

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

PRESENT: Mr D Broad, Mrs B Amory, Mr G Broad, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan, Mr I Morgan & Mrs E Broad (Clerk)  
County & District Councillor Mr Paul Hodgkinson

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr David Broad was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr I Morgan, agreed unanimously. Mr Broad then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr Ian Morgan was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan, agreed unanimously. Mr Morgan then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 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: The Chairman said that he would take public comments on the play area project and move it forward on the agenda as Mrs Amory had to leave the meeting early. He said that other public comments would be taken following this item. Mr Musgrave spoke on the proposed project and asked several questions that he had emailed to Mrs Amory, the Chairman and Mr Morgan prior to the meeting. As there were no further comments at this point the Council went into closed session to consider the agenda item.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Mrs Amory gave a brief update on the project which included that the working group were in the process of obtaining more designs and quotes, which it was hoped would be available for the next meeting, and that they had made some funding applications. She said that she did not have the answers to Mr Musgrave's questions in his email. After some discussion it was agreed to seek legal advice from the SLCC on Mr Musgrave's questions.

The Chairman invited the public to raise any other matters at this point. Mr Robertson spoke about what he thought the Parish Council's role should be in utility issues within the village such as water outages. He felt that someone should be nominated who knew who to contact when these things were happening and he offered to try to find someone to take on this role. Councillor Hodgkinson gave a brief update on local government organisation, the new local plan and the missing link.

Mrs Amory left the meeting at this point.

## PLANNING:

26/01145/LBC The Stump - Listed Building Consent application for the alterations and extension to outbuilding to provide an amended w/c extension position and design to that approved within permission – No objection, proposed from the Chair, seconded Mt G Broad, agreed.

26/01297/TPO The Stump - Felling of Tree with TPO – Noted.

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Appeal Decision: 25/01970/PLP Land at Ethans Orchard – Appeal Dismissed

26/00904/AGFO: Prior notification for the extension of an existing access track to an approved agricultural barn – Mr Richard Williams had emailed concerning the removal of part of the drystone wall at the entrance to the field. The Chairman had investigated this and established that this did not form part of the application, he had also spoken to one of the applicants and was assured that the wall would be rebuilt when the works are completed. It was agreed to reply to Mr Williams to appraise him of this.

Conservation Area: As no reply had been received from CDC on our request for Article 4 Directions, it was agreed to write again.

Local Green Spaces: Nothing further.

Dark Skies: As this was part of the Article 4 Directions request to CDC, it was agreed to include with the Conservation Area item in future.

Rendcomb Airfield: A letter had been received from Vic Norman notifying the Parish Council of an event on 13<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed to include in the Hill and Valley for information.

#### MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

##### Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan would liaise with Brian Brazington regarding the cutting of visibility splays. Concern was expressed that the Chedworth Turning onto the A429 had been left off Highways list last year. It was agreed to contact Anne Johns to ensure that it would be included this year. Mr Morgan also reported that Susie Moore was currently working on the grant bid to Cotswolds National Landscape.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: Mr Morgan asked that an email be sent to Dan Tiffney at GCC Highways to ask if they had rescheduled the works in Queen Street, this was agreed.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.
- e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
  - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: An email had been received from GCC Highways stating that only one solar powered unit was available for us at present and if we wished to have it delivered for fitting ourselves or wait until the GCC contractor can fit it. It was agreed that it has taken so long so far that we should have it delivered as soon as possible. GCC Highways stated that if we wished to have a second unit we should apply to the road safety team directly, it was agreed to do this.
  - ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.
- f) Road Maintenance: Nothing further/
- g) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: An email had been received from Anne Johns stating the wall had been cordoned off on the carriageway and the owner would be contacted to repair it.
- h) Cutting of Tuns Hill Triangle: It was agreed to ask Andy Cox to do a cut and clear along the verge down to the Beer Garden.
- i) Report to Highways a dislodged kerb stone outside Edgehill: Mr Morgan asked if this could be passed onto Highways for repair and this was agreed.

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Camping Site on Calmsden Road: An enforcement notice had been issued, and it was awaited to see if there would be an appeal.

Footpaths:

a) KCH 52: Mrs Harrison had reported that the landowner had agree to pay for a gate to replace the stile which would be fitted by the wardens. The Chairman thanked Mrs Harrison.

Playing Field:

a) Nets for Goal Posts: Nothing further.

b) Request for use for Multi Sports half term week from Sam Edwards: This was agreed with no charge on this occasion.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Mr Kingsley gave a brief update. Nobody had come forward to help with the strimming and watering, it was agreed to put another item in the Hill and Valley asking for volunteers.

Defibrillators:

a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: The Clerk reported that the cabinet was registered on Webnos as not active, when she made enquires it was because there was no power to the cabinet. The Chairman investigated and the RCD had tripped. The Chairman reset the RCD, and the Clerk asked Mr Phillips to undertake another check and report to Webnos, she also asked him to report any further problems to her as well as Webnos. Mr Phillips was concerned that the cabinet light only worked intermittently. The Clerk explained that a new switch was being sourced by the electrician who fitted the RCD last year, but the part was obsolete and he had not been able to hold of a replacement. The Chairman agreed to look at the switch in the old cabinet at the Seven Tuns and see if this could be used. The Chairman also reported that the door on the Xbox was in poor condition.

b) New Pads: New pads were required for the Village Hall defibrillator as they went out of date on 28<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to get a replacement along with a further set for each defibrillator, as was recommended by Webnos. The Chairman had made enquiries from another supplier who was cheaper and with quicker with delivery to obtain the new pads. It was agreed to order three sets from this supplier. The Clerk had registered all the defibrillators on The Circuit. Mr Morgan reported that Mr Robertson and himself were looking at GoodSAM who would be able to help in getting volunteer help in an emergency.

Benches: Nothing further.

Village Hall Noticeboard: Mr Hedger was currently undertaking repairs.

Low Water Pressure: Thames Water had replied offering to speak to someone regarding the water pressure reduction. It was agreed to contact them and try to arrange a face-to-face meeting with their representatives.

Parish Council Role in Utility Issues: It was agreed to ask Mr Robertson to go ahead to see if he can find a volunteer.

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FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution) £81.20, prop. A Kingsley, sec. I Morgan
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. A McLellan, sec. A Kingsley
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan
4. Viking (Ink) (32.27 + VAT) £38.84, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan
5. Chedworth Village Hall (Rent & Cupboard) £268.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting April) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
7. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting March) (£44.00 + VAT) £52.80 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
8. Bank Service Charge (April 2026) £6.25, prop. G Broad, sec. A McLellan
9. Council in receipt of £15,826.00 Part Precept from CDC
10. Council in receipt of £1,456.60 VAT Refund 2025/26 from HMRC
11. Income & Expenditure Account 2025/26 – To be submitted with the audit
12. Annual Audit Return for 2025/26 Audit – Sections 1 & 2 were considered by Council in that order and agreed and signed as required.
13. Financial Summary following the April Meeting – Noted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Appointment of two trustees to the Allotment Charity for a four-year term: The Clerk had contacted the charity, and Jo Todd was willing to stand again but Nigel Finch would retire. It was agreed to advertise the posts in the Hill and Valley for further consideration next month.

Hugh Westwood Educational Trust: A reply had been received from Philippa Moore clarifying that no changes had been made to the area of benefit only that Cotswold School had also been included.

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

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.30pm.

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