

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2022** 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 JANUARY 18th, 2022 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 JANUARY 18th, 2022 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 CORRESPONDENCE
10. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and Update
11. JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
12. UPDATE ON VACANCY FOR NEW COUNCILLOR
13. TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS for the PARISH ASSEMBLY 2022
14. TO DISCUSS CELEBRATION of the QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
15. ACCOUNTS-a) Cheques for Signature
16. HIGHWAYS ISSUES
17. COMMITTEE REPORTS
18. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
19. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 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: Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; The Revd. Linda Washington

Public present: 1

Committees

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

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

None.

2. MINUTES OF December 21st, 2021 MEETING

The minutes of the December 21st, 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.

Cllr Green is a member of the Memorial Hall Committee.

4. POLICE MATTERS

- a) **PCC Events: Cluster Sessions for Town and Parish Councils.** Cllr Parry attended the Cluster Session on January 12th, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. Hopefully a police officer will attend some of the parish council meetings in the future. Cllr Versallion is attending a Cluster Session on January 26th, 2022.

- b) **Reported Crime.** One crime reported in December 2021

Date	Location	Crime	Other details
22/12/2021	Tebworth	Sexual	None

- c) **Alleged Hare Coursing, The Lane, Tebworth.** Information in correspondence.

- d) **Road Traffic Accident on Toddington Road.** Cllr Parry gave a brief summary of the accident, which took place earlier today.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION

- a) **Police Priority Meeting; January 26th, 2022.** Bedfordshire Police are currently consulting on raising their precept by £10 per household. CBC will support the proposal providing some of the money is allocated to certain locations e.g. Leighton Buzzard. He suggested that parish councils stipulate in the consultation that rural areas are covered by a police officer. Cllr Parry said that PCC Akinbusoye was going to have 4 extra police officers, making a team of 14, to deal with rural areas and villages.
- b) **CBC Budget 2022-2023** is out for consultation. CBC is proposing a 2% rise in council tax. 1% will be for adult social care. Despite a £2 million government grant CBC still has to make savings of £9 million.
- c) **Leighton Buzzard Leisure Centre.** Building the new leisure Centre will begin in 2023. What to do with Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre remains unresolved.

- d) **Mobile CCTV Cameras for Fly Tipping.** CBC has 6 cameras, which parish councils can request the use of. Contact Cllr Versallion or CBC's Community Safety Operations Manager.
- e) **Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm.** Cllr Parry asked if Chalgrave Parish would receive any s106 money from the developers of the solar farm. Cllr Versallion replied that the PC should be contacted by the developers regarding community funding. A discussion about solar farm applications continued. Locally there is an application for two solar farms, one in Tebworth and one by the A5 opposite the junction of Hockliffe Road. There is another potential application in the Stanbridge area.

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

- a) **Christmas Services.** All Christmas services were able to be held this year, unlike 2020, although attendances were lower than normal due to Omicron cases.
- b) **Events and Special Services**
 - i. 9.30am services resumed at All Saints on January 2nd, 2022
 - ii. The Christmas wreath making fund raising afternoon in November went well.
 - iii. The Pop-Up Café at Chalgrave Memorial Hall on December 1st, 2021 was well attended. The Café is planned for each third Wednesday of the month, the next being on January 19th, 2022.
 - iv. Youth Group and Messy Church will resume in February 2022.
 - v. Queen's Platinum Anniversary. The church is planning a service or special event to celebrate the anniversary.
- c) **Fundraising Committee** will meet in the new year to plan the events for 2022 including some that the Church and the PC can do together. The church now has a card reader so online donations can be made in church, online and using the QR code. The church has a link with the Easyfundraising website. Funds can be raised by choosing All Saints Church-Chalgrave as the chosen charity.
- d) **Maintenance.** Some plasterwork repairs in the kitchen area and possible dry rot in one of the beams in the chancel are being investigated.
- e) **Church Grounds.** Thanks given to the gardeners for their regular commitment to keeping the grounds maintained. Thanks also to Roger Fenwick for cutting back a conifer and fixing the gate.
- f) **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 DECEMBER 21st, 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) **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.
- c) **Parkview Lane Flooding.**
 - i. HW are looking into developing a solution to improve the drainage but funding is not available yet. The PC **agreed** to having the gully cleared opposite Signs of the Times, although this would not be a permanent solution. Ongoing.
 - ii. The clerk 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. Contact CBC to try to arrange a site meeting. **PP; Clerk**
- d) **Trees, Parkview Lane.** Two more trees on Parkview Lane require attention. The PC has accepted the quote of £650 + VAT from Branching Out. Work is scheduled for February 17th, 2022. Ongoing.
- e) **Litter Pick.** Cllr Warburton has organised another litter pick on January 30th, 2022. **PW**
- f) **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 forwarded responses from the Department for Transport and CBC. Both in correspondence.
- g) **Re-wilding of verges.** Cllr Green **proposed** contacting CBC to request the re-wilding of grass verges with wild flowers. Cllr Parry **seconded** the proposal. **All agreed.** **Clerk**
- h) **Fly Tipping Article: Guardian November 24th, 2021.** Andrew Selous MP has forwarded a response from DEFRA. In correspondence.
- i) **Dedicated Email Addresses for Cllrs.** CloudNext charges £110 + VAT for gov.uk email accounts. The PC unanimously agreed to go ahead with setting this up. Ongoing. **Clerk**

8. POINTS RAISED on NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 CORRESPONDENCE

No points raised.

9. DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) CBC Budget Consultation. Comments by January 31st, 2022. In correspondence.
- b) BATPC: December 2021 newsletter in correspondence.
- c) Public Sector Executive. Article on hybrid council meetings in correspondence.
- d) London Green Belt Council. Acknowledgement of receipt of annual subscription. In correspondence.
- e) McDonalds. Reply received in response to PC's email regarding litter. In correspondence
- f) Badgers-Protection and Licences. Government information in correspondence.
- g) Clerks and Councils Direct. January 2022 magazine in correspondence.

10. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The deadline for written applications is January 23rd, 2022

11. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

No update this month.

12. ACCOUNTS

- a) Cheques for Signature. The following cheque has been approved and signed:

Chq No:	Payee	Description	Amount £
1192	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses December 2021	249.04
		Total	249.04

- b) Bank Statements; 10/01/2022

- i. Current Account: £6,606.04
- ii. Reserve account: £6,195.09

13. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Driveway between Nos 78 & 80 Wingfield Road. Still no action from CBC for resurfacing. Continue to press HW. **Clerk**
- b) Road Signs at the junctions of Chalgrave Road and Tebworth Road and the B5120 are crooked. Cllr Parry will investigate and fix if possible. **PP**
- c) Diversion Sign. The sign, which was propped up by Tebworth Pond, has been removed.
- d) Waste Bin; St Mary's Close is on its side. Report to HW. **Clerk**
- e) Yellow Lines at the junction of Wingfield Road and Toddington Road are due to be installed within the next few weeks.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning

- i. Applications

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
21/04219	<u>Land adjacent to Tebworth</u>	Proposed solar farm & battery storage facilities	Comments: Proposed site on Green Belt land; several proposed solar farms within a concentrated area	Awaiting decision
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	Lords Hill Cottage, Featherbed Lane	Ground floor rear extension, 1 st floor side extension to main house & office annexe	No objections	Consultation ends 18 January 2022
21/05332	30 The Lane, Tebworth	Install 4 new windows & 1 French door; new entrance lobby & internal alterations	No objections	Consultation ends 19 January 2022
21/05629 Variation of conditions	<u>Pond Farm, Hill Close, Wingfield</u>	Change cladding on 1 st floor to red brick; reduce height of rear elevation & add skylight	No objections	Consultation ends 02 February 2022
22/00022	<u>College Farm, Chalgrave Road, Chalgrave</u>	New detached garage & rear conservatory for existing building	Comments to be decided	Consultation ends 14 February 2022

b) Rights of Way (ROW)

- i. Stiles between Tebworth and Hockliffe are due for repair by the landowners.
- ii. Two waymark posts are to be put up next week.
- iii. There will be a diversion of the Heritage Trail around Grove Farm but not for a while.
- iv. Cllr Green wants to form a Footpaths Committee.

c) Website

Nothing to report this month

d) Speed Watch.

The Speed Watch sign still needs repair

15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Co-option; Parish assembly; Queen's Platinum Jubilee

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.54pm

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