

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10th AUGUST 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs B Amory & County & District Councillor Mr Paul Hodgkinson

COMMENTS ON THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES: A resident had emailed suggesting that the draft minutes do not reflect the amount and nature of the concerns about the proposed new playground on land at the rear of the Village Hall.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: After considering the suggested amendments from the local resident, Councillors felt the minutes correctly recorded the playground item, so 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:

PLANNING:

26/02071/FUL Homeside - Single storey rear extension – No objection

26/02063/FUL Chedworth House - Variation of condition – No objection

Conservation Area: Nothing further

Local Green Spaces: Nothing further

Playground behind the Village Hall:

a) To agree Membership and Terms of Reference for the Working Party: Several responses had been received to the advertisement for volunteers to serve on the working group. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad that the working group membership would be Parish Councillors Mr D Broad, Mr M Dentith, Mr A Kingsley, Mr A McLellan & Mr I Morgan and also Mr Aveline, Mr Cartwright, Mr Musgrave, Mr Butler, and Flora Kenning. The draft terms of reference were read out by the Chairman and agreed as follows; The purpose is to produce a scheme to improve and add to the Play Facilities at and near Chedworth Village Hall. The purpose is to inform the Chedworth Parish Council which will make the final decision on whether the scheme will proceed and if the Chedworth Parish Council agrees the Chedworth Parish Council will order the equipment and commission the groundworks and installation. The Chedworth Playground Working Group will identify the target age group which the equipment is intended for. The area to be considered is the Playing Field adjacent to Chedworth Village Hall. Upgrades to the existing Village Hall play area can also be considered if Chedworth Village Hall Committee agree. The Chedworth Playground Working Group may also consider siting the equipment on other land owned by the Parish Council. The completed scheme will not compromise the residential amenity of nearby residents. The scheme will include costings. Including three quotes for items over £1,000. The scheme will include cash flow predictions. The Group will make decisions regarding

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the recommendations to be put to the Chedworth Parish Council at face-to-face meetings under the terms of Section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960. The members of the Chedworth Playground Working Group will be expected to declare any conflict of interests and a record of interests will be kept. The Parish Councillors on the group will declare interests in the same way that they declare interests for Parish Council matters and those interests will be included in the Parish Council register of interests.

- b) To consider any update regarding the composition of the Working Party & the meeting on 17th August: The inaugural meeting of the working group will be held on Monday 17th August, members of the public will be invited to be present. The Chairman of the Village Hall committee had been in touch to report that the current playground behind the Village Hall was in need of refurbishment as the wooded uprights had started to rot in the ground. He had obtained a quote, and the cost would be in the region of £17,000. It was agreed that the working group would consider whether to include this within the project.
- c) To consider the grant from Enover: A grant had been applied for by the former working group, and it had been awarded £35,000, 10% of the grant needed to be paid back from 3rd party funds, so the actual grant was for £31,500. It was agreed to query whether the £10% can be paid from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The grant will be considered further by the working group.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Nothing further
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: Nothing further
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream:
- i) Drainage in Queen Street: As nothing further had been heard from GCC Highways regarding the proposed works and being mindful of the fact that the current dry weather was perfect for the works to be undertaken, it was agreed to write a strong letter to GCC Highways asking when the works were to be done and reminding them that we contributed £5,000 to them last year to bring the works forward. Mr Hutton Potts asked if a skip could be hired to take the arisings as he has been clearing the stream. It was proposed by Mr Dentith and seconded by Mr Kingsley to set a ceiling of £500.00 to facilitate this, this was agreed with one abstention.
- d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: As no reply had been received from Susan Green at GCC, it was agreed to contact her again asking for a response.
- e) Traffic Speeds:
- i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign on Fields Road: An email had been received from Oliver Vincent at GCC Highways stating that the new poles for the VAS signs should be delivered in early September.
- ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further
- iii) Dangerous Driving of HGV in Lower Chedworth: The Chairman reported that he had been unable to source backing for the vinal signs at a reasonable price. A resident offered to source some aluminium for backing if the Chairman would provide him with measurements.
- f) Road Maintenance: Nothing further
- g) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: This was in the hands of GCC Highways.

Footpaths:

- a) KCH 52: The gate had been installed on the footpath by Cotswold Wardens. The Chairman thanked all involved in getting this done.

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b) KCH 64: An email had been received from one of the landowners reporting that that the path has been cleared.

Playing Field:

- a) Nets for Goal Posts: Nothing further as the football team who wished to play on the pitch had their own nets.
- b) Annual Inspection Report for Exercise Equipment: The Clerk was currently making enquiries from Fresh Air Fitness for makers details on some of the equipment raised in the annual inspection.
- c) Football Pitch Hire: Minety Football Club had been in consultation with the Village Hall Committee and were able to come and play their home games at Chedworth. It was agreed that the Village Hall would look after the invoicing of the football club and collect the fees on behalf of the Parish Council. Conditions of Hire would be drawn up before the beginning of the season, Mr Hutton Potts said that the Village Hall would see to the drawing up of this.

The Grass Keep Field:

- a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field:
 - i) Mr Kingsley and Mr McLellan provided a brief update. Tony Willams had emailed asking if a cut of the field was required this year. After consultation the Clerk asked him to cut the field as he did last year.
 - ii) Glorious Cotswold Grasslands Parish Council Fields: A resident had provided information on his consultation with the Cotswold National Landscape regarding the proposed restoration of the two Parish Council-owned fields through the Glorious Cotswold Grasslands programme. The initial work, including the September hay cut, scarification and seeding, would be externally funded. The principal ongoing responsibility for the Parish Council would be arranging an annual late-summer hay cut and removal of the cuttings, unless a local farmer can undertake this in return for the hay or at low cost. It was proposed by Mr McLellan and seconded by Mr Morgan to sign up to this, agreed.

Defibrillators:

- a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: The Chairman reported that he had gone to reset the RCD but there was not power to the whole Xbox. It was agreed to contact BT, who paid for the power supply, to ask if the electricity had been disconnected.
- b) Future of the Xbox: As there was currently no power supply, it was agreed to consider again later.

Village Cardiac Emergency Response Programme: Mr Morgan gave a brief update. An item would be placed in the Hill & Valley News.

Benches: Nothing further.

Thames Water Pressure Adjustment: An email from a resident reporting that Thames Water have installed pressure valves and monitoring equipment in the village such that they could control flows and pressure. They have no plans to do anything in Chedworth at present.

Parish Council Role in Utility Issues: A resident had sent an email explaining the enquiries he had undertaken on the Council's behalf with SSEN, Gloucestershire County Council's Emergency Planning Team and Thames Water. Named contacts have been established with all three organisations, and each has expressed a willingness to support the Council's community resilience work. After further consideration it was agreed to consider further at the next meeting.

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Community Initiatives: Cllr. Kingsley gave a brief update which included him issuing an invitation to Sue Pilling, CDC to come to a meeting.

Allotment: A request for Allotment had been received from prospective resident. The lady, who was present at the meeting, was not happy that her name had been included on the agenda. As the Parish Council does not currently have any allotments since the ones we did have had been converted into the Community Orchard. The only allotments in the village were owned by Cotswold District Council.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Phone/Broadband Contribution) £90.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
2. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
3. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. A Kingsley, sec. G Broad
4. With the Ball Sports Coaching (School Fete Entertainment) (£125.00 + VAT) £150.00, prop. A McLellan, sec. G Broad
5. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting July) (£132.00 + VAT) £158.40, prop. G Broad. sec. M Dentith
6. Bank Service Charge (July 2026) £4.25, prop. I Morgan, sec, G Broad
7. Request for part funding St Andrews School fence – To reconsider decision from 8th June meeting to donate £250.00. Two further requests for the decision from 8th June meeting to donate £250.00 be revisited had been received. As the invoice received from the PTA was for £61.00, it was proposed by Mr Morgan and seconded by Mr McLellan to pay £61.00, agreed with one against.
8. Financial Summary following the July Meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.33pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30pm.

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