

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 2021** at 7.30pm AT CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. OPEN FORUM
3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19TH, 2021 MEETING
4. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
5. POLICE MATTERS
6. REPORT from WARD COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION
7. REPORT from ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE
8. MATTERS ARISING FROM OCTOBER 19TH, 2021 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE
10. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and Update (if any)
12. ACCOUNTS-a) Cheques for Signature
13. TO DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF ANNUAL DONATION
14. HIGHWAYS ISSUES
15. COMMITTEE REPORTS
16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

Also present: Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; Rev Linda Washington; Mr. Steve Calder.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Levy-Chair	07931408697			
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair	874107	Cllr Levy	07931408697	Cllr Warburton 07941624419
Website	Cllr Warburton	07941624419			
Speed Watch	Cllr Parry	0731 605600	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

Cllr Frances Masters.

2. MINUTES OF September 21st, 2021 MEETING

The minutes of the September 21st, 2021 meeting were amended, approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Day is on the editorial team of The Chalgrave News

4. POLICE MATTERS

- a) **Reported Crime.** No crimes were reported in September 2021.
- b) **Police and Crime Commissioner's Newsletter-October 2021.** In correspondence. 2/10
- c) **PCC Parish/Ward Cluster Sessions.** Summary 2021. In correspondence. 4/10

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR VERSALLION

- a) **Lords Hill Roundabout.** Cllr Versallion is disappointed with Highways England (HE) as they said the lane markings would be altered by the spring of 2021 and the work has still not been done. Cllr Parry said that this issue is now into its fifth year and Cllr Green commented that the road markings are very faint now. Cllr Versallion and Andrew Selous MP will continue to press action from HE. Ongoing.
- b) **Proposed Changes to Flight Paths** will not have an impact in this area. Biggleswade and Sandy may be affected.
- c) **M1-A6 Link Road.** Government funding of 32.7 million is secured for building the link road. The road will support the development of 3,600 new homes and around 2,800 new jobs.
- d) **Solar Farms.** An application for a 110-acre site near Hockliffe has been granted. Cllr Versallion has raised the need for a coordinated plan for solar farms with CBC. Both he and Cllr Mary Walsh, Ward Councillor for Toddington, have both raised the issue of the effect of solar farms on rural communities. Cllr Parry asked why solar panels were not being installed on new homes. Cllr Versallion is for this idea but the government will not mandate it.
- e) **Planning.** Cllr Green asked if enough schools were being built to cater for all the new houses being developed. Cllr Versallion replied that money was available. However there is capacity in the existing schools but not where the new houses are.

- f) **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points.** CBC does have a strategy however currently the default is that EV owners have to provide their own.
- g) **Green Bins.** In answer to a question from Cllr Green, Cllr Versallion said there not be a charge for emptying green bins.

6. CHALGRAVE CHURCH REPORT

- a) **Church and Church Grounds.** Rev Washington thanked the volunteers who tend the grounds and maintain the burial area. The Youth Group have enjoyed the grounds over the summer. They have met for picnics, activities, prayer and reflection. Visitors have enjoyed the history of the church and its sense of heritage. A local farmer and a church working party have cleared away brambles from some graves at the back of the church. This will need to be reviewed regularly to keep the growth under control. Additional help would be appreciated.
- b) **Events.**
- i. Wedding in August
 - ii. Coffee Morning on September 12th
 - iii. Historic Churches Bike and Hike Day on September 12th. Mary represented All Saints, visiting several churches in the area and raising funds through sponsorship
 - iv. Harvest Festival on October 3rd, 2021
 - v. Christmas wreath making afternoon on November 20th, 2021
 - vi. Fund raising events have been reduced because the church has been closed. As a result church funds will be in deficit again this year. Ideas for fundraising or becoming a regular donor would be welcome.
- c) **Church Maintenance.** The toilet facility and vestry cupboards installations have both been signed off with the architect. The organ has been serviced. A potentially decaying Chancel beam and restoration of falling plaster in the kitchen area are being investigated. The church is being encouraged by the diocese to reduce its carbon footprint and become an eco-church.
- d) **Services.**
- i. Sunday Morning Service at 9.30am is back to normal and held regularly. There is a visiting organist and the church received a donation of a Bluetooth sound bar which allowed the congregation to listen to recorded music and hymns before it was allowed to sing.
 - ii. In Loving Memory Service will be held on November 7th, 2021 during the 9.30am service.
 - iii. Remembrance Services will take place on November 14th, 2021. Details to be confirmed
 - iv. Christmas Services.
 - Carols by Candlelight-December 18th, 2021 at 7pm
 - Morning Carol Service-Sunday, December 12th, 2021 at 9.30am
 - Crib Service and Christmas Eve services-details to be issued later.

It is hoped that all the Christmas services will be able to take place this year.

- e) **Media.** A weekly update about services and events is available by email, Facebook, website and the 'A Church Near You' site.

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

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM SEPTEMBER 21st, 2021 MINUTES

- a) **Bedfordshire Police and Partnership Trust.** The PC received a request for a donation towards the Bobby Scheme, which was set up to help the vulnerable and elderly. PC to consider in November 2021.
- b) **Hockliffe Road Speed Sign.** The PC is buying three 'Speed Watch Area' signs: two to be installed at either end of Tebworth and one on Tebworth Road, location to be decided. The cost for the three signs and their installation will be £169.32 + VAT. The signs will be installed once the locations have been approved by the CBC Traffic Manager. Progressing.
- c) **Festival of Britain Tebworth Sign.** The concrete post has been repaired. Signs of the Times has repaired the sign and it will be put back in place. Progressing.
- d) **Tebworth Pond.** Cll Parry thanked Cllr Day, John Wojdyla and Lesley Smith for carrying out maintenance work on the pond on October 17th. Cllr Ludgate will investigate disposal of the resulting green waste left by the pond. There may be a cost for the collecting and disposal of the waste. **KL**
- e) **Parkview Lane Flooding.** The PC continues to follow up with HW on any progress to resolve the flooding issue. The PC agreed to keep pushing HW. The PC discussed a further clearance of the gully in the near future. **Clerk**

- f) **CBC Tree Planting Scheme.** Cllr Parry suggested possible tree planting on the land in front of 37-51 The Lane, Tebworth. He will contact CBC. **PP**
- g) **Willow Tree, Parkview Lane.** Two more trees on Parkview Lane may require attention. The clerk has contacted Branching Out to come and examine and advise. **Clerk**
- h) **Proposed Changes to Eggington Parish Boundary.** The consultation sets out three options regarding the future of the parish boundary of Eggington. Consultation ends November 10th, 2021. The clerk has contacted Eggington PC asking for its views on the proposal. Awaiting reply. Follow up. **Clerk**
- i) **Litter Pick.** Cllr Warburton has organised a litter pick for October 24th, 2021. He has carried out a risk assessment, which the PC signed off after discussion. CBC is providing the litter picking equipment free of charge.

8. POINTS RAISED on JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Electric Vehicle Charging Points.** The Memorial Hall was suggested as a possible location. However it was pointed out that the gate would need to be left open, which could be a security risk.
- b) **Bobby Scheme.** Suggestion that the PC supports this with its annual donation. Decision to be made in November.
- c) **Eggington Boundary Change.** Suggestion that the PC votes to leave the boundary unchanged.

9. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **M1 to A6 Link Road.** CBC has secured £32.7 million in government funding to construct the M1 to A6 link road. Construction will begin early in 2022. In correspondence.
- b) **Stop the Arc Group** is campaigning to raise awareness of the government's plans to increase the total population of the five counties Beds, Bucks, Northants, Peterborough + Cambs and Oxon by at least 50% by 2050. In correspondence.
- c) **CBC Town and Parish Council Covid 19 Update and Newsletter.** In correspondence.
- d) **BATPC AGM Update Robin Thomas.** The AGM is on Wednesday October 27th, 2021 at 7.30pm at Henlow Park Pavillion. Cllr Parry is attending. **PP**
- e) **BATPC Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21.** Annual report and accounts in correspondence.
- f) **CPRE South East e-Bulletin-Autumn 2021** in correspondence.
- g) **CBC Salt Bag Scheme.** CBC will deliver 1 tonne or ½ tonne bags as required starting in October then throughout the winter. PC to order a ½ tonne bag. **Clerk**
- h) **National Highways. M1 Junctions 13 to 16.** The M1 between junctions 14 to 15 northbound will be closed for 56 hours from 9pm on Friday 22 October to 6am on Monday 25 October, while the motorway surface is lowered at Tongwell Lane Farm bridge near Newport Pagnell. In correspondence.
- i) **CBC Bike Recycling Events.** At the start of November, CBC will be holding several bike recycling donation events. Details in correspondence.
- j) **PSE: Undergoing Housing Revolution.** The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has announced thousands of new homes are to be built on underused and derelict land, helping regenerate local areas and help people onto the property ladder. Information in correspondence.
- k) **Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire. Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.** Details of the tree planting scheme in correspondence.
- l) **NHS. Ambassador Magazine.** August 2021 edition in correspondence.

10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

New pads for the defibrillator have been ordered.

11. ACCOUNTS

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

<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1179	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day wreaths x 3	47.00
1180	CPRE	Annual membership	36.00
1181	M W Agri Ltd	Grass cutting at Tebworth Pond-Sept 2021	19.20
1182	Community Heartbeat Trust	Set of defibrillator pads	58.80
1183	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses September 2021	229.64
		Total	390.64

- b) **Clerk's Salary and Hours.** Clerk's hours and salary to be reviewed. Cllr Warburton has offered to carry out the review. Clerk; PW
- c) **Online Banking.** Set up online banking. Progressing Clerk
- d) **Bank Statements; 05/10/2021**
- i. Current Account: £9,028.31
 - ii. Reserve account: £6,194.94

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Hockliffe Road, Tebworth.** The PC reported the poor condition of the footway from Tebworth to the A5 to HW. HW has carried out an inspection and raised an order to repair some sections on the footway to improve the surface. HW will continue to monitor the rest of the footpath and make further repairs in the future.
- b) **Footway on Toddington Road.** HW has carried out an inspection and raised an order to temporarily repair.
- c) **16 and 18, The Lane, Tebworth.** Following information from a resident of The Lane the PC reported the poor state of the steps in the verge from the footway to the road. HW has carried out an inspection and raised an order to remove the steps as they have been assessed as unsafe. This has now been ordered and added to the programme of works.
- d) **Yellow Lines.** Cllr Parry will follow up on the installation of the yellow lines at the junction of Wingfield Road and Toddington Road. PP
- e) **Driveway between Nos 78 & 80 Wingfield Road.** Still no action from CBC for resurfacing. Continue to press for a site meeting with HW. Clerk

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Planning**
- i. **Applications**

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
21/02328	<u>Queens Head, Toddington Road, Tebworth*</u>	Retrospective retention of weather shelter and storage unit	No objection to storage unit. No objection to weather shelter providing it is compliant with COVID restrictions and adheres to regulations regarding outdoor smoking areas.	Granted
21/00743/LB	<u>1 Chalgrave Road, Tebworth</u>	Conversion of Grade 2 stable block for ancillary use	No objections	Awaiting decision
21/01569/SCN	<u>Land adjacent to Tebworth</u>	Proposed solar farm & battery storage facilities	Object. Proposed site on Green Belt land; several proposed solar farms within a concentrated area	Consultation period-ends November 10 th , 2021
21/01379	<u>Trinity Hall Farm, A5</u>	Silage storage	Request that trees are planted around the perimeter of the area to soften outlook	Awaiting decision
21/03795	<u>9 The Meadows, Tebworth Road Wingfield</u>	Change of use from grass verge to driveway. Includes a dropped kerb to allow access for 2 cars to be parked on land owned by applicant	No objections	Awaiting decision

b) Website

Items of interest have been uploaded on to the website.

c) Rights of Way (ROW)

- i. Finger Posts. New finger posts have been installed.
- ii. Icknield Way. Some sections have not been marked. Other footpaths have also not been marked. Clerk to notify land owners. **Clerk**
- iii. Footpath 7. Some of the stiles are in a poor state of repair. Clerk to notify land owner. **Clerk**
- iv. Footpath 47. A fallen tree has been cleared from this footpath, which runs between the Icknield Way and Chalgrave Church.

d) Speed Watch

Bedfordshire Police have provided a new Speed Watch sign for use by Toddington and Chalgrave PCs. Toddington have the sign this month so Cllr Parry is arranging a Speed Watch for November.

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Annual donation.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.45pm

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