

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 13th JULY 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mr M Dentith, Mr G Broad would join the meeting later

ABSENT: Mrs B Amory

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record, agreed.

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

OPEN SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC: The Chairman asked if there were any matters the public wished to raise other than the play area which he intended to open to the public for comments when Mrs Amory arrived. Councillor Hodgkinson gave a brief report which included an update on local government reorganisation where a decision was expected on Thursday, the missing link, and wildfires due to the hot weather. Peter Heaps raised the problem of overgrown hedges especially on Cooks Hill and adjacent to the Seven Tuns in Queen Street. Mr Robertson spoke about creating a species rich wildflower meadow on the Parish Council land adjacent to the Village Hall.

PLANNING:

26/01700/LBC - The Old Parlour - Listed Building Consent – No objection, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley

26/01699/FUL The Old Parlour - External and internal alteration to barns to support the use of the barn as a dwelling, annexe and home office. Alterations to curtilage listed barn to support the use – No objection, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan

26/01827/TPO The Stump - Work on trees with TPO - Noted

26/01961/TCONR The Orchard - Tree Works - Noted

Conservation Area – To consider any update on Article 4 Directions & Dark Skies: Nothing further but it was known that CDC had been in contact with Adam Wilkie.

Local Green Spaces: Nothing further.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges: Nothing further.

b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Although there was nothing further from GCC Highways, the overhanging hedge from Laurel Cottage, further reducing the width, had been raised. It was agreed to write to the landowner asking him to cut the hedge back and write to the landowner of the overhanging hedge in Queen Street asking for this to be cut back.

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c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream:

i) Drainage in Queen Street: Nothing further.

d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Mr Musgrave had emailed regarding his email exchange with Susan Green from GCC road safety around the school and in Middle Chedworth. It was agreed to write to Susan Green asking if any progress is being made.

e) Traffic Speed on Fields Road:

i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign: An email had been received from Mark Richards, GCC following the last meeting, but nothing had been heard since. Councillors Hodgkinson offered to chase this up with Mark Richards.

ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.

iii) Dangerous Driving of HGV in Lower Chedworth: Jayne King had emailed confirming her support for the provision of signs in Lower Chedworth. The Chairman reported that the cost of the signs would also need something to be mounted on and asked that the budget be increased to £150.00 to allow for this. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr McLellan to increase the budget to £150.00, agreed.

f) Road Maintenance: Nothing further.

g) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: This was in the hands of GCC Highways.

h) Dislodged kerb stone outside Edgehill: This had been repaired.

As it became clear that Mrs Amory was not going to be coming to the meeting, the Chairman opened the meeting to allow public comments on the proposed new play area.

Mr Musgrave spoke, stating that although he supported that provision of new play equipment, he was concerned that the correct procedures had not been followed by the Parish Council, particularly in not giving the working group any terms of reference. Several other members of the public spoke about the proposals both in favour and raising concerns. The Chairman then stated that the Council would now go back into closed session to discuss the proposed new play area.

Playground behind the Village Hall: Several emails referencing the plans, which had been displayed in the village hall and online, had been received. A variety of comments regarding the types of equipment, the spread-out nature of the proposals, and the appearance of the proposed equipment were included, in addition to more general concerns. The majority of the comments being in favour of the playground rather than in support of any of the specific proposals. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan that the working group should be strengthened and expanded, interested parties will be invited to approach the Parish Council to volunteer to join the group before the August Parish Council meeting, existing members will be invited to join/continue. A working group meeting will be held on Monday 17th August, the meeting will be open to the public, and the Clerk will take minutes. Membership and terms of reference will be agreed at the August Parish Council meeting. The proposals from the working group will subsequently be put to a Parish Meeting for approval, agreed.

Footpaths:

a) KCH 52: Mrs Harrison reported that the new gate was to be installed shortly. The Chairman thanked Mrs Harrison for helping to facilitate this.

b) KCH 64: An email had been received from Jayne King regarding the overgrown nature of the path. It was agreed to write to the landowners involved asking them to cut the vegetation back.

Playing Field:

a) Nets for Goal Posts: Nothing further.

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b) Annual Inspection Report for Exercise Equipment: It was noted in the report that the manufacturers name was missing on several items. It was agreed to contact Fresh Air Fitness to try to resolve this.

c) Football Pitch Hire: Simon Cartwright had been approached by Minety Football Club regarding playing their home matches at Chedworth for the forthcoming season. There would be approximately 20 games at £60.00 per game. He had raised it with the Village Hall Committee, and they are happy to provide facilities for which they will pay separately. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Morgan to agree to Minety's request in principle, subject to the hall being available, agreed. The Parish Council will discuss the provision of new/repaired goal posts at the next meeting; this will depend on the result of discussions with Minety.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Mr McLellan gave a brief update, he had been doing some watering, and Mr Kingsley had been doing some strimming.

Defibrillators:

a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: The cabinet was currently not working as the RCD needs resetting. It was agreed that if it tripped again, an electrician should be asked to take a look.

Village Cardiac Emergency Response Programme: Mr Morgan gave a brief update on the GoodSAM scheme. A volunteer had come forward. Mr Morgan gave a brief explanation on the training required.

Benches: Nothing further.

Low Water Pressure: Mr Harrison had been contacted by Thames Water, and he gave a brief update. He asked if the agenda item could be changed to Thames Water Pressure adjustment.

Parish Council Role in Utility Issues: Nothing further.

St Andrews School CIF Project: An email had been received from the Headteacher explaining the project to provide fencing around the school grounds. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Morgan to raise no objection, agreed with one against.

Residual Posters in the Village: Ben Pridgeon had emailed regarding out-of-date notices being displayed in the village. After some discussion Mr Robertson agreed to ask people to remove their out-of-date notices through WhatsApp and ask for people to remove any notices that are out of date.

Youth Swim Nights Fridays Cirencester: Mr Kingsley had been speaking with Sue Pilling, CDC Community Builder, regarding free youth swimming on Friday evenings in Cirencester and other community initiatives. It was agreed to invite her along to a meeting to discuss this. Mr Kingsley agreed to issue the invitation.

FINANCE:

1. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. A Kingsley, sec. G Broad
2. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website & Domain Renewal) £20.40 Direct Debit, prop. A McLellan, sec. I Morgan

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3. E Broad (Audit Postage) £3.55, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
4. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting June) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan
5. G Broad (Microsoft 365 Renewal) £104.99, prop. I Morgan, sec. A McLellan
6. A Heathcoat Amory (Copies of Plans) £69.12 Retrospective, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
7. Play Inspection Company (Annual Inspection) £112.50 + VAT) £135.00, prop. D Broad, sec. A McLellan
8. Bank Service Charge (June 2026) £4.25, prop. A Kingsley, sec. I Morgan
9. Council in receipt of £100.00 Shed Rental from Gardening Club
10. Council in receipt of £200.00 Shed Rental from Drama Group
11. Request for part funding St Andrews School fence: Ben Pridegon had forwarded an invoice for £61.00 as some of the cost had been covered by a scheme from Wicks. As this was not the amount agreed at the last meeting the decision had to be reconsider under Standing Orders and the six-month rule. Two Councillors had to put in writing prior to the meeting that they wished to revisit the decision from 8th June. Only one Councillor had done this, so the decision could not be revisited at this meeting. It was agreed to see if another Councillor had put this in writing before the next meeting.
12. Financial Summary following the June Meeting – Noted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Appointment of one trustee to the Allotment Charity for a four-year term: Mr George Broad volunteered for this role. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Morgan to appoint Mr George Broad for a four-year term, agreed.

The meeting concluded at 9.11pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 10th August 2026 at 7.30pm.

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