection

25/02478/LBC Little Grey Gables, Fields Road - Demolish existing garage, rear extension and outbuildings, and erection of rear and side extensions. Cladding of existing dwelling – No objection

25/02545/FUL Ardmere House - Addition of two new dormers to the east elevation – No objection

25/01970/PLP Eathans Orchard – A written request to reconsider the Parish Council's representation to CDC Planning department requested by Cllrs. D Broad and Bella Amory. The Chairman read an additional statement addressing the sustainability aspect which he proposed should be added to the Parish Council submission. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory to add this to the Parish Council submission, agreed.

## Planning Committee:

25/01970/PLP Eathans Orchard – Dwelling – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm – Mrs Amory would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the meeting.

## Planning Appeal:

25/00934/FUL Firefly Pancake Hill – Representations to be made by 16<sup>th</sup> September – It was agreed to reiterate our objections to the inspector.

Conservation Area: – Raised by Graham Rebek at the May meeting – Mr Harrison reported that Mr Rebek would make a presentation to the next meeting.

Chairman.....

Cotswold District Local Plan 2025–2043 - Call for Local Green Space Nomination: After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to inform people by including details on how to respond on The Hub, Facebook and include in the Hill and Valley, agreed with one abstention.

### MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

#### Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief report including reporting on the works done by Joe Musgrave and stating that he would liaise with Brian Brazington regarding the autumn verge cut. Mr Morgan also asked about obtaining some more wildflower seeds for the verges. The last lot were obtained through the Cotswolds National Landscape. As the contact, Harvey Sherwood, has now moved away, the Chairman agreed to make enquiries as he is a member of the CNL Board. A budget of £100 was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley, agreed. The Chairman offered to prune the overgrowing brambles encroaching on the top part of School Hill as this was included as part of the school travel plan.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: A reply had been received from Dan Tiffney stating that the drainage works had been pencilled in for mid-October.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.
- e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
  - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: This was now due in October.
  - ii) Extension of 40mph Speed Limit & Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Mr McLellan submitted a suggested letter he had prepared with Mr Poulton to be sent to Lisa Spivey, Leader of GCC and Joe Harris, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and our Councillor Paul Hodgkinson asking for action to be taken on extending the 40mph speed limit on Fields Road around the bend at the Hemplands, enhanced compliance measures within the current 40mph section of Fields Road and the introduction of a 20mph limit on all residential lanes in the village. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory to take out point 3, the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on all residential lanes in the village, but send the rest of the letter, agreed. With regard to the 20mph speed limit on all residential roads within the village suggestion, it was agreed that more consultation was needed with residents on this, but to include an item in the Hill and Valley.
- f) Road Maintenance: As no reply had been from Anne Johns GCC to the request to resurface Tuns Hill instead of patching, it was agreed to ask Paul Hodgkinson, who was meeting with Anne Johns shortly, to raise this with her.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: The Chairman agreed to erect some “No Dog Fouling” signs along the Calmsden Road as there were problems with dog fouling with dogs from the camping site.

#### Footpaths:

- a) KCH 40 Obstruction: An email had been received Ben Pridgeon asking for action to be taken about the locked gate. Our Parish Warden, Rod Sinclair, reported that the lock had now been taken off and automatic closers fitted to the gate.

#### Playing Field:

- a) Gate Post on Fields Road: In hand.

Chairman.....

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Diggers Field: Mr McLellan reported that he had purchased the hose pipe. Mr Kingsley reported that the Diggers Field was called Fords Field. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad that it would be referred to as Fords Field in future, agreed.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further. The Chairman reported that the Kilkenny Inn was currently subject to a planning application for conversion to residential dwellings.

Xbox:

a) Defibrillator Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further on the replacement switch.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Mrs Amory gave a brief update. More volunteers were required; it was agreed to advertise in the Hill and Valley. It was agreed to ask Ben Pridgeon if his contact details could be included in the Hill and Valley.

Benches: Nothing further.

Defibrillators: The cabinet was not working at the Seven Tuns as the power had been turned off in the pub. It was felt that the Church porch may be a good place to move the cabinet to until the power was restored at the pub. The Chairman would contact the vicar regarding this. If the cabinet was not moved the defibrillator will have to be taken out of action when the weather gets colder and the pad cannot be allowed to freeze. The Chairman reported that the switches and lights in both the Village Hall cabinet and the Xbox were dodgy and did not always come straight on.

Support for Village Party: As Mr Robertson reported earlier in the meeting, a small profit had been made, and the £1,500 grant had been returned to the Parish Council.

Water supply outage: Ben Pridgeon had emailed regarding the recent water supply outage. Paul Hodgkinson had been in contact with Thames Water and had received a letter of explanation from them. It was agreed to publish the letter in full in the Hill and Valley.

First Aid Course: Cotswold First Aid, who gave the course last time would give a three-hour basic first aid course for £130.00 + VAT, also the Village Hall would have to be booked for a further £30.00. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan that the Council to fund a first aid course up to £200.00 for any interested village residents, agreed.

Battery Backup for Grass Keep Phone Mast: The Chairman reported that following recent electricity outage where some mobile phones were not working as there was limited battery backup at the phone mast. After some discussion it was agreed to write to the owners of the Grass Keep Field mast asking that they check the batter backup at the Fields Road mast is functioning correctly and if so, would they please consider an upgrade to increase the period available for battery operation.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Salary) £754.00, prop. B Amory, sec. M Dentith
2. E Broad (Quarterly Mileage) £9.65, prop. B Amory, sec. M Dentith
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. B Amory, sec. G Broad

Chairman.....

4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec. B Amory
5. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting August) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
6. A McLellan (Hose Pipe) £29.99, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory
7. Bank Service Charge August £6.75, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory
8. Council in receipt of £250.00 Annual Ground Rent from HVLTC

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley: Several items were agreed for inclusion in the October edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

.  
.