

CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 14th SEPTEMBER 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mr A McLellan

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th August 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: Councillor Hodgkinson gave a brief update including that the Local Government reorganisation had been paused in Gloucestershire at present. Elections to CDC would go ahead next year as planned. The missing link would be opened soon; the whole project would be finished by February 2027. A new Local Plan has been drawn up, the consultation on this would end in October. The camp site at Pinkwell enforcement appeal would be held at CDC next Tuesday, he could not attend all day but would be there at the beginning and hoped to be able to speak. He reported that he had met with Anne Johns at Highways recently and she was under the impression that the £5,000 donated by the Parish Council for flood alleviation in Queen Street had already been spent. It was reiterated that this was not the case as no works had yet been done, Cllr. Hodgkinson would relay this back to Anne Johns. The Tufa removal in the pipes was waiting for a date to be done; it was reiterated that this was now urgent as it needed doing before the winter rains come. The resurfacing of Tuns Hill was on hold as the contractor who was to do the work had withdrawn and a new contractor was currently being sought.

PLANNING:

26/02440/FUL Land at Grid Reference Easting 405138 Northing 211167 - Replacement of existing stables with single stable block and associated works – No objection, prop. A Kingsley, sec. M Dentith

26/02435/FUL Piccolo Farm - Subdivision of detached dwelling to form 2 semi-detached dwellings – No objection, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley

26/02615/TCONR Green Lane Cottage - Tree Works - Noted

26/02546/FUL Hartshill - Change of use of land to residential – It was agreed not to comment on this application

26/02585/FUL 23 The Hemplands - Front & Rear Extensions – No objection, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith

26/02587/FUL Hoffen House – Alterations – No objection, prop. A Kingsley, sec. M Dentith

Planning Enforcement Appeal Update - Land north of Longbarrow Farm: The appeal hearing was to be held at on Tuesday 22nd September at Cotswold District Council offices in Cirencester. The Chairman was intending to attend and speak on behalf of the CNL.

Conservation Area – Article 4 Directions & Dark Skies: Nothing further.

Local Green Spaces: Nothing further.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

- a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan gave a brief update which included that the verge cut and clear would be done shortly. The verge outside The Manor, which has wooden posts on it making it impossible for the contractor to cut it, needed cutting. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to contact Seb Clarke asking him to arrange for it to be cut, agreed. It was agreed to ask Andy Cox to do a cut and clear of the Tuns Hill triangle, the verge down to the beer garden and School Hill.
- b) Cooks Hill, Reduced Width: After some consideration it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda as we have been told this is a low priority, but the Council is still concerned that it is still a risk.
- c) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream:
 - i) Drainage in Queen Street: The skip requested by Charles Hutton Potts for the arising from the stream was not now required as Seb Clarke had taken the debris away.
 - d) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.
- e) Traffic Speeds:
 - i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign on Fields Road: The new poles for the interactive speed signs had been installed. It was agreed to contact GCC to ask when the 2nd unit would be available and who would do the installation.
 - ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.
 - iii) Dangerous Driving of HGV in Lower Chedworth: The Chairman had the signs in hand.
- f) Road Maintenance: Cllr. Hodgkinson had already updated the Council on the delay in the resurfacing of Tuns Hill.
- g) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: Still in hand with GCC.
- h) GCC Winter Update: The Clerk had completed and submitted the required form including ordering a pallet of grit as our stock was very low.

Footpaths: Nothing further.

Playing Field:

- a) Football Pitch Hire: A request had been received from Charlton Rovers FC for their junior teams to use the football pitch every Saturday and Sunday morning. It was reported that this was quite normal for two teams to be playing on one pitch on different days. After some discussion concern was expressed that this was a bit excessive for neighbours' amenity over the weekend. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr G Broad to allow Saturday and Sunday mornings, but this was lost 3 votes in favour and 4 votes against with the Chairmans casting vote. It was then proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Dentith to allow use on Saturday mornings, this was agreed with 4 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention. Mr Morgan would go back to the team and relay this and negotiate a fee based on the amount that Minety FC pays. Mr Hutton Potts was fully aware of the request for use as it would affect the Village Hall with parking and toilet facilities.
- b) Football Pitch Hire by Minety FC: Neighbours were concerned about the foul language being used during recent matches. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Dentith to write to Minety FC asking them to ensure the players tone down the language used during matches, agreed with 4 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.
- c) To consider the Purchase of New Goal Posts: The Chairman reported that replacement goals were needed. After some discussion, Mr Cartwright from the members of the public present,

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offered to get three quotes for replacement goal posts. This offer was gratefully accepted, and it was agreed to set a budget of £1.500 and email around when the quotes have been received to agree which to order.

d) Spares for Exercise Equipment: The cost of the safety labels for two items had been received from Fresh Air Fitness. The cost would be £59.78 + VAT. It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to purchase these, agreed.

The Grass Keep Field:

a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Nothing further.

i) Glorious Cotswold Grasslands Parish Council Fields: A resident was invited to give a brief update, which he did.

Defibrillators:

a) Xbox Cabinet Repairs: Nothing further.

b) Xbox Electrical Supply: BT Payphones had replied saying that the power had not been disconnected from the Xbox. Peacock Electricals had been asked to investigate why power was not reaching the Xbox.

Village Cardiac Emergency Response Programme: A resident was invited to give an update. 12 volunteers had been recruited for training at the end of the month.

Playground behind the Village Hall:

a) To receive any update regarding the meetings of the Working Party on 17th August & 7th September: A brief report was given on both working group meetings. All the companies who had previously quoted were being asked to quote again on the revised ground plan. Nothing further had been received yet.

b) To consider the grant from Enovert: Mrs Amory had secured a three-month extension to the project. Some queries raised by the working were addressed by the Enovert Community Trust Manager.

c) Refurbishment of the Village Hall Play Equipment for £8,161.68 + VAT: It was felt that this was a separate project as the funding applied for by Mrs Amory had been for new equipment. There was a brief report that funding for the refurbishment of the existing equipment was already in hand. Mrs Amory offered to speak to the Chairman of the Village Hall regarding this.

d) To consider the co-option of Isabella Dorian Smith and Henry Franks on to the Working Group: It was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr Kingsley to co-opt both volunteers, agreed.

Benches: Nothing further.

Parish Council Role in Utility Issues: Nothing further.

Community Initiatives – Visit by Sue Pilling, CDC: Mr Kingsley had this in hand.

The Seven Tuns: A member of the public had received an email update from the owner of the Seven Tuns which he read out. The member of the public agreed to send the email to the Parish Council and check with the owner if the details in the email could be made public.

Paediatric First Aid Course: A request had been received for a course to be arranged at the VH. After some discussion it was proposed from the Chair and seconded by Mr G Broad to budget

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£150.00 for the course, agreed. A member of the public who organised the previous courses agreed to make enquires regarding booking a course with Cotswold First Aid.

FINANCE:

1. E Broad (Quarterly Salary) £777.00, prop. I Morgan, sec. A Kingsley
2. E Broad (Quarterly Mileage) £9.65, prop. M Dentith, sec. A Kingsley
3. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. D Broad, sec. I Morgan
4. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. D Broad, sec. B Amory
5. Trax Disco (School Disco Entertainment) £150.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
6. Chedworth Village Hall (Hire for Village Hall for School Fete) £22.00, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
7. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting August & Ford's Field Cutting) (£258.00 + VAT) £309.60, prop. G Broad, sec. M Dentith
8. Bank Service Charge (August 2026) £4.25, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
9. Zurich Municipal (Insurance Renewal) £518.47, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
10. Council in receipt of £250.00 Annual Ground Rent from HVLTC
11. Payments made but inadvertently not recorded in Minutes
 - i) CHT (New Defibrillator Pads from April) £52.80, prop. B Amory, sec. G Broad
 - ii) Information Commissioner (ICO Registration from June) £52.00, prop. G Broad, sec. I Morgan
12. Financial Summary following the August Meeting is on the website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Formal Complaint: A formal complaint had been received from a member of the public regarding their name being included on the published agenda for the August meeting. The Chairman proposed that due to the nature of the business being discussed the Council would go in to closed session to consider this item, this was seconded by Mr G Broad and agreed. Members of the public present left the meeting at this point. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the complainant as instructed.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30pm.

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