

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th FEBRUARY 2026

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 (from 8.15pm.)

APOLOGIES: Mr A McLellan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2026 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 reported that Cllr. Hodgkinson was going to be late as he was attending another meeting. He would let him report when he arrived.

PLANNING:

26/00085/AGFO Hills Farm – Agricultural or Forestry Notification for Open Fronted Agricultural Building - Noted
26/00290/FUL Rookery Cottage – Extension – No objection

Conservation Area: Nothing further.

Local Green Spaces: Nothing further.

Dark Skies: The Parish Council policy had been included on the website.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that some further hedge cutting would be done soon. The verge group would like to give each house in the village a packet of wildflower seeds to scatter on their verges, he asked for a budget to facilitate this. It was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to set a budget of up to £250 for this, agreed.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream:
 - i) To consider email from Dan Tiffney: Dan Tiffney had provided an update that further works would be undertaken in the new financial year. Mr Kingsley reported on an email which had been received from Susanne Humm who had been unable to contact Alex Boothman so a flooding grant could be paid to him. Mr Kingsley had been to see him and his daughter to advise them how to receive the grant.
 - ii) Hydrogeological Survey: Mrs Amory had been working on this, and a hydrogeological survey would cost around £8,000. She had met with Seb Clarke to discuss the situation and had several contacts including Susanne Humm and she hoped to set up a meeting soon.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Mr Musgrave had been in contact enquiring what

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response the Parish Council had received from the Community Road Safety Hub following the letter to them sent in November. The Chairman read out the response and all the suggestions in it were things that had already been done. It was agreed to wait for Cllr. Hodgkinson to arrive.

e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:

i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: Further emails had been received to say that the VAS sign would be installed soon. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to query the provision of one sign as we had been led to believe we were to receive two signs, agreed.

ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.

f) Road Maintenance: It was agreed to ask Cllr Hodgkinson about the resurfacing of Tuns Hill when he arrives.

g) The Calmsden Road:

i) To consider any update on the mud on the road: No reply had been received to our letter.

ii) Potholes on this stretch of road: It was agreed to ask Cllr. Hodgkinson about this when he arrives.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: It was agreed to seek an update from Cllr. Hodgkinson when he arrives.

Footpaths:

a) KCH 47: A reply had been received from Mr Musgrave saying that PCSO Fellows was going to contact him again when she had sought advice from a colleague about the dog issue, she had not been in touch again. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to contact PCSO Fellows and ask her for an update, agreed.

b) Footpaths around the Playing & Grass Keep Fields – Removal of 2 x Stiles and repair of 1 x Stile: The Chairman had circulated a map showing the location of the footpaths in this area. He reported that the stile on the footpath coming up from Whitegates was in a dangerous condition. Rod Sinclair, the footpath warden was present, and he offered, if agreed by the Parish Council, to remove the two stiles across the Grass Keep Field to leave a gap, to use the bits of these stiles to repair the dangerous one. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to accept this offer, agreed.

Playing Field:

a) Nets for Goal Posts: The Chairman reported that Ben Pridgeon had the broken fittings from the existing goal posts as he knew someone who may be able to mend them. Mr Dentith would speak to him about this.

b) Request from Cirencester Athletic Club for use of the Playing Field & Parking for Roman Run on 10th May 2026: Mr G Broad proposed the charge of £100, this did not gain a seconder at this point, Mrs Amory proposed £110, this was seconded from the Chair and agreed, 5 in favour with 1 against.

c) Request for use of Playing Field for Camping by KTA 16th to 19th July 2026: The Clerk reported that the KTA had decided not to come this year but intended to come in 2027.

d) Request for use of Playing Field for Camping on 13th June 2026 by Chipping Norton School for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to allow this with no charge on this occasion, agreed.

Cllr. Hodgkinson joined the meeting at this point.

The Chairman invited Cllr. Hodgkinson to report, which he did. He spoke about Local Government

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reorganisation stating that a consultation had opened on the three options on the table, he urged people to respond to the consultation and agreed to pass the email from GCC to the Parish Council. He spoke about the GCC budget, the settlement from the Government was not as much as expected so some cuts would have to be made, although an extra 15 million had been pledged on highways. He reported on the expected speed signs being delayed again and his recent meeting with Anne Johns where she had pledged that Tuns Hill would be completely resurfaced in the new financial year, the signage on Cooks Hill was on her list, but was a low priority. The Camp Site at Pinkwell was still being investigated by CDC, it seems that they need a Habitat Regulation Assessment, which they had not got. School traffic was again raised with him, Mr Musgrave outline again his concerns and the reply from the Community Road Safety Hub. It was felt that all of the suggestions in the letter had been done, it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to write again to the Community Road Safety Hub asking for further assistance and a meeting on site with all interested parties, agreed. Cllr. Hodgkinson asked to be copied in on this. Mr Morgan asked that Mr Musgrave be copied in on the letter, before it was sent and Mr Musgrave asked for the original reply to be sent to him. Both were agreed.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Ford’s Field: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update.

Defibrillators:

- a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further.
- b) Xbox Library: The Chairman reported that he had been looking after the library and had widened the top shelf to take larger books. No one had volunteered to look after the library.
- c) Seven Tuns Defibrillator Cabinet: No volunteers had come forward to house the cabinet temporarily. Mr Morgan agreed to canvass the residents of Queen Street to find a volunteer.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Mrs Amory reported on the current results of the consultation which was still ongoing. A total of 68 responses were received, with 8 not in favour. The majority of the respondents are supportive of a new improved playground. A response to the planning letter is still awaited. The Chairman asked whether the request to reconsider the siting, which arose from the meeting with Mr & Mrs Cartwright, had been implemented. Mrs Amory confirmed that it had not been changed at this stage. Mr Morgan asked whether a full village survey would be carried out by delivering a paper copy to every household. Mrs Amory explained that a separate house-to-house leaflet was not planned, as information about the project and the opportunity to respond had already been included twice in the *Hill and Valley* magazine, which is delivered to all households in the village. In addition, representatives of the working group were present at two pop-up cafés and the pop-up pub to provide information and answer questions. Mrs Amory was also asked whether any discussions had taken place with the school regarding their MUGA project. She confirmed that no discussions had taken place as the two projects are separate.

Benches: Nothing further.

Village Hall Noticeboard: The Chairman reported that one door is broken, he currently had it under repair.

FINANCE:

- 1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution £84.80, prop. B Amory, sec. A Kingsley
- 2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. B Amory, sec. A Kingsley

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3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website & Domain Renewal) £20.40 Direct Debit, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley
4. Ian Morgan (Verge Meeting Expenses) £27.00, prop. B Amory, sec. D Broad
5. Kingfisher Direct (4 Grit Bins) (£391.95 inc. delivery + VAT) £470.34 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
6. Bank Service Charge (January 2026) £7.25 prop. Amory, sec. M Dentith
7. Internet Banking – The Clerk that more Councillors needed to register for internet banking to allow payments to be made by this method.
8. Request for funding from PTA for fundraising activities in 2026 – It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith to approve the requested £500, but to reiterate this was for entertainment purposes.
9. Request for funding from St Andrew’s School for MUGA – It was felt that more information was required. It was agreed to write to the school asking for more details about the project. Mr Morgan suggested that Sec. 137 could be used to make a donation to this project, the Clerk did not think this was permissible as it was precepted income and she understood this could not be used for educational purposes for local council funded schools, as this was double levying. The Clerk was asked to make enquires from the SLCC legal section about this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Annual Parish Meeting: This was being held on Monday 16th March 2026. The Clerk would contact all of the village charities to ask them to report at the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.04pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm.
Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.30pm.

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