

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th APRIL 2026

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

COMMENTS ON THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES: Mr Musgrave had emailed and asked that the draft minutes be amended to include his pledge to provide Mrs Amory with details of his concerns regarding the proposed new playground behind the Village Hall.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record. With a change to page 4, Playground behind Village Hall paragraph, “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” was added.

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

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Nothing was raised at this point, but Mr Pridgeon asked if people could speak on the playground project when it was discussed later on the agenda. The Chairman confirmed that he would allow this.

PLANNING:

25/04027/FUL Carriers Cottage - New Details - Noted

26/00904/AGFO Land Parcel at E405051 N211235 - Agricultural or Forestry Notification for Prior notification for the extension of an existing access track to an approved agricultural barn – Proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to raise no objection, agreed.

26/00888/FUL Crossways Farm, Fields Road - Conversion of barn to self-build dwelling with associated works – The applicants were invited to give a brief description of the application. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to raise no objection, agreed.

25/03905/FUL Rose Cottage – New Details, proposed M Dentith and seconded by Mr Kingsley to raise no objection.

Conservation Area: The results of the questionnaire on Article 4 Directions had been collated by Adam Wilkie & Graham Rebek. Adam presented the results using pie charts and explained these. Members of the public spoke about the results at this point. When Council reconvened and after some discussion where it was agreed to take outside doors out of the proposal as this had gained little support in the questionnaire. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mrs Amory to ask CDC to place article 4 directions to remove permitted development rights relating to roof solar panels, ground solar arrays, exterior lighting, wind turbines and the painting of the exterior of buildings, as in render, but to remove the request for UPVC windows to be included. A counter proposal was made by Mr Morgan to include UPVC windows back in, but this did not gain a seconder. Therefore, the Chairman’s proposal seconded by Mrs Amory stands, this was agreed with one against.

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Playground behind the Village Hall: It was agreed to open the meeting to allow members of the public to speak. When Council reconvened discussion took place on re-siting the equipment at the Village Hall end of the playing field and moving the goal post back 10 metres at the far end, this was agreed in principle. It was also agreed that the equipment would not need fencing in. After further discussion it was agreed that the working party should commence fundraising for the equipment and also consult with neighbours to address their concerns.

Local Green Spaces: An email had been received from Lesley Davies asking for the toolkit and evidence to be sent to her. It was agreed to email around hoping that someone would take this forward.

Dark Skies: This was included as part of the article 4 questionnaire.

Rendcomb Airfield: Councillor Hodgkinson had emailed saying that CDC has taken advice from a barrister and is now reviewing that advice.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update and reported that the seeds had been distributed.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Nothing further.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Mr Musgrave had asked to speak on this matter, the Chairman invited him to do so. He gave a brief update. When Council reconvened, it was agreed to ask Susan Green if a meeting had been arranged with the school.
- e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
 - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: Nothing further had been heard despite Councillor Hodgkinson chasing it up with GCC. After some discussion it was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr G Broad to write to Joe Harris, GCC Portfolio Holder for highways expressing out concerns that this was taking so long, agreed.
 - ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Mr Poulton indicated that he wished to speak, the Chairman invited him to do so. He reported, among other things, that there had been 3 separate incidents on Fields Road recently.
- f) Road Maintenance: Tuns Hill was due to be resurfaced soon.
- g) Salt Delivery: This had still not been received.
- h) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: The drystone wall opposite Fords Cottage in Queen Street has fallen into the road, partially blocking the carriageway. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to pass this on to GCC Highways, agreed with one abstention.

Camping Site on Calmsden Road: CDC had served an enforcement notice which should be displayed on site, but it was reported this had been removed from the gate. It was agreed to get another copy from CDC.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 52: A resident had asked on Facebook if a gate could be provided to replace the stile as had been done on the other footpaths in this area. As the landowner was a vulnerable lady, Mrs Harrison offered to speak to the landowner's representative to request a gate be provided instead of

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the stile and also to speak to Rod Sinclair, our footpath warden, about this. The Chairman thanked Mrs Harrison.

Playing Field:

- a) Nets for Goal Posts: The Chairman reported that the goal posts would be around £1,000. It was agreed to wait until the goal posts required moving before making a decision.
- b) Request for use by HVLTC for Annual Summer Fundraising Tournament: A booking form had been received from HVLTC. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr G Broad to allow this with no charge on this occasion.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update. Mr Kingsley agreed to write a short item for inclusion in the Hill and Valley.

Defibrillators:

- a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further.
- b) Xbox Library: Ceri Powell had offered to look after the library. The offer was gratefully accepted.
- c) Seven Tuns Defibrillator Cabinet: A new cabinet had been relocated to the wall of Ballingers Hill House, by kind permission of Emma and Richard Isaac. The cabinet had been installed by an electrician and was now working. Mr Morgan was thanked for all of his efforts in getting the defibrillator working. Mr Morgan reported that he understood that the defibrillator should be registered with the Circuit, he offered to do this also the new location needed to be given to Webnos.

Benches: Nothing further.

Village Hall Noticeboard: An offer had been received from Mr Ray Hedger to repair the Village Hall noticeboard if the cost of materials is covered. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr G Broad to accept this kind offer, agreed.

Thames Water: The Chairman had written to Thames Water regarding the problems reported due to low water pressure, following the last meeting but had not received a reply. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded from the Chair to write again from the Parish Council, agreed.

Annual Chedworth Litter Pick: Mr McLellan reported that he intended to arrange the litter pick for the week starting 9th May. Items will be able to be collected from the Village Hall car park from 9.30am. on this date. Mr McLellan would write a short item to be included in the Hill and Valley.

FINANCE:

1. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website & Domain Renewal) £19.20 Direct Debit, prop. B Amory, Sec. M Dentith
2. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec, B Amory
3. GAPTC Membership 2026/27 £267.93, prop. I Morgan, sec. G Broad
4. Young Bros. (Installation of Defibrillator Cabinet) (£285.95 + VAT) £343.14, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
5. Bank Service Charge (March 2026) £5.75, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley

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6. I J Morgan (Defibrillator Cabinet) (£460.00 + VAT) £552.00 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. A Kingsley
7. Request for funding from St Andrew’s School for MUGA: An invitation to send someone to the meeting to hear details of the project had been sent to the school. Some details had been sent through by the head, but it was agreed to wait until they come along to the meeting before making decision.
8. FoStA Donation: An email reply had been received from Robert Young clarifying the situation.
9. Financial Summary following the March Meeting: This was displayed on the Parish Council website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Resignation of Ros Marsden from Hugh Westwood Educational Trust: It was agreed to advertise for a replacement in the Hill and Valley. The Chairman was concerned as he understood that the criteria for the charity had been changed to benefit only those attending Cotswold School. The trust was formed to benefit those residents in Chedworth and Northleach. It was agreed to write and ask them to reconsider.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting, Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.30pm.

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