CHEDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12th OCTOBER 2026

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

APOLOGIES: Mr M Dentith & County & District Councillor Mr Paul Hodgkinson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 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: A member of the public gave an update on the reopening of the Seven Tuns, he reported that the owner was experiencing problems with push back from Cotswold District Council pre-planning officers with respect to his wish to provide additional accommodation on site. He also updated the Council on the Glorious Grasslands project with regard to the Parish Council fields.

PLANNING:

26/02787/TCONR High Gables - Tree Works - Noted
26/02788/TCONR Cromwell House - Tree Works - Noted
26/02546/CLEUD Hartshill - Cert of Lawful Existing Use or Dev for Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for change of use to residential – No comment, prop.
26/02781/FUL Cherry Tree House, Fossebridge - Conversion of garage to provide living space to main dwelling, including the installation of two dormers and associated works – No objection, prop.
26/02959/TCONR Blakemoor - Tree Works - Noted

Conservation Area – Article 4 Directions & Dark Skies: The Chairman read out an email from the resident dealing with this with CDC.

Local Green Spaces: Nothing further.

The following items were brought forward on the agenda.

The Seven Tuns: After some discussion it was agreed to write to Mr Beach stating that the Parish Council is very supportive of his efforts to reopen the pub and believe that addition accommodation will be valuable in creating a viable sustainable business for the future. It was agreed to ask him if there is there anything the Parish Council can do to help. It was also agreed to offer to send a letter of support to CDC, if required.

Playground behind the Village Hall:
a) To receive any update regarding the meetings of the Working Party on 8th October: The Chairman reported that at the meeting last week, the working group unanimously agreed to recommend that the Sutcliffe option for metal swings and other equipment in wood be accepted.

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The cost would be in the region of £35,000 + VAT, the final quote to be confirmed by Sutcliffe. It was proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr McLellan to accept the recommendation of the working group, agreed unanimously.

b) To consider the grant from Enovert: Several points raised previously had been queried with Enovert. Mr Morgan also raised several other points which Mrs Amory agreed to query with her contact at Enovert. It was agreed that when the final contract was received to send it round before signing. The Clerk was asked to query the insurance aspect with our insurers as it would have to be insured for full replacement value. It was further proposed by Mrs Amory and seconded by Mr G Broad that the £3,500 3rd party payment to Enovert, would be paid from the CIL money the Council holds, agreed.

c) Refurbishment of the Village Hall Play Equipment: Quotes between £12,000 and £15,000 had been received for new safety surfacing.

d) Reimbursing Working Group Members Expenses: The Chairman asked that reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses be paid when received, this was agreed.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Traffic in Village and Road Matters:

a) Roadside Verges: Mr Morgan reported that the verge cut had been done. He also reported that Brian was not keen to carry on collecting the arisings in future. Mr Morgan was asked to negotiate a price for him to carry on doing this. Mr Morgan also reported that he had been in discussion with Joe Musgrave regarding Ash Dieback trees on verges which may be dangerous. He agreed to send round a map and quotes for removal. It was further agreed to contact GCC Highways asking if they would be willing to fund the works or pay a contribution.

b) Tuns Hill Waterfall & The Stream: As nothing further had been heard, it was agreed to write to GCC Highways asking for the £5,000 given to expedite the works to be returned.

c) Road Safety around St Andrews School: Nothing further.

d) Traffic Speeds:

i) Provision of Interactive Speed Sign on Fields Road: An interactive speed camera had been installed by the Village Hall crossroads, but it was sited on the wrong pole and was facing the wrong way. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of GCC. Mrs Amory asked for it to be recorded that she was greatly disappointed at the wasted time spent on this matter and the waste of public funds.

Mrs Amory left the meeting at this point.

ii) Chedworth Parish Speed Limits: Nothing further.

iii) Dangerous Driving of HGV in Lower Chedworth: The Chairman has fitted the horse signs in Lower Chedworth. An email had been received from a resident asking for the signs to be relocated within the village. It was agreed relocate two of the signs to below the Hemplands and on the Calmsden Road.

e) Road Maintenance: Nothing further.

f) Fallen Wall on Tuns Hill: Nothing further.

Footpaths:

a) KCH 42 by Old Pastures: It was reported that this footpath was blocked. It was agreed to make enquires about who the landowner is.

Playing Field:

a) Charlton Rovers FC Pitch Hire: Mr Morgan reported that the team were holding a meeting shortly.

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b) Football Pitch Hire by Minety FC: The Clerk had emailed the contact at Minety FC but had received no reply. Mr Morgan gave a brief update on the recent fixtures.
c) To consider the Purchase of New Goal Posts: The resident who was ordering the new goal posts had emailed an update that he is awaiting a call from MH Goals local representative to get the ball rolling on ordering the sanctioned goal posts.
d) Spares for Exercise Equipment: The notices were currently in the post. The terms were that payment was due on delivery, as these were posted after the agenda was published and the price was as previously notified, it was agreed to make payment when the parcel was received and agreed retrospectively at the next meeting.
e) Request for use of Playing Field for Diwali Celebration Fireworks, 7 November 2026: A request had been received from Gloucester and Cheltenham Indians Association asking to use the Playing Field for a display of low noise category 2 fireworks. It was proposed by Mr Kingsley and seconded by Mr Morgan that as some residents will enjoy seeing the firework, not to charge for use of the field on this occasion, agreed. It was also agreed to put an item in the Hill & Valley alerting residents.

The Grass Keep Field:
a) Tree Planting on Ford's Field: Nothing further.
b) Glorious Cotswold Grasslands Parish Council Fields: The resident dealing with this had already reported that the fields had been seeded for the coming season.
c) Telecoms Mast Site: An email had been received from Galliford Try asking if the Parish Council would be interested in Cornerstone buying the mast sites or even enter into 99 yearlong leasehold agreements in exchange for a one-off payment. It was agreed that the Parish Council were not currently interested in doing this.

Defibrillators:
a) Xbox Defibrillator: The resident who does the checks had emailed concerning the lack of power to the Xbox and the beeping sound coming from the defibrillator.
b) Xbox Electrical Supply: As nothing further had been heard from Peacock Electricals regarding the reinstatement of the supply, it was agreed to chase this up.

Village Cardiac Emergency Response Programme: Mr Morgan gave a brief update.

Benches: Nothing further.

Parish Council Role in Utility Issues: Nothing further.

Community Initiatives – Visit by Sue Pilling, CDC: Mr Kingsley reported that he had been in contact with Sue Pilling and was still hoping to get her to attend a meeting.

Paediatric First Aid Course: Nothing further.

FINANCE:

1. IONOS (Hosting of Village Website) £7.20 Direct Debit, prop. A Kingsley, sec. G Broad
2. IONOS (Hosting of Parish Council Website) £8.40 Direct Debit, prop. A McLellan, sec. G Broad
3. Chedworth Village Hall (Hire for Village Hall for School Disco) £59.50, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad

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4. Chedworth Village Hall (Hire for Village Hall for additional meetings) £45.00, prop. A McLellan, sec. G Broad
5. Cottage Garden Services (Playing Field Cutting September) (£88.00 + VAT) £105.60, prop. A Kingsley, sec. A McLellan
6. Bank Service Charge (September 2026) £4.25, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
7. D Broad (Horse Signs) (£96.15 + VAT + £25.00 Delivery + Stickers £28.77) £174.15, prop. G Broad, sec. A Kingsley
8. PKF Littlejohn (External Audit 25/26) (£210.00 + VAT) £252.00, prop. D Broad, sec. G Broad
9. Council in receipt of £5,275.00 Part Precept from CDC
10. Limited Assurance Review of AGAR Return for year ended 31st March 2026 – It was noted that the 2025/26 Audit has been completed and the statutory notices posted on the Parish Council website and Village Hall notice board. There was nothing raised to bring to the attention of Councillors. The Clerk thanked the Chairman for his assistance with the audit.
11. Financial Summary following the September Meeting – On the website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting, Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.30pm.

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Date…….