

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th MARCH 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mr G Broad, Mr A McLellan & County & District Councillor Mr P Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record. With a change to page 3, play area paragraph. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Morgan that “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”, replace the minute circulated in draft form by the Clerk, agreed. Mr Pridgeon has also queried the accuracy of the minute 2.4 (a) as the broken part was at the Village Hall. It was felt this was an update and the minute correctly reflected what was said at the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to declare interests as necessary. He also referred to Mrs Langley’s planning application where he stated that several Councillors had recently worked with her on the Seven Tuns project, but he felt that this did not mean they had an interest.

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Mr Musgrave questioned the questionnaire about the playground; he had had problems with trying to complete it. Mr Musgrave said he was supportive of the project but was concerned about the siting on the Playing Field. Mrs Amory said she was not aware that the on-line questionnaire was not working properly, she would look into this. The playground group would consolidate all the comments received and would make this public, but they had not got to that stage yet. Mrs Cartwright and Mrs Tice also spoke about the playground project. Mr Rotherford raised concerns about the proposed temporary access for the Collingwood House planning application, he was concerned that it would cause flooding to his property. Mrs Langley agreed to speak to him about this. Mr Harrison also wished to speak about Thames Water, the Chairman invited him to do so after the Planning items.

PLANNING:

26/00391/TCONR Calveshill House - Tree Works - Noted

26/00113/FUL Haywards Cottage - Erection of garage to the rear & demolition of existing garage –
No objection

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26/00410/FUL Collingwood House - Demolition of redundant stables building and erection of ancillary craft barn. Extension of domestic curtilage and other associated works – The Chairman invited the applicant to explain the application. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to raise no objection subject to the following comments, Chedworth Parish Council would ask that particular care is taken with external lighting as the Parish Council is striving for dark skies within the parish. Concerns have also been raised regarding the temporary access; there are concerns that this access may make an extant problem with water run off which reaches the site via the minor road known as Horses Ash Lane and has caused serious flooding issues to neighbouring properties, agreed.

26/00530/FUL Land at Denfurlong Farm, Fields Road - Change of use of agricultural building to a single self-build dwelling with associated works and landscaping – No objection.

The Chairman invited Mr Harrison to speak. Mr Harrison raised concerns about the water pressure within the village since new pressure valves had been fitted at the top of Tuns Hill. He asked that the Parish Council write to Thames Water expressing concerns about the reduction of the water pressure. The Chairman responded that this was not an agenda item for this meeting, so no formal letter could be sent from this meeting, but he would himself write to Thames Water raising concerns.

Appeal 25/01970/PLP Land at Ethans Orchard – Permission in Principle – It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded from the Chair to write to the planning inspectorate reiterating the Parish Council’s previous objections, agreed. It was also noted that the planning appeal at Firefly, Lower Chedworth, had been dismissed.

Conservation Area: The questionnaire on Article 4 Directions was ongoing.

Local Green Spaces: CDC had emailed asking for evidence supporting the nomination to be submitted to them by 31st March. After looking at the toolkit, Mrs Amory offered to obtain a letter of support from CPRE and it was also agreed to ask Cllr. Hodgkinson to send a letter of support for the nomination.

Dark Skies: Questions on this were part of the Article 4 directions questionnaire which was still ongoing.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave an update, all of the hedge cutting had been done, Mrs Blackwell was arranging for the seeds were to be distributed to households shortly. Also, the CNL had grant money available and asked for approval for Susie Moore to apply, on behalf of the Council, this was agreed. The Chairman asked to be copied in on the application as he was the parish representative on the CNL board.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Mrs Amory had spoken with Susanne Humm from GCC and gave a brief update.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: An email had been copied to the Parish Council from Susan Green, GCC Think Travel Team, to the school asking for a copy of the travel plan and inviting them to a site visit. It was felt that if the Parish Council was asked to attend the site visit

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that Mr Musgrave should be invited to attend as well. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to see if a site visit had been arranged.

e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:

i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: Another email had been received from GCC apologising for the further delay, it was agreed to write to them again asking for an update.

ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.

f) Road Maintenance: The Clerk reported that she understood that Tuns Hill was due for resurfacing in April. Concern was expressed about the number of potholes on the village roads. We have reported some of the worse ones on Fix my Street but there are simply too many to list. It was agreed to ask Councillor Hodgkinson if there anything he can do to help with this.

g) Salt Delivery: Mr McLellan had emailed to say that the expected salt delivery has not arrived. It was agreed to chase this up.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: The Chairman gave an update. Mrs Gurney had been in touch to reported that the owner of the campsite was trying to self-certify himself for the camp site with Natural England. The campsite needed the approval of the CNL, which the Chairman reported it had not received as no application had been made. The Campsite was still being investigated by CDC Enforcement.

Footpaths:

a) KCH 47: An email reply from PCSO Fellows was read by the Clerk.

Playing Field:

a) Nets for Goal Posts: After some discussion regarding whether it was necessary to purchase new goal posts and nets, it was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr Morgan not to take this any further at present, this was lost 2 votes in favour and 3 against. A further proposal was made from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory to look into the cost of new goals posts and nets, this was agreed 3 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

b) Request for use of Playing Field for FoStA-Summer Family Picnic and Sing-Along on 27th June 2026: It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Morgan to allow this with no charge on this occasion, agreed.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Mr Kingsley reported that volunteers were still required to help maintain the Community Orchard. It was agreed to place another request for volunteers in the Hill and Valley.

Defibrillators:

a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further regarding the light. The Clerk reported that this defibrillator was showing red as attention was required. After enquiring what attention was required it was established that the monthly checker was unwilling to sign it off as agreed as there were no spare pads available. A new set of pads had been purchased for the Seven Tuns defibrillator, Mr Dentith agreed to let his neighbour, who does the checks, have these.

b) Xbox Library: As no volunteer had come forward, the Chairman was still looking after the library.

c) Seven Tuns Defibrillator Cabinet: Mr Morgan had canvassed the residents of the Queen Street area and Mr & Mrs Isaac had kindly offered to house the defibrillator cabinet on the side of their garage. Mr Morgan had spoken with Mr Isaac and he asked for approval to obtain a quote from his

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electrician, this was agreed, and it was reiterated that £500 had already been approved for spending on this. Mr Morgan asked if the Council wished him to also obtain a quote for CCTV around the cabinet, it was felt that this was not necessary at present. Mr Mogan had obtained a quote of £460 + VAT for a replacement green defibrillator cabinet, it was agreed to go ahead and get this.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Mrs Amory reported that the play equipment did not require planning permission. The consultation was going on until the end of the month, and it has also been suggested that a children’s consultation is also undertaken. Mr Musgrave agreed to provide Cllr. Amory with details of his concerns regarding the proposed development of a new playground on Parish Council land to the immediate rear of the village hall.

Benches: Nothing further.

Village Hall Noticeboard: The Chairman reported that he has undertaken repairs to one door, but the noticeboard is generally in poor condition and would need to be replaced at some point.

Seven Tuns – Notification of Relevant Disposal: Notification had been received that as the Seven Tuns has been sold it will now be removed from Asset of Community Value list.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Salary) £754.00, prop. A Kingsley, sec. B Amory
2. E Broad (Quarterly Mileage) £12.88, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. A Kingsley, sec. M Dentith
4. IONOS (Hosting of PC Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. I Morgan, sec. M Dentith
5. D Broad (Hinges for Noticeboard) £4.10, prop. M Dentith, sec. B Amory
6. Cotswolds National Landscape (Seeds and Stickers) £185.00, prop. D Broad, sec. M Dentith
7. FoStA Donation for Magic Show £350.00, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory – Discussion ensued on the matter that any funds collected as a result of Parish Council funded entertainment should be kept and spent for the benefit of the Chedworth benefice and not diverted upwards for the benefit of the diocese and beyond. It was agreed to write to FoStA to raise this matter.
8. Brian Brazington (Flail cutting of verges and collection) (£1,000 + VAT) £1,200.00, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
9. Brian Brazington (Hedge cutting) (£630.00 + VAT) £756.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. D Broad. Mr Morgan reported that it appeared that we had overspent in the budget this year, but one payment from the last financial year had been paid in this year.
10. Coln River Guardians (Donation) £100.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
11. Chedworth Village Hall rental (February First Aid Course) £20.00, prop. A Kingsley, sec. D Broad
12. Bank Service Charge (February 2026) £6.75, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
13. Internet Banking – The Clerk reported that this was now up and running.
14. Request for funding from St Andrew’s School for MUGA – Mrs Smith had replied but Council felt that not enough details had been given to enable them to make a donation. If more information is forthcoming in the future, the Parish Council will consider this again. The Clerk had made enquiries from the SLCC legal section, and a donation can be made from Sec. 137 expenditure.
15. Council in receipt of £110.00 from Cirencester Athletics Club for Roman Run.
16. Financial Reporting and Reserves Clarity – An email had been received from Iain Robertson asking for a brief financial position summary as a standing agenda item. The Clerk had made

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enquiries from the SLCC legal section and although the Parish Council has no requirement to report to members of the public regarding finances and the only time that members of the public have a right to examine the accounts of the Parish Council is during the statutory period during the audit, it was agreed to publish the monthly budget update that Councillors receive following a meeting with the next month's agenda and make it a monthly item on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Resignation of Ros Marsden from Hugh Westwood Educational Trust: An email had been received from Phillipa Moore, on behalf of the trust, stating that Ros Marsden had not yet been replaced on the trust and if the Parish Council wished to nominate a replacement, to contact them. She also gave a brief report on the trust for the Parish Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 16th March 2026.

The meeting concluded at 9.31pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm.

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