

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 26th JANUARY 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs B Amory, Mr M Dentith & County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: The Chairman reminded the members of the public that in accordance with Standing Orders they would have four minutes each to speak. Mr Robertson explained his email which he had circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting where he set out some suggestions from the community on what could be included in the budget. Mrs Tice asked for an explanation of what the parish precept was. The Chairman explained that it was part of the Council Tax taken for the Council Taxpayers in Chedworth which goes to the Parish Council to fund its activities. Other members of the public also spoke at this point.

FINANCE:

1. A Heathcoat Amory (Pre Application Fees) £96.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
2. Cotswold First Aid (February Course) (£130.00 + VAT) £156.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
3. Viking (Minute Book, Ink & Stamps) (£84.19 + VAT) £98.11, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
4. Council in receipt of £2,963.84 Grass Verges Reimbursement from GCC

ALL OTHER MATTERS TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026:

SETTING THE 2026/27 PRECEPT:

The funding requests received were then discussed

St Andrew's School – MUGA – An email had been received Mrs Smith, Head Teacher, asking for CIL funding for a proposed MUGA at the school. The Chairman had made

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enquiries from Mrs Smith, and it was envisaged that it would be available for use by community groups. It was noted that this can only be funded from CIL not Precept as Parish Council's cannot fund local authority-maintained schools. It was felt that discussion should be happening between the Play Area group and the school as these were similar projects. It was agreed to pencil this in for further consideration at a later date.

St Andrew's PTA – Requests for 2026 – An email had been received from Ben Pridgeon on behalf of the PTA asking for £500 towards entertainments. It was agreed to pencil this in for further consideration at a later date.

Village Hall Committee – Request for Funding for VH Kitchen – An email had been received from Charles Hutton Potts on behalf of the Village Hall committee. Neil Compton from the Village Hall committee was present and was invited to explain the project to upgrade the kitchen. A quote of around £40,000 had been received which included the whole kitchen refurbishment including the white goods. Mr Compton asked for around £20,000 from the Parish Council. After some discussion it was agreed to include £20,000 in the budget for this but ask the Village Hall committee to work with the Parish Council regarding reclaiming VAT and the need to obtain at least three quotes for the work.

Grass Keep Field Stripes & Gates – An email had been circulated by Ian Morgan from Ben Pridgeon suggesting that new gates are provided to replace the stiles on the Parish Council owned footpath across the grass keep field and the playing field or the stiles are removed and gaps left. As there was no stock in the field at present, it was felt that the stiles could be removed completely to open up the path for the less abled. It was agreed to pencil this in for a future decision on who would remove the stiles.

Woodland and Wildflower Meadow – An email had been received from Julie Tickell Cartwright regarding a wildflower meadow on the Parish Council land adjacent to the Village Hall. Concern was expressed about this scheme as there were already wildflowers in this area. After some discussion it was agreed to include £2,000 to make up some wildflower islands in the area around the Community Orchard.

River Coln – An email had been received from Susie Moore asking for £100 to assist with the water quality testing in the River Coln. It was agreed to pencil this in for a future decision.

Community Ideas and Budget Context 2026 – This had been submitted by Iain Robertson and had been explained by him earlier in the meeting.

SETTING THE 2025/26 PRECEPT: The Chairman & Clerk had produced a draft budget which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Discussion ensued and agreement reached on each item. The following budget was then agreed: -

EXPENDITURE:

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Parish Council Running Costs

Village Hall Rent (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	300.00
Insurance (L.G.A. 1972 S 111)	520.00
Clerks Salary (L.G.A. 1972 S. 112)	3108.00
Telephone/Broadband (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	400.00
Chairman's Allowance/Travel Expenses (L.G.A. 1972 Sch. 12)	150.00
Audit Fee (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	400.00
Stationery (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	200.00
I.T. Support/Website (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	300.00
Subscriptions (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	400.00
Bank Charges (L.G.A. 1972 S.111)	100.00

Maintenance and Improvements to Parish Land and Assets

Playing Field Grass Cut (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	800.00
Playing Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	250.00
Land Below Tennis Courts (L.G.(MP) A. 1976)	500.00
Ford's Field (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	300.00
Lower End Graveyard (L.G. (MP) A. 1976)	750.00
Fitness Equipment (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	130.00
Defibrillator & Xbox (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	900.00
Noticeboards (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	100.00
Storage on Diggers Field (L.G.A. 1972 S. 145)	200.00
Verge and Hedge Cutting (H.A. 1980 S. 96)	5000.00

Community Funding and Donations to other Bodies

Donations (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137 & S. 133 & 145)	30000.00
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Additional Items

Election Costs (L.G.A. 1972 S. 111)	600.00
Benches (Parish Councils Act 1957 ch. 42.5)	1000.00
Litter Pick (L.G.A. 1972 S. 137)	50.00
Play Equipment (LG MP Act 1976 s.19)	<u>5000.00</u>
	51458.00

ESTIMATED INCOME:

HVLTC Ground Rent	250.00
Playing Field Rental	100.00
Rent from Vodaphone Pole	1000.00
Income from GCC for Verges	2963.00
Interest on Deposit Account	200.00
Estimated VAT Refund 2025/26	2500.00

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Shed Rental	300.00
Water Refund	<u>44.00</u>
	7357.00
Estimated Expenditure	51458.00
Less Estimated Income	<u>7357.00</u>
	44101.00

Council noted that the projected year-end balance was around £33,000. Discussion ensued on how much balance needed to be maintained, a figure of £10,000 was suggested. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to increase the precept to £21,101. A proposed amendment from Mr G Broad was made to increase the precept to £26,101, to allow a balance of £15,000, this did not gain a seconder. The proposal from Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to set the 2026/27 precept at £21,101, was agreed with 1 abstention.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

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