

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT: Mr D Broad (Chairman), Mrs B Amory, Mr G Broad, Mr M Dentith, Mr A Kingsley, Mr I Morgan & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)
County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson (until 8.10pm)

APOLOGIES: Mr A McLellan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September 2025 were agreed with one amendment to page 3 an apostrophe was added to “Ford’s” and then 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. He spoke about the upcoming local government reorganisation in Gloucestershire, also the GCC Grass Roots Neighbourhood Scheme where each Councillor has £20,000 to spend on projects in their ward. He also spoke about the CDC Local Plan and the new eye watering housing targets. Mr Poulton asked when the promised speed camera was due to be installed on Fields Road. Councillor Hodgkinson explained that it would come at some point but there had been several delays with the supply.

The Chairman brought the following items forward on the agenda.

Playground behind the Village Hall: The Chairman invited Mrs Amory to give a brief update, but she then asked Ben Pridgeon to do this. Mr Pridgeon reported that a firm is coming out to look at the site in November, there would also be consultation within the village as there had already been concern expressed on the siting, which had not yet been agreed. Discussion ensued and the Chairman was concerned that the group needed a more formal structure. Mrs Amory agreed to speak to her contact at Woodmancote about how they dealt with the finances on their play area as the Chairman reported that he understood very little had come through the Parish Council. Other volunteers to join the group had come forward through the item in the Hill and Valley.

Traffic Speed on Fields Road:

- i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: Nothing further
- ii) Extension of 40mph Speed Limit & Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Councillor Hodgkinson urged the Council to respond to the letter sent a few months ago from GCC about expressing an interest in lowering speed limits in villages. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith to do this but only ask to see 40mph speed limit on Fields Road extended towards the A429 around the sharp Hemplands bend to slow traffic approaching the sharp blind bend. The only other area of the parish where the Council would like to explore a lower speed limit is at Chedworth Laines where residents have previously approached the Parish Council requesting that the speed limit be reduced from the present national limit, agreed.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: The Chairman had received an email from Charlotte Gurney who lives at Pinkwell asking for the Parish Council to minute that there has been no planning application, prior notification or Paragraph 5 licence for any of the works or current operations and

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to ask the Parish Council to write formally to Cotswold District Council Enforcement requesting urgent enforcement action under case 25/00227/OTHER to prevent as far as possible further unauthorised works being undertaken and to end the unauthorised use for camping. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded from the Chair to send our concerns to CDC enforcement as requested, agreed. It was suggested asking CDC to consider putting TPO's on trees the copse, this was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr G Broad, agreed. The Chairman also asked Mr Gurney if his wife would write a potted history of the site for the Hill & Valley item.

PLANNING:

25/02227/FUL Carriers Cottage - Erection of gates and dry-stone wall (Retrospective) – No objection

25/02922/AGFO Land Parcel at E405051 N211235 -Forestry Notification for Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural barn for the storage of hay and machinery with associated hardstanding - Noted

25/03039/FUL The Old Farm - Demolition of industrial shed and erection of 1no. dwelling and 1no. ancillary accommodation/utility building, including air source heat pumps and solar panels – No objection in principle, but the Council does have concerns about the number of rooflights and the potential from stray light as the Parish Council is trying to bring a dark skies ethos to the village.

25/03040/LBC The Old Farm – Listed Building Consent – No objection

Conservation Area: Mr Harrison reported that Graham Rebek intended to come to the next meeting.

Green Spaces: An email had been received from Martin Harrison on behalf of the Chedworth Society identifying their suggestion for open spaces within the village. The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak, he confirmed that he wanted the CDC toolkit to be forwarded to him so he could submit these sites, the Clerk would do this. Mr Harrison also asked if there is any value in identifying open spaces when there is such intense pressure to build large numbers of additional homes within the Cotswolds. It was agreed to write to CDC and ask.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update. He reported that the cut of the roadside verges was to be done soon. The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by Jamie Roffe asking if the inside of the bend opposite the entrance to New Barn Farm could be added to the list for cutting, Mr Morgan would have a look. A quantity of wildflower seeds had been acquired from the CNL.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.

c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Nothing further had been heard from Dan Tiffney regarding the proposed works in Queen Street. The Clerk was asked to chase this up again.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.

e) Road Maintenance: Councillor Paul Hodgkinson had emailed to report on his meeting with Anne Johns GCC Highways where they discussed it. There were two options, patching the surface or resurfacing which would probably have to wait until the next financial year. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mrs Amory to write and ask for the larger area to be resurfaced properly rather than having it patched which will inevitably require further works within a very short timeframe, agreed.

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Footpaths: Mrs Amory asked for the details of the new warden.

Playing Field:

a) Gate Post on Fields Road: It was noted that this had now been replaced.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Nothing further.

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Xbox:

a) Defibrillator Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further.

Defibrillators: The cabinet is not working at the Seven Tuns. The Chairman reported that he had contacted the vicar but because of church rules the cabinet cannot be sited in the church porch. After some discussion it was noted that if the pads freeze, they no longer work and so the defibrillator will have to be taken out of action if we cannot get an electrical supply to the cabinet. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to seek the advice of the Community Heartbeat Trust and also contact Criterion Asset Management to ask if it would be possible for them to arrange for the electricity supply to be restored to the cabinet from the Seven Tuns.

Benches: Nothing further.

Replacement of Parish Council Computer: The Clerk reported that she was having problems with the Parish Council laptop computer. It often freezes and according to Cllr G Broad, who works with computers, will not take a Windows 11 upgrade. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to look for a replacement laptop at around the £400.00 mark, agreed.

First Aid Course: The first course was very successful and was fully subscribed. Mr Robertson asked the Parish Council to fund a second course which would also be fully subscribed, he also said that he had almost enough people to fill a third course. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mrs Amory to fund a further two courses for village residents, agreed.

Battery Backup for Grass Keep Phone Mast: As nothing further had been heard, the Clerk was asked to chase this up.

FINANCE:

1. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
2. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
3. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting September) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley
4. PKF Littlejohn (2024/25 External Audit) (£210.00 + VAT) £252.00, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley. Mrs Amory declared in interest but remained in the meeting.
5. P A Dickenson (Gate Post) (£260.00 + VAT) £312.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Trax Discos (School Christmas Disco 10th December) £150.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
7. Zurich Municipal (Insurance Renewal) £510.88, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
8. Bank Service Charge September £6.25, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad

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- 9. Bank Returned Cheque fee £7.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
- 10. Corinium Aboreal (Verge Works) £800.00 Retrospective, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
- 11. Council in receipt of £4,106.00 part Precept from CDC
- 12. Request for funding from FoSTA for Magic Show February 2026 – An email had been received from Robert Young on behalf of FoSTA asking for funding for the magician for the Magic Show in February. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr G Broad to make a grant of £350.00, agreed.
- 13. Limited Assurance Review of AGAR Return for year ended 31st March 2025 – It was noted that the 2024/25 Audit has been completed and the statutory notices posted on the Parish Council website and Village Hall notice board. There was nothing raised to bring to the attention of Councillors.
- 14. Quarterly Financial Review to be undertaken after the meeting by Cllr. Morgan & the Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley: Several items were identified for inclusion in the November edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.08pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting – Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.30pm.

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