

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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In order to comply with Government requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic Chalgrave Parish Council will hold electronic meetings via Zoom until further notice. The next meeting will be on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2020** at 7.30pm

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

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17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Residents and press are welcome to access this meeting via Zoom Video Communications. This can be downloaded from <https://zoom.us>

Please contact Lesley Smith at chalgravepc@btinternet.com for the ID number and the password if you would like to join this meeting.

MINUTES of the remote meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jan Day; Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Debbie Levy; Cllr K Ludgate; Cllr Frances Masters; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Peter Warburton; Lesley Smith-Clerk; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Levy-Chair	07931408697		
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair	874107	Cllr Levy	07931408697
Website	Cllr Warburton	07941624419		
Speed Watch	Mike Wells-Chair	877098	Cllr Levy	07931408697

Responsibilities

Cllr Parry	Highways liaison	07831 605600
Cllr Ludgate	Police liaison	07885 375363
Cllr Masters	Fly tipping	07530 803903

Groups

Pond	Barbara Jackson	07960445492	Cllr Day	875921
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Rev Linda Washington.

2. OPEN FORUM

No issues raised.

3. MINUTES OF October 20th, 2020 MEETING

The minutes of the October 20th, 2020 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

4. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Day and Masters are on the editorial team of The Chalgrave News.

5. POLICE MATTERS

- a) **Reported Crime.** No crimes were reported in October 2020.
- b) **PCC-On The Record.** November newsletter in correspondence.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR VERSALLION

- a) **Chalgrave Manor Farm: Solar Farm Application.** Cllr Versallion asked for the PC's views on this application. Cllr Parry responded saying that the PC supports the production of green energy but is concerned about the number of applications within the Green Belt. CBC should have an overall strategy for producing green energy and not examine each application on its own individual merits. Cllr Versallion said that the applications on the Green Belt are due to the convenient links to the national grid. He suggested the PC seek as much s106 money as possible but Cllr Parry said that the money would go into CBC's coffers rather than for local benefit. The discussion continued, the main points being:
 - i. Use of Green Belt land
 - ii. Use of agricultural land
 - iii. Lack of overall strategy by CBC for producing green energy-would prefer a unified approach
 - iv. Access to cheaper electricity for local people doubtfulCllr Versallion asked if the PC had been approached by the landowner and developer about s106 money. Cllr Parry said no but we would approach them.
- b) **Lords Hill Roundabout.** The report from Highways England (HE) is due in January 2021 followed by a detailed survey and consultation. Cllr Parry added that HE is also looking at the Sundon and A5 roundabouts on the link road.
- c) **London Luton Airport Consultation on Flightpaths.** There are mixed views at CBC on the impact of the new flightpaths on the local area. Cllr Parry is on the BATPC London Luton Airport Consultative Committee for

this consultation. He said that the planes will be bigger and the carbon footprint would be less because of better engines. He feels there would be little change in the overall impact.

d) Highways Issues.

- i. A resident has contacted Cllr Versallion about the poor condition of The Lane.
 - ii. Cllr Levy commented on the poor quality of the recent resurfacing of Tebworth Road. Cllr Versallion said 'yes' when he was asked if CBC checks work once it has been completed.
 - iii. The ditches on the same stretch of Tebworth Road have been cleared out recently and the mud and rubbish have been dumped on the verge. Some microwaves and fridges had also been fly tipped. CBC has removed the microwaves but not the fridges. Cllr Parry commented that there needs to be a nationwide policy on fly tipping.
 - iv. Cllr Green asked Cllr Versallion if he could help with replacing the speed sign on Hockliffe Road.
- Cllr Versallion made a note of all these issues and will look into.

7. CHALGRAVE CHURCH REPORT by the Rev Linda Washington

a) Church Services. The church is closed for public services between November 5th and December 2nd, 2020 because of the 2nd lockdown. The church remains open for private prayer on Thursday mornings and funerals.

b) Services.

- i. Services continue via Zoom. Sunday morning service at 9.30am.
- ii. Remembrance Service. A small service was held at 12.30pm on November 8th at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. The Memorial Hall Committee, Sport Club Committee and the Parish Council all laid wreaths.
- iii. Christmas Services.
 - Carols by Candlelight-December 19th, 2020 at 7pm
 - Crib Service-December 24th at 2.30pm
 - Midnight Mass-December 24th at 11.15pm

c) Contacts. Revs Linda and Nigel are keen to offer care and support or just for a chat or a prayer. Contact 01525 714442; revdchalgrave@gmail.com; nwashy2@gmail.com

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM OCTOBER 20th, 2020 MINUTES

a) Lords Hill Roundabout. Already discussed in 6b).

b) Flooding on Corner opposite the Queen's Head, Tebworth. CBC has written to the residents of Holly Tree Cottage and Buttercup Farm as some of the drainage pipes run through their land. Ongoing.

c) Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government: Planning Policy Reform. Andrew Selous MP has sent a response to the points the PC made in the consultation. In correspondence.

d) Maintenance of Assets; Quotes. The PC has been quoted £1,094 for repairing and refreshing the bus shelters, notice boards and benches. This includes all materials. The PC **agreed** to accept this quote

e) Festival of Britain Tebworth Sign. Signs of the Times (SOTT) has removed the damaged sign and is repairing it. One of the upright posts has also been damaged and needs replacing. Progressing.

f) Boundary Sign. The Wingfield boundary sign has been damaged at the bottom right-hand side corner. The PC has asked SOTT to repair the damage. Progressing.

g) Cleaning Road Signs. Cllr Parry will carry this out in the spring. Ongoing.

PP

h) Local Electricity Bill: Update. Cllr Parry explained that, if passed, the bill would allow locally produced electricity to be sold locally, possibly at a cheaper price than the bigger national companies-see Item 9 below-Points Raised.

i) Parking on Grass Verge. Cllr Green reported two cars parked on the pavement on Toddington Road. Cllr Parry will monitor.

PP

j) Tebworth Pond.

All the pond waste has now been removed and disposed of. The hedge between the pond and the footpath by Ivy Farm has been cut. Jobs to be done include cutting the hedge by the bench and planting. The PC **agreed** to planting a native mixed hedge in the coming months.

Cllr Day will draft a leaflet asking if anyone was interested in creating a wildlife pond in their garden. Leaflets to be printed and distributed in the Chalgrave News.

JD

9. POINTS RAISED on SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020 CORRESPONDENCE

Two points raised:

- Is the PC considering planting wild flowers either side of the road near The Queen's Head? The height of the plants could obstruct visibility.

- How would the Local Electricity Bill work? See 8h)

10. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **BATPC-Standards in Public Life.** The Committee on Standards in Public Life has launched a consultation as part of its review into the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. NALC will be responding to the consultation and is asking for comments by December 4th, 2020. **PP; LS**
- b) **Overgrown Tree; Toddington Road, Tebworth.** A resident has informed the PC by email that a survey carried out by their insurance company has revealed that the roots from a large sycamore tree located at a neighbouring property has caused damage to their property. The resident is also in contact with CBC Planning. Email in correspondence.
- c) **London Green Belt Council.** Agenda for December 9th meeting plus minutes of the September 30th meeting in correspondence.
- d) **Annual Donations.** Last November the PC donated £100 to Magpas Air Ambulance. In May 2020 the PC discussed the possibility of giving a one-off donation annually. The PC has received requests from Magpas and Marie Curie, both in correspondence. Cllr Masters suggested donating to a smaller charity as these have struggled during the current pandemic. She will investigate potential recipients for discussion next month. **FM**
- e) **BATPC-Bedfordshire Bugle.** November newsletter in correspondence.
- f) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** November 2020 magazine in correspondence.

11. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

The door to the defibrillator has been damaged. Its repair to be arranged. **PP**

12. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Cheques for Signature.** The following cheques have been approved and signed:

Chq No:	Payee	Description	Amount £
1083	Phil Parry	Remembrance Day Wreaths	35.50
1084	M W Agri	Grass cutting at Tebworth Pond: October 2020	19.20
1085	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses Oct/Nov 2020	492.91
Total			547.61

- b) **Bank Statements; 05/11/2020**

- Current Account: £8,556.60
- Reserve account: £5,779.91

13. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Wild Flowers opposite the Queen's Head.** Cllr Green previously suggested planting wild flowers on the wide verge opposite the Queen's Head. He is now doubting the idea because of the potential commitment by the PC. Cllr Green has tried to contact the Senior Countryside Officer at CBC to find out what those commitments would be. Cllr Green will follow up. Ongoing. **KG**
- b) **Trees opposite 72 Wingfield Road.** Cllr Warburton will arrange a working party in the spring to cut back the growth. Cllr Day asked that it is done before birds start nesting in March. **PW**
- c) **Litter Picking.** The PC gave thanks to Cllr Warburton and his wife for picking up litter on Tebworth Road recently.
- d) **Damaged Road Surface** between Heath Farm, Tebworth Road and Lords Hill was resurfaced on November 16th but Cllrs Warburton and Levy said the standard of work was poor. Cllr Warburton will draft a letter to CBC to complain about the poor standard of work and ask for a site meeting. **PW**
- e) **Driveway between Nos 78 & 80 Wingfield Road.** Cllr Parry has reported the poor condition of the driveway to HW. The issue has been passed on to CBC Housing as #80 is council owned. Follow up. **LS**
- f) **Yellow Lines on Wingfield Road.** No date for installation yet. Ongoing.
- g) **Street Signs.** The Chalgrave Road sign and the Tebworth Road sign at the junctions with Lords Hill were knocked over some time ago. Report again. **LS**
- h) **Parkview Lane.** A large quantity of water collected at the junction of Parkview Lane and Wingfield Road during the recent heavy rain. It has drained away but the gully needs jetting out. Cllr Day recommended

waiting until the building work on Parkview Lane had finished. Discussion followed about the general issues with drainage at the end of Wingfield Road, Toddington Road and The Lane.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning

i. Applications

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
20/01246/LDCE	Annexe, 102 Tebworth Road, Wingfield	Lawful Development Certificate Existing: existing residential use of garage building	No objections	To be decided
20/02211	Ivy Farm Barns, Toddington Road, Tebworth	Variation of Condition 19 to CB/19/02342/FULL (Replacement of agricultural building to 3 dwellings, 1 ancillary accommodation, garages and vehicular access)	Concern about access road being so close to the bend at Ivy Farm	To be decided
20/02852	Trinity Hall Barns, Watling Street, Hockliffe *	Change of use of agricultural buildings to commercial offices (B1) and reinstatement of collapsed section	No objections	To be decided
20/03856	<u>Chalgrave Manor Farm, Chalgrave</u>	Installation of Solar panels & inverter stations; Distribution Network Operator (DNO) building; erection of boundary fencing & CCTV cameras; connection to existing electricity grid; formation of temporary construction compound.		Consultation period. To be decided.
20/04009	<u>Upper Tithe Farm, Hockliffe Rd, Tebworth</u>	Part single, part two storey rear extension and front dormer window.	No objections	Consultation period. To be decided.

b) Rights of Way (ROW)

- New Gates. The landowner of Watergate Farm has agreed to replace 7 stiles on his land with kissing gates and that double stiles can be replaced with single gates providing there is a fenced funnel effect at least 8ft wide on both sides.
- Two Stiles on a bridge on FP 31 will be reinstated. The bridge is currently impassable because it has bars across either end. Ongoing.
- Kissing Gates will eventually be installed on land alongside Toddington Road.
- Slow Ways. Cllr Day mentioned Slow Ways, which is creating a network of walking routes using existing footpaths to connect towns and villages all over Great Britain
- Heritage Trail. There is an app available for the Chalgrave Heritage Trail.
- Way Marker Post. Cllr Levy reported a way marker post lying in the ditch on Featherbed Lane. Cllr Green will follow up. Ongoing. **KG**

c) Speed Watch .

None at present.

d) Website

Some photos of the parish from the 19th century have been added to the chalgrave.org website.

15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Budget 2021

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.53

Signed by Chairman..... Date.....

