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THE NEXT MEETING OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, April 21st, 2015 at 7.30pm** AT CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

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5. REPORT FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE
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15. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the Meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, March 17th, 2015 at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. K. Green; Cllr. D. Hampson; Cllr D. Osborn; Cllr. R. Mence; Cllr P. Parry (Chairman); Cllr. M. Wells; Cllr. P. Whitton; Mrs. L. Smith-Clerk.

Also present: PCSO H. Retallack; Mr. S. Calder

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Hampson-Chair 877149	Cllr Osborn 07768621850	
Footpaths	Cllr Green-Chair 874107		
Website	Cllr Green 874107	Cllr Wells 877098	Mr S Gatward
Traffic Calming	Cllr Wells 877098		

Responsibilities

Cllr Mence	Parish Plan	Street lights	Buses	874516
Cllr Osborn	Highways liaison	Grass cutting	Police Liaison	07768621850
Cllr Parry	Highways liaison			07831605600
Cllr Whitton	Fly tipping			07808174843

1. APOLOGIES

Ward Cllr. M. Versallion.

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hampson declared an interest in item 9b. She is part of the Chalgrave News team.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February 24th, 2015 meeting were amended, approved by the council and signed as correct by the chairman.

4. POLICE MATTERS-PCSO Retallack

PCSO Retallack has replaced PCSO Retallack as PCSO Burgess's police contact for Chalgrave Parish.

- a) **Crime Figures.** There was no recorded crime for February 2015 and no incidents of antisocial behaviour.
- b) **Chalgrave Games-June 27th, 2015.** Clerk to send details to PCSO Retallack.

5. REPORT FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE-Mr S Calder

- a) **Upcoming Events.** Mr Calder went through the events taking place in March and April. Cllr Green will put them on the Chalgrave PC website.
KG
- b) **Break-in.** There was an attempted break-in to the shed. Nothing was taken but the damage cost £395 to repair.
- c) **Trees.** The height of the trees in the graveyard have been reduced by 40% at a cost of £2,900.
- d) **Vestry.** The plans are advanced for moving the vestry upstairs. This will make room for an internal toilet and disabled ramp into the church in time for its 800th anniversary.
- e) **Barbeque.** A summer barbeque is being planned, provisionally for June 19th, 2015.
- f) **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on April 15th, 2015
- g) **Potholes** on Church Lane have been filled in. However one still requires attention.
- h) **Chalgrave Games 2015.** Mr. Calder will be representing the church at the Games.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 24TH, 2015 MINUTES

- a) **800,000 Unreported Crimes.** The PC has recently asked the Police and Crime Commissioner and has been given a response by telephone as follows:
- Why are only 88% of crimes recorded and what does the other 12% represent?

Ans: 12% of reported crimes are not deemed as such by the police e.g. someone breaking in to their own house because they have lost their keys.

- Why this figure is described as 'good' by the PCC.

Ans: The PCC describes the figures as 'encouraging' rather than good.

- b) **Cllr Versallion**. Cllr Green has emailed Cllr Versallion about using brown field land for building. Awaiting response. Clerk to follow. Ongoing.
Clerk

- c) **Overgrown Trees; 23 Toddington Road, Tebworth**. The house is currently for sale. Ongoing.

- d) **20mph through Flitton and Greenfield**. The clerk reported that Toddington PC had acquired its 20mph speed limit through the CBC Rural Matched Funding Scheme. The clerk will contact CBC's Senior Traffic and Safety Engineer & the Traffic Management Officer Bedfordshire Police. **PP; Clerk**

- e) **Tebworth Road, Wingfield-Pipeworks**. The water leak opposite Heath Farm, Tebworth Road, Wingfield has been fixed.

- f) **Defibrillator**. The Hosting Agreement between the PC and Chalgrave Memorial Hall has been signed by both parties. Electricians will be contacted to install the defibrillator. Ongoing. **RM; KG; Clerk**

- g) **CBC; Local Transport Plan: Rural Match Funding Guidelines**. CBC has introduced a 'matched funding' scheme whereby rural parishes contribute 50% towards repairs etc. which Cllr Green considers unfair. A letter has been sent to this effect. Awaiting reply. Clerk to follow up.
Clerk

- h) **Vehicle Activated Signs**. Cllr Whitton informed the cllrs that the cost for the lights and refurbishment of the Toddington Road VAS will be £340 approximately. After discussion it was generally agreed and subsequently **resolved** to proceed with the repairs. Cllr Green asked if the sign could be changed from 30mph to 20mph in the future. Ongoing.
PW; Clerk

- i) **Water Leak**. The continuing leak outside the Grand Chapel, Toddington Road originates in St. Mary's Close. Cllr Parry will follow up again. The resident of the Grand Chapel is also in contact with CBC.

- j) **Parkview Lane**. The gulley has been cleared by CBC. The Highways Engineer will try to have the gulley cleared more often. Residents to be informed.
Clerk

- k) **Incident Reporting Board**. At the January meeting Cllr Osborn suggested putting a message board opposite the Queen's Head. Cllr Osborn will acquire a board and pens. Ongoing.
DO

- l) **Computer Recycling**. Tech-Recycle provides free WEEE compliant IT and electrical recycling. The landlord and landlady of The Plough, Wingfield have agreed to provide storage space for discarded computers. Cllr Wells will contact Tech-Recycle with their contact details.
MW

- m) **CBC Development Strategy-Inspector's Report plus Associated Documents**. The Inspector has concluded that Central Bedfordshire has not co-operated sufficiently with other local authorities in developing its Development Strategy. Ward Cllr Versallion was asked what this meant for CBC and Chalgrave Parish Council. He responded via email as follows:

'CBC has initiated a Judicial Review after a unanimous vote on 26 Feb as there is a view that the duty to co-operate is not a duty to agree. The Council feels it can demonstrate that it co-operated and feels the inspector is mistaken... something that has been proven to be possible before.

It means that CBC still has its draft strategy which has some weight in planning, though clearly not as much an adopted plan would have. As with any Local Authority without an adopted plan, which is many up and down the country, it leaves Central Beds exposed to the risk of hostile applications in areas that may not be identified in the draft strategy.'

- n) **Boundary Gates**

Cllr Whitton has contacted companies selling recycled gates. The gates are not very big because they are heavy. However he is of the opinion that the current gates are in reasonable condition and can be refurbished. Cllrs will get some quotes for refurbishment. Cllr Hampson will find out if sponsorship of the gates is allowed.

DH

KG; DO;

7. POINTS RAISED on JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015 CORRESPONDENCE

None this month.

8. FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **DCLG: Local Development Orders for Housing Development on Brownfield Land. Invitation to bid.** The Government is supporting local planning authorities and private sector development partners to deliver brownfield sites for building new homes. Information given to Cllr Green.
- b) **Bedfordshire Age UK:** The Health and Social Care Act 2014 comes into force in May 2015. Summary and feedback report on Question and Answer Event. In correspondence.
- c) **CBC: Town and Parish Council Conference 20/1/15.** Post conference report in correspondence.
- d) **CBC: Budget 2015-Your Money Counts.** CBC approved its spending plans for 2015/16. £317 million will be invested in local services and communities. Summary in correspondence.
- e) **BATPC: Bedfordshire Bugle.** March 2015 newsletter in correspondence.
- f) **CPRE: Public Meeting on Threat to the Green Belt.** Meeting on Wednesday March 25th, 2015 7pm Cardinal Newman School, Luton.
- g) **CPRE: AGM April 22nd, 2015.** Redbourn Upper School, Ampthill at 7.30pm. Details in correspondence,
- h) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** March 2015 magazine in correspondence.
- i) **CBC: Nomination Papers for Upcoming Election.** Distributed to council members. To be returned by Thursday April 2nd, 2015.
- j) **Highways Agency: M1 11A Junction-Consultation.** Short consultation asking for any concerns about the new junction. In correspondence.

9. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Cheques for signature.** The following cheques for the current account have been approved and signed:

<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Payee</u>		<u>£</u>
923	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses: Feb/Mar '15	339.24
924	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	144.60
925	Unipart Dorman	Lantern kit for VAS	86.14
926	Biffa Waste Services	5% contribution towards Tebworth Pond grant	225.70
		Total	795.68

- b) **Chalgrave News.**

Cllr Hampson declared an interest.

Chalgrave News has requested a grant. To be discussed with all other grants at a future PC meeting.

10. BUS SHELTERS

The roofing of the bus shelters needs repair. Cllr Green will obtain two quotes.
KG

11. PARISH ASSEMBLY

Arrangements ongoing.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Planning**

i. **Tebworth Pond.** Biffa has awarded a grant to the PC to refurbish Tebworth Pond. Ongoing.

ii. **Planning Applications.**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Parish Council Comments</u>	<u>CBC Decision</u>
CB/15/00527	The Paddocks, 108 Tebworth Rd, Wingfield	Change of use of residential outbuilding to professional golf coaching studio	Disappointed that the application is retrospective. Also concerned about the sign outside the property	To be decided
CB/15/00411	16, The Lane, Tebworth	Demolition of existing boundary wall & subsequent rebuild	No objections	To be decided
CB/15/00466	Ivy Farm,	Single storey side	In principle no objections	To be decided

	Toddington Rd, Tebworth	extension, 1 st floor internal changes with addition of 2 windows	but concerned about the aesthetics of the flat roof	
CB/15/00815	Hill Cottage, Hockliffe Rd, Tebworth	Rear dormer to replace 2 existing dormers	No objections	To be decided

- iii. New Farm, Tebworth Road, Wingfield. CBC has granted planning permission although inaccuracies still remain in the original planning application. The PC will send a letter pointing out these inaccuracies to CBC Planning. **DH;**
Clerk

b) Footpaths

- i. Surveys. Reports on the footpaths are ongoing.
- ii. Waymark Posts 4 posts have been installed to replace existing ones.

c) Traffic Calming.

- i. Digital Display Speed Sign (DDSS). The sign was beyond repair and has been disposed of.
- ii. Speed Checks. One speed check was carried out in February. Cllr Wells hopes to carry out 2 or 3 in the next few weeks.

d) Website

- i. Cllr Green reported that the new website is up and running. Cllr Hampson will contribute an article on Tebworth Pond.
DH
- ii. Cllr Parry is currently proof reading the site.
PP
- iii. A committee meeting is to be planned in the near future.
- iv. The committee would like people to contribute directly to the website. Feedback has already been received.

13. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

None at this time

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 21st, 2015 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.25pm.

Signed by Chairman..... Dated.....