

# CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

APOLOGIES:

COMMENTS ON THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record, agreed with one abstention.

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

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: Nothing was raised at this point.

PLANNING:

26/01595/AGFO Land at Grid Reference Easting 405138 Northing 211167 - Agricultural or Forestry Notification for Prior Notification for the extension of an existing access track as previously approved – No objection, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan

26/01523/FUL Sheddens Barn - Variation of condition 2 (plans) of permission 17/02349/FUL Conversion of agricultural barns to 2 dwelling houses and associated works to allow for internal layout – No objection – prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley

26/01395/FUL The Cuttings - Erection of Porch – No objection, prop. M Dentith, sec. A McLellan

26/01054/LBC Orchard Cottage - Listed Building Consent – No objection, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan

26/01053/FUL Orchard Cottage - Single Storey Extension – No objection – prop. M Dentith, sec. G Broad

26/01460/TCONR Pippins, The Rookery - Tree Works - Noted

26/01642/AGFO Land Parcel at E405051 N211235 - Agricultural or Forestry Notification for Agricultural barn for the storage of hay and machinery – No objection, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith, agreed with one abstention

Planning Enforcement Appeal - APP/F1610/C/26/3378463 & APP/ F1610/C/26/3378464 Land North of Longbarrow Farm - Without planning permission, the material changes of use of the land from agricultural field to a commercial holiday caravan site comprising the stationing of 4 caravans. Without planning permission, the carrying out of operational development in association with the change of use, including fencing, excavation, stone filling and surfacing, the installation of a reinforcing plastic/rubber mesh overlay to form a new parking area and the creation of pathways through the site – It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Dentith to object as before, agreed.

Conservation Area: A reply had been received from CDC regarding Article 4 Directions & Dark Skies. Adam Wilkie, who was present at the meeting, agreed to be point of contact for CDC. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Dentith to reply to CDC asking for an indication of the sort of additional documentation they are seeking and inform them that the Parish Council has been working closely with Adam Wilkie who did a lot of preparatory work on our submission, and ask them liaise with him as he may well have the information required to hand, agreed.

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Local Green Spaces: Nothing further

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update including that the visibility splays had been cut. The Clerk reported that although the Chedworth turning on to the A429 had been left of the GCC contractors list again, Anne Johns, GCC Highways, had arranged for it to be cut. Mr Morgan also reported that Susie Moore was still working on the grant bid to Cotswolds National Landscape. He also asked for approval to arrange for cutting of some small trees on verges in Lower Chedworth. This was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Kingsley and agreed.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream:
  - i) Drainage in Queen Street: Councillor Hodgkinson had emailed to say GCC were waiting for the contractor to deliver.
  - d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further
  - e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:
    - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: The Chairman, Cllr. McLellan & representatives from GCC had met on site and Cllr. McLellan now had one speed sign in his garage. The poles installed were in the wrong place & GCC were awaiting a date from their contractor to install new more robust ones. Another unit was also expected. As nothing further had been heard, the Clerk was asked to chase this up again.
    - ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further
    - iii) Dangerous Driving of HGV in Lower Chedworth: An email had been received from Jayne King regarding an incident she experienced in Lower Chedworth when riding her horse. A large van had only just stopped in time when she met it on the road. After some discussion it was suggested that “unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles” signs could be erected in the area. It was agreed to email Jayne King and ask her if she thought this was a good idea and if so, look into purchasing some. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr Dentith to allocate a budget of £50.00 for this, agreed.
  - f) Road Maintenance: In Councillor Hodgkinson’s email he reported that the resurfacing work on Tuns Hill was now expected to be done in October.
  - g) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: Nothing further
  - h) Cutting of Tuns Hill Triangle: This had been completed by Andy Cox along with the visibility splays at the Village Hall and the road down to the school.
    - i) Dislodged kerb stone outside Edgehill: An email had been received from GCC saying that the report was in the system.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 52: Nothing further on the provision of a gate on this path.

Playing Field:

- a) Nets for Goal Posts: Mrs Amory reported that replacement goal posts were included in some of the quotations for the play area.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Ford’s Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update. No new volunteers had come forward to help with the strimming & watering.

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Defibrillators:

a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: The Chairman had changed the switch in the Xbox defibrillator by using the one from the spare cabinet at the Seven Tuns. A replacement switch is no longer available but there is some old stock online for around £35.00. He reported that the door of the Xbox was crumbling and the cost of a replacement door was around £295.00 + VAT and carriage.

Village Cardiac Emergency Response Programme: Mr Morgan and Mr Robertson had looked into this and circulated some information prior to the meeting. Mr Morgan reported that the system would require 20 respondents who would need to do an online training course and assessment. He asked for a budget of £350.00 to be approved to cover this. It was proposed by McLellan and seconded by Mr Kingsley to allocate this, agreed. It was further agreed to include an item in the Hill and Valley. The Chairman was concerned about the public liability aspect of the Parish Council maintaining the defibrillators. It was agreed to query this with the insurance company. The address of the Seven Tuns defibrillator needed changing on “The Circuit”. Mr Morgan agreed to do this.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Advice had been received from SLCC legal on the points raised by Mr Musgrave. Mrs Amory gave a brief update which included reporting that four quotations had now been received. After some discussion it was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr Kingsley to display the plans to the public open to consultation with the cost of the four schemes not included, agreed.

Benches: Nothing further.

Village Hall Noticeboard: Mr Hedger had completed the refurbishment and had done an excellent job. It was agreed to write and thank Mr Hedger.

Low Water Pressure: A reply had been received from Thames Water asking for further details of the areas affected. It was agreed to reply that the issue the Parish Council has been made aware of is that they propose further pressure reductions specifically in the GL54 4AA and GL54 4NE postcodes and potentially others nearby will cause the pressure to drop to a point where may devices such as power showers will cease to function. Mr Martin Harrison was asked if he would be willing to liaise with Thames Water directly regarding this potential issue and he agreed. It was further agreed to write to Thames Water asking them to liaise with Mr Harrison directly.

Parish Council Role in Utility Issues: Nothing further had been heard from Mr Robertson.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Salary inc 3% increase as agreed in the budget) £777.00, prop. B Amory, Sec. A Kingsley
2. E Broad (Quarterly Mileage) £12.88, prop. B Amory, sec. A McLellan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. B Amory, sec. A Kingsley
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. D Broad, sec. M Dentith
5. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting May) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. A Kingsley, sec. M Dentith
6. MedUK Group Ltd. (3 sets of Defibrillator Pads) (£127.50 + VAT) £153.00, prop. B Amory, Sec. A McLellan

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7. Castle Water (Grass Keep Water) £21.05 Retrospective, prop. G Broad, sec. B Amory
8. Ray Hedger (Materials for repair of Village Hall Notice Board) £130.00, prop. G Broad, Sec. B Amory
9. Andrew Cox (Cutting & Raking of Tuns Hill triangle, VH Crossroads, School Hill & Chapel Graveyard (from October 2025) Total £650.00, prop. B Amory, sec. A McLellan
10. Iain Selkirk (Internal Audit) £170.00, prop. B Amory, sec. M Dentith
11. Bank Service Charge (May 2026) £4.75, prop. G Broad, sec. D Broad
12. Council in receipt of £23.29 Water Reimbursement from HVLTC
13. Request for part funding St Andrews School fence – A request had been received from PTA for £250.00 for repairs to the school garden fence. It was felt that to meet the criteria it would have to be for enhancement as repairs are not within the remit of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Mr G Broad and seconded by Mr D Broad to grant £250.00, this would come under sec. 137 expenditure, agreed.
14. 2025/26 Internal Audit returned from Mr Selkirk – There were no points to be brought to the attention of the Council. The Chairman thanked the Clerk.
15. Financial Summary following the May Meeting – Noted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Appointment of two trustees to the Allotment Charity for a four-year term: No one further had come forward but Mrs Jo Todd, and existing trustee, was willing to stand again. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith to appoint Mrs Todd for a further four-year term and advertise again to fill the other vacancy, agreed.

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

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.30pm.

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