

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th NOVEMBER 2025 – 7.30 pm.

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 13th October 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 raised several points, he spoke about the interest in the first aid courses, and he hoped that a fourth one may be arranged. He also spoke about better Christmas Lights, he had done some research and for around £1,100 for the lights and around £350 for a cherry picker to put the light up, a much better display would be achieved. He then went on to speak about Councillor's conduct, following an incident involving the Chairman and a member of the public, at the October meeting. He stated that a formal complaint had been filed. Mr Poulton asked for an update on the delivery of the interactive speed signs by GCC Highways. Mr Musgrave spoke about the former Road Safety Partnership, which had changed its name to the Gloucestershire Road Safety Community Hub. He also reiterated his concerns about road safety around the school. Mr Tovey spoke about the latest Ethans Orchard planning application.

PLANNING:

25/03432/PLP Land at Ethans Orchard - Permission in Principle application – It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mrs Amory to object as before, agreed 6 in favour with 1 abstention.
25/03039/FUL The Old Farm - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a building including an independent residential unit and ancillary residential accommodation to The Old Farm with shared utility, erection of a garage, installation of heat pumps and associated works – It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Dentith to raise no objection subject to the design of the fenestration and outside lighting being conditioned so that there is no adverse effect on the Parish Council's aspirations to maintain dark skies over Chedworth, agreed.
25/03482/TCONR Meadowside - Tree Works - Noted

Conservation Area: An email had been received from Graham Rebek regarding the Parish Council considering the implementation of the Article 4 Directions. After some discussion it was agreed to write to CDC to seek clarification on what an article 4 designation would mean in practice. Some residents are concerned that they would not be able to change the colour of door and window frames if an article 4 designation was implemented. It was further agreed to write to Mr Rebek to inform him what the Parish Council had agreed.

Local Green Spaces: A reply had been received from CDC further explaining what should be taken into account when making a designation. After some discussion it was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Dentith to nominate the Parish Council owned land around the Village Hall and the whole Conservation Area, agreed.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update. The verges had been cut and the hedges and verge seeding would be done in the new year. The Chairman thanked Mr Morgan.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Nothing further had been heard about the proposed flooding works in Queen Street. It was agreed to send another letter to Dan Tiffney at GCC Highways stating that Parish Council is getting concerned over the lack of progress with the works. As the Parish Council paid the sum of £5,000 last March to expedite the works and nothing has been done so far. Councillors expressed a view that if the works are not to be done, then the money should be returned and used for other Parish Council priorities.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: After some discussion it was agreed to write to the Gloucestershire Road Safety Hub raising the concerns expressed. It was agreed to copy this to Councillor Hodgkinson.
- e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
 - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: As nothing further had been heard, it was agreed to write to Stuart Bullen at GCC asking for an update on current planned installation dates and timescales, copying this to Councillor Joe Harris, portfolio holder for Highways at GCC and Councillor Hodgkinson.
 - ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.
- f) Road Maintenance: Nothing further had been heard regarding the resurfacing of Tuns Hill. It was agreed to ask Councillor Hodgkinson to raise this at his meeting with Anne Johns.
- g) Cutting of Tuns Hill Triangle: This is due to be cut by Andy Cox.
- h) Temporary Road Closure - C149 - Fields Road - Chedworth 01/12/2025 until 04/12/2025: It was agreed to include details and the map in the Hill and Valley.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: Nothing further.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 47: A report of Loose Dogs on this footpath had been received. Mr Musgrave was invited to report on this incident, which he did. After some discussion it was agreed that we speak to the PCSO and also contact GCC PROW to check the actual route of the footpath, as it was not clear on the ground.

Cutting of Lower End Chapel Graveyard: It was noted that a cut is due to be done.

The Grass Keep Field:

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

Supporting the Seven Tuns: Nothing further.

Defibrillators:

- a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: The Clerk was asked to chase up the replacement switch with the electrician. New pads and a rescue kit was required, it was agreed to go ahead and order these.
- b) Seven Tuns Defibrillator Cabinet: The Chairman reported that he was unable to power the cabinet with a battery. It was felt that a new cabinet was required, it was agreed to make enquiries on the cost of a new cabinet with CHT. As the electric at the Seven Tuns would not be restored

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until the pub opened again, it was agreed to take the defibrillator out of action from now, CHT and the emergency services needed informing and members of the public, the Chairman would put a notice up and posts would be put on social media and the Chedworth Hub. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to purchase new pads for when the defibrillator was in use again, and a new rescue kit, agreed.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Nothing further.

Benches: Nothing further.

Replacement of Parish Council Computer: It was noted that a replacement has been purchased.

First Aid Courses: Mr Robertson had asked for a fourth course to be funded. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to fund this, agreed.

Battery Backup for Grass Keep Phone Mast: Nothing further.

Grassroots Neighbourhood Scheme: Notification of this had been received from GCC.

Disposal of Old Parish Council Photocopiers: The Chairman had three broken Parish Council photocopiers on the stage, which had been stored in the cupboard under the stage. It was agreed to dispose of these.

The matter of the Christmas lights suggested earlier in the meeting by Mr Robertson was raised. This item was not included on the agenda so no decision could be taken at the meeting. It was therefore agreed to ask the Village Hall, who were willing to contribute towards the cost, to fund the lights and the cherry picker and the Parish Council would consider making a contribution at the next meeting.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution) £89.70, prop. A Kingsley, sec. B Amory
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. B Amory, sec. A Kingsley
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec. B Amory
4. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting October) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory
5. E Broad (16 x 2nd Class Stamps) £13.92, prop. D Broad, sec. M Dentith
6. Cotswold First Aid (October Course) (£130.00 + VAT) £156.00 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
7. Cotswold First Aid (November Course) (£130.00 + VAT) £156.00, prop. I Morgan sec. G Broad
8. Cotswold National Landscape (Wildflower Seeds) £60.00, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
9. Viking (Laptop Computer) (£379.99 + VAT) £455.99, prop. M Dentith, sec. I Morgan
10. Brian Brazington (Verge Cutting) (£1421.00 + VAT) £1705.20, prop. A Kingsley, sec. A McLellan
11. Bank Service Charge October £6.75, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
12. Council in receipt of £6,114.04 CIL payment from CDC
13. Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2025/26 Audit – It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mrs Amory to appoint Mr Iain Selkirk as internal auditor for the 2025/26 Audit, agreed.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill & Valley: Several items were agreed for inclusion in the December/January edition.

Additional Budget Meeting: It was agreed to hold an additional budget meeting to set the 2026/27 precept on Monday 26th January 2026.

The meeting concluded at 9.16pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting – Monday 8th December 2025 at 7.30pm.

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