

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th JANUARY 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mr M Dentith & County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th December 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: Residents of Pancake Hill spoke about the planning appeal for Firefly which had been changed to written representations and urged the Parish Council to write and reiterate their previous objections. Mr Poulton spoke about the expected speed signs on Fields Road which were still outstanding. Two poles had been installed recently either side of the Village Hall crossroads, but it was not known if these were to do with the installation of the speed signs. Mr Hutton Potts spoke about the planned 50th celebration of the Village Hall in August, he also spoke about the need to refurbish the Village Hall kitchen, he had sent an email to the Council asking for consideration to be given to funding at the budget meeting. Mr Baptist explained his planning application at Carriers Cottage. Mr Rebek explained his request for the Parish Council to apply to CDC for Article 4 status on solar panels in the Conservation Area.

PLANNING:

25/03905/FUL Rose Cottage - Erection of Outbuilding – No objection.

25/04027/FUL Carriers Cottage - Erection of Outbuilding with Associated Works – No objection

Planning Appel – APP/F1610/W/25/3371362 Firefly – Notification had been received that the status of the appeal had been changed to allow written representations. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Kingsley to resubmit our original objection submission, agreed.

Conservation Area: The request to consider an article 4 status on the roofscapes with solar panels installed had been made last year by Graham Rebek, who was present at the meeting. After some discussion it was felt that before any request was made to CDC people in the Conservation Area should be consulted. Mr Rebek and his partner agreed to put together a questionnaire consulting residents for consideration at the next meeting and to also include a consultation on dark skies.

Local Green Spaces: Ben Pridgeon had emailed asking the Parish Council to consider adding the Village Hall and ground to their request. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan not to include the Village Hall and grounds as this may restrict natural development in future but just nominate the Parish Council owned land as agreed previously, agreed.

Dark Skies: The information still had to be put on the website.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: The reimbursement for the verge cutting had just been received from GCC. Mr Morgan reported that the verge group were going to meet shortly to come up with any proposals for the budget meeting.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: The Chairman and Mr Morgan had met with Seb Clarke at the Manor. The Chairman reported that most of the water seemed to be coming from springs around the Manor. After some discussion it was suggested that a hydrological survey may be helpful. Mrs Amory agreed to get a rough quote for this as she had some contacts that may be able to help. Mr Kingsley also suggested it may be a subject someone could do a university paper on; he agreed to put some feelers out.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.
- e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
- i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: These were still outstanding although two posts had been installed each side of the Village Hall crossroads, it was not known if these were in connection with the installation, although it was felt that they were too close together and one should be the other end of the speed limit. Councillor Hodgkinson had offered to chase this up again with GCC and it was agreed to take him up on his offer and ask him to enquire about the posts.
- ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.
- f) Road Maintenance: Nothing further.
- g) Cutting of Tuns Hill Triangle: This was still outstanding, but it was agreed to wait until the spring before asking for another cut.
- h) Salt Delivery: Mr McLellan reported that a delivery had arrived with little or no notice and it was unable to be unloaded because the right equipment had not been available from Manor Farm and the delivery had to be returned to the depot. It was agreed to ask for several days' notice when it was redelivered.
- i) Purchase of 2 replacement Grit Bins: Mr McLellan reported that we needed some replacement grit bins, as one had been damaged by the Village Hall, another one had been requested for Middle Chedworth. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to purchase four new grit bins at around £100 each as this was cheaper with the cost of delivery, so we would have two spares which could be stored at the Village Hall, agreed. It was also reported that some dog owners were leaving dog poo bags in the grit bins resulting in the salt becoming contaminated, it was agreed to include on the next agenda, meanwhile include an item in the Hill and Valley asking people to take the bags home with them.
- j) The Calmsden Road: An email had been received Richard Williams regarding the muddy condition of the road. This had been caused by ground works at Piccolo Farm spreading mud across the road. This was felt to be dangerous, and it was agreed to write to Mr Baxter reminding him that farmers and contractors are legally obliged to ensure that if their vehicles leave mud, and other deposits, on the road, they are responsible to clean it up. If they don't, they could be liable for a number of offences under the Highways Act 1980.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: It was reported this was still being used, even in winter.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 47: A reply had been received from GCC PROW stating that although the gate was not ideal it would be low on their list of priorities to get it changed. Nothing further had been heard

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about the loose dog, it was agreed to write and ask Mr Musgrave if he had spoken further with the PCSO regarding this.

Playing Field:

- a) Nets for Goal Posts: Nothing further.
- b) Request from St Andrew's PTA for hire of Playing Field for Sports Day 3rd or 10th July and for School Fete on 17th July: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to allow this with no charge on this occasion, agreed.

The Grass Keep Field:

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

Defibrillators:

- a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further.
- b) Condition of the Xbox: Mrs Amory had been contacted by Mrs Stainforth, who had looked after the Xbox & defibrillator for many years, concerning the books in the Xbox that were not being looked after properly. After some discussion it was agreed to put an item in the Hill and Valley seeking a volunteer to look after the books, meanwhile the Chairman would look at the books and remove any that were in poor condition.
- c) Seven Tuns Defibrillator Cabinet: A reply had been received from the new owner of the Seven Tuns saying that the electricity would not be restored for some time. Mr Morgan reported that he had spoken with the Chairman, and they had decided to hold off obtaining a new cabinet until the electricity supply could be restored. It was suggested that someone living nearby might volunteer to host the defibrillator cabinet until the electricity supply was restored at the Seven Tuns, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to allow up to £250 for an electrician to install the cabinet if a volunteer could be found. It was agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley seeking a volunteer.

Playground behind the Village Hall:

- a) To approve circulated Pre-application Enquiry Letter to CDC: Mrs Amory asked for approval of a pre-application letter to establish if planning permission was required to site the play equipment on the playing field, this would cost £96.00. An email had been received from Mrs Jess who had concerns about the impact of the play equipment on the football pitch if a league team wished to play there again. Other emails had been received objecting to the sighting of the proposed play equipment on the playing field. The Chairman, Mr McLellan and Ben Pridgeon had met with Mrs Cartwright, one of the objectors at her property to establish what the objections were. Mrs Amory said that when it had been established whether planning permission was required, a Certificate of Lawfulness could be obtained. The Chairman proposed that we hold off sending the pre-application letter to CDC until the consultation is finished, but this did not gain a seconder. It was then proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Morgan to send the letter to CDC and approve the cost of £96.00, agreed with one against.

Benches: Nothing further.

First Aid Courses: A third course was due to be held next Monday.

Battery Backup for Grass Keep Phone Mast: Councillor Hodgkinson had circulated an email from Mark Glover, Principal Digital Infrastructure Officer at GCC which states that mast sites will have

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some battery back-up and this can be up to 4 hours and that since PSTN switch off was announced, this has been a much-debated subject, and Ofcom are looking at this in detail.

FINANCE:

1. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop.
2. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop.
3. Cotswold First Aid (January Course) (£130.00 + VAT) £156.00 Retrospective, prop.
4. SLCC Membership £84.00, prop.
5. Bank Service Charge (December 2025) £9.75, prop.
6. Internet Banking – The Clerk gave a brief update, explaining that, following legal advice from the SLCC, that it was permissible for the Clerk to be a cheque signatory to enable her to set up payments with internet banking, the bank mandate had been changed to allow this. The mandate would be changed to allow two Councillors to also approve all payments. Meanwhile, the link had been sent out to allow Councillors to register for internet banking.
7. 2026/2027 Precept – Some items for consideration in the budget had been received and would be considered at the budget meeting on 26th January. Mr Morgan gave a brief list of items for the budget that had been raised on The Hub recently.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hill and Valley News: Several items were agreed to be included in the February edition.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

NEXT MEETING: Additional Precept Meeting, Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.30pm.
Parish Council Meeting, Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

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