

# CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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Due to the continuing rise in Covid-19 cases and the requirement to work from home, the next meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at 7.30pm.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

## **AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. OPEN FORUM
3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE
10. DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. UPDATE ON VACANCY FOR NEW COUNCILLOR
12. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and Update (if any)
13. ACCOUNTS-a) Cheques for Signature
14. HIGHWAYS ISSUES
15. COMMITTEE REPORTS
16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
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](mailto:chalgravepc@btinternet.com) for the link if you would like to join this meeting.

**MINUTES** of the meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

Also present: 0

**Public present:** 0

#### **Committees**

<b>Planning</b>	Cllr Warburton	07941624419	
<b>Rights of Way</b>	Cllr Green-Chair	874107	Cllr Warburton 07941624419
<b>Website</b>	Cllr Warburton	07941624419	
<b>Speed Watch</b>	Cllr Parry	0731 605600	

#### **Responsibilities**

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

#### **Groups**

<b>Pond</b>	Barbara Jackson	07960445492	Cllr Day	875921
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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

#### **2. MINUTES OF November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MEETING**

The minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

#### **3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **4. POLICE MATTERS**

- a) **PCC Events: Cluster Sessions for Town and Parish Councils.** The Cluster Session for Chalgrave takes place on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 18.30 via Microsoft Teams. Information in correspondence.
- b) **Reported Crime.** One crime reported in November 2021

Date	Location	Crime	Other details
06/11/2021	Tebworth Road, Wingfield	Public alarm or distress	None

- c) **Bedfordshire Police Budget 2022/23.** The government has said that PCCs can raise the precept by up to £10 a year for a Band D property. The police are carrying out a survey at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3TD8NNQ](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3TD8NNQ) for residents' views.
- d) **Bedfordshire's Victim Service.** The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (OPCC), victim care service, Signpost, changed its name to Bedfordshire Victim Care Services on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Information in correspondence.

#### **5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR VERSALLION**

No report this month

#### **6. CHALGRAVE CHURCH REPORT from the Rev. Linda Washington**

- a) **Events and Special Services**
- The Christmas wreath making afternoon in November went well with over 40 wreaths being made.
  - The Pop-Up Café at Chalgrave Memorial Hall on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 was well attended. Once month cafés are planned.

- iii. The number of people attending the carol services on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December was small. However the services were lovely and the church looked beautiful, having been cleaned and decorated by a team of volunteers.
  - iv. Funeral on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021
  - v. Christmas Day and Boxing Day services will take place at St George's, Toddington
  - vi. 9.30am services resume at All Saints on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- b) Christmas Services.**
- Crib Service-3pm December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and
  - Christmas Eve Midnight Mass-11.15pm December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- c) Maintenance.** The electrician will be replacing the burned-out light at the entrance to the car park with LED lights soon. Some plasterwork repairs in the kitchen area are being investigated.
- d) Fundraising Committee** will meet in the new year to plan the events for 2022. Please contact Linda with any ideas. The church now has a card reader so online donations can be made in church and online.
- e) Schools.** Linda and Nigel have been into the local schools to contribute to the assemblies and services.
- f) Thanks** given to Chalgrave Memorial Hall Committee and Chalgrave Parish Council for their support during 2021
- g) 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](mailto:revdchalgrave@gmail.com); [nwashy2@gmail.com](mailto:nwashy2@gmail.com)

## **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MINUTES**

- a) Lords Hill Roundabout.** National Highways expect to re-mark the roundabout in Spring 2022 although there is no firm commitment to a date. Ongoing.
- b) Solar Farms.** Cllr Green said that a resident has suggested asking the developers for a paved footway and cycleway from the 30mph limit, Toddington Road, Tebworth to the beginning of the paved footway entering Toddington.
- c) Hockliffe Road Speed Sign.** Three 'Speed Watch Area' signs are being installed; one at either end of Tebworth and one on Tebworth Road, Wingfield. The locations have been approved by the CBC Traffic Manager. Progressing.
- d) Festival of Britain Tebworth Sign.** Repair has been completed.
- e) Parkview Lane Flooding.**
- i. The PC has received a response from the HW Senior Drainage Engineer. HW are looking into developing a solution to improve the drainage but funding is not available yet. The PC discussed having the gully cleared opposite Signs of the Times. No decision was made. Ongoing.
  - ii. The clerk has contacted CBC regarding the flooding that still occurs on the corner opposite The Queen's Head pub when it rains, asking for improvements to the drainage in this location. Awaiting response. Follow up. **Clerk**
- f) CBC Tree Planting Scheme.** Cllr Parry has contacted CBC regarding possible tree planting on the land in front of 37-51 The Lane, Tebworth. Ongoing
- g) Trees, Parkview Lane.** Two more trees on Parkview Lane may require attention. Branching Out has quoted £650 + VAT. Ongoing.
- h) Litter Pick.** Cllr Warburton has proposed another litter pick on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. **PW**
- i) 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. The PC has supported the campaign.
- j) Co-ordinated Transport System.** The PC sent a letter to Andrew Selous MP asking what government plans there are for local bus and train services for improved and accessible transport. Mr Selous has confirmed that he will contact the Department for Transport and CBC. Ongoing.
- k) Parish Councillor Vacancy.** CBC has not received any requests for an election to fill the vacancy therefore the PC can go ahead and co-opt. Clerk to prepare advertisement. Ongoing. **Clerk**
- l) Bedfordshire Police Bobby Scheme.** The PC recently donated £100 to the Bobby Scheme and has received a thank you letter from Bedfordshire Police. In correspondence.

## **8. POINTS RAISED on NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) NALC Climate Change Report.** Cllr Masters picked out several points from the report, which suggests ways about what local councils can do on climate change. The report is back in correspondence.
- b) Re-wilding.** Cllr Green suggested the PC expresses an interest to CBC about re-wilding. He will investigate examples. **KG**

## 9. NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **NALC: Chief Executive's Bulletins.** December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> bulletins in correspondence.
- b) **London Green Belt Council.**
- Treasurer's Report to November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Minutes of the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting in correspondence.
  - Government Reiteration of Policy on Green Belt in correspondence
- c) **CPRE.** Fieldwork Winter 2021 and Countryside Voice Winter 2021 magazines in correspondence.
- d) **Fly Tipping Article: Guardian November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Andrew Selous MP has responded to request for his comment on the article. He has asked for clarification from DEFRA. The article and Mr Selous's response are in correspondence.

## 10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

No update this month.

## 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>
1188	Chalgrave Senior Citizens	Donation	150.00
1189	Beds Police Partnership Trust	Donation to Bobby Scheme	100.00
1190	Councillor Phil Parry	Chair's expenses 2021	81.00
1191	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses November 2021	218.13
		<b>Total</b>	<b>549.13</b>

- b) **Clerk's Salary and Hours.** Clerk's hours and salary to be reviewed. Cllr Warburton has offered to carry out the review. Ongoing. **Clerk; PW**
- c) **Online Banking.** Online banking application is now completed. Follow up with bank. Progressing. **Clerk**
- d) **Bank Statements; 10/12/2021**
- Current Account: £6,922.44
  - Reserve account: £6,195.04

## 12. PRECEPT 2022.

After discussion the PC **agreed** to raise the precept for 2022/23 from £7,537 to £7,939. This represents an increase of 2% for a Band D property annual charge from £35.38 to £36.09.

## 13. DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CLLRS

Ongoing.

## 14. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **The Lane, Tebworth.** Cllr Masters reported the junction of The Lane and Toddington Road by The Queen's Head as being in a poor state of repair. Report to HW. **Clerk**
- b) **Driveway between Nos 78 & 80 Wingfield Road.** Still no action from CBC for resurfacing. Continue to press HW. **Clerk**
- c) **Road Signs** at the junctions of Chalgrave Road and Tebworth Road and the B5120 are crooked. Report to HW. **Clerk**
- d) **Diversion Sign.** Ask HW to remove the sign currently propped up by Tebworth Pond. **Clerk**

## 15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Planning**
- Applications

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposed work</u>	<u>PC comments</u>	<u>CBC decision</u>
21/04219	<u>Land adjacent to Tebworth</u>	<u>Proposed solar farm &amp; battery storage facilities</u>	Comments: Proposed site on Green Belt land; several proposed solar farms within	Awaiting decision

			a concentrated area	
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
21/05196	<u>Lords Hill Cottage, Featherbed Lane</u>	Ground floor rear extension, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor side extension to main house & office annexe		Consultation period ends 18 January 2022

**b) Rights of Way (ROW)**

- i. A stile on The Slipe, which is a ROW from The Lane towards Hockliffe, is due for repair by the landowner.
- ii. The areas around three gates on The Slipe are very muddy. Cllr Green will contact the landowners. **KG**

**c) Website**

The link to the cllrs' email addresses is still not resolved. Cllr Warburton will continue to investigate. **PW**

**d) Speed Watch.**

There is still a problem with the sign. Cllr Parry hopes it will be repaired in time for Speed Watch sessions in January 2022.

**16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Co-option.

**17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.24pm

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