

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2023** 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 17th, 2023 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 17th, 2023 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023 CORRESPONDENCE
10. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update
11. JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
12. TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR the PARISH ASSEMBLY 2023
13. ACCOUNTS-a) To approve online payments
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 January 17th, 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jan Day; Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Frances Masters; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Peter Warburton; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; The Rev Linda Washington; Lesley Smith-Clerk.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Warburton	07941 624419	
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair	874107	Cllr Warburton 07941624419
Website	Cllr Warburton	07941 624419	
Speed Watch	Cllr Parry	07831 605600	

Responsibilities

Cllr Parry	Highways liaison	07831 605600	
Cllr Ludgate	Police liaison	07885 375363	Cllr Greenwood 07932 326274
Cllr Masters	Fly tipping	07530 803903	

Groups

Pond	Barbara Jackson	07960 445492	Cllr Day	875921
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kevin Ludgate.

2. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20th, 2022 MEETING

The minutes of the December 20th, 2022 meeting were amended, approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i. Cllrs Day and Masters are on the editorial team of The Chalgrave News.
- ii. Cllrs Day and Masters are members of the Memorial Hall Committee.

4. POLICE MATTERS

a) Reported Crime.

- i. No crimes were reported in December 2022.
- ii. Three crimes were reported during the first half of January.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
02/01/23	Chalgrave	Other theft	None
11/01/23	Hockliffe Road, Tebworth	Assault with injury	None
12/01/23	Hockliffe Road, Tebworth	Assault with injury	None

b) Cllr Day reported that **Nitrous Oxide Phials** were found out side Signs of the Times last week.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION

- a) Hockliffe; Variable Speed Cameras (VAS).** The ultimate goal is to detrunk the A5. In the meantime VAS cameras are to be installed.
- b) CBC Budget 2023/24.** CBC expects to spend £500 million during the next financial year. Inflation for the council is £16 million but, because of the rise in the cost of living, CBC is aiming for a 0% rise in council tax. The deficit will come from £13 million held in reserves and money from new homes.
- c) New Leisure Centres** are planned for Leighton Buzzard and Houghton Regis.
- d) NHS.** Cllr Versallion is Chair of the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He met with the NHS yesterday. The NHS is having difficulty recruiting and retaining staff, particularly in Leighton Buzzard. There will be no more GP provision in Leighton Buzzard despite being given the money to do so. Marcel Coiffait Chief Executive CBC is meeting with an NHS representative soon.
- e) Tebworth Solar Farm.** A meeting has been provisionally arranged between Chalgrave Parish Council and Enso, the developer. Cllr Versallion asked to be copied in on any correspondence between the Parish Council, Enso and Aton, the developer of Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm.

Clerk

- f) **Chalgrave Memorial Hall Play Area.** Cllr Masters asked about possible grant funding for the play area.
- g) **Pop Up Tea Room.** Cllr Masters suggested that Cllr Versallion could meet constituents at one of the Tea Room mornings.

6. CHALGRAVE CHURCH REPORT by the Revd Linda Washington

- a) **Pop Up Tea Rooms.** Take place monthly at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. They have been very popular. The church team has provided cakes and savouries. Roger and Frances Masters have set up the tables. All are keen to continue the event throughout 2023. The dates are usually the third Wednesday of the month, 11am-1pm.
- b) **Services.**
 - i. Sunday morning service: 9.30am
 - ii. Christmas 2022. The Crib Service, Carols by Candlelight and Midnight Mass were all well attended.
 - iii. Remembrance Service and Loving Memory Service also took place towards the end of the year.
- c) **Upcoming Events.**
 - i. Pop Up Tea Room: Third Wednesday of the month, 11am-1pm
 - ii. May 6th, 2023: Coronation of King Charles III. Event to be arranged.
 - iii. May 13th, 2023: Harpsicord concert with wine and cheese evening. 7pm.
 - iv. July 8th, 2023: Afternoon tea and band concert. 1-4pm.
 - v. November 4th, 2023: Craft Fair depending on the availability of the Memorial Hall.

Contact. Revd Linda is keen to offer care and support or just for a chat or a prayer. Contact 01525 714442; revdchalgrave@gmail.com

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 20th, 2022 MINUTES

- a) **Chalgrave Manor and Tebworth Solar Farms.**
 - i. No response yet from Aton, the developers of Chalgrave Manor Farm, to the PC's request for a meeting to discuss contributions towards community projects. Follow up. **Clerk**
 - ii. Enso, the developer for Tebworth Solar Farm, has agreed to meet with the PC to discuss possible funding towards a community project. Clerk to follow up. Progressing. **Clerk**
- b) **McDonald's Hockliffe.** Cllrs Parry & Warburton will arrange a meeting with McDonald's Ongoing. **PP; PW**
- c) **Queen's Head Pub.** Cllr Parry confirmed that the front door to the bar is not a fire door as there is an exit less than 18 metres from the bar and lounge.
- d) **Grass Verges and Rewilding.** The PC has received a response from CBC via Andrew Selous MP regarding rewilding. The PC **agreed** to ask a member of CBC's Environment Team to come and talk to us. **Clerk**
- e) **CCTV.** The PC has chosen to build up the layby at the top of Chalgrave Road to deter fly tippers. A local contractor has agreed to carry out the work. Progressing.
- f) **Parkview Lane.**
 - i. Flooding is still occurring on Parkview Lane and the water froze during the recent cold weather. Contact HW again to find out if they are any further forward to resolving the problem. **Clerk**
 - ii. Cllr Green mentioned flooding opposite the Queen's Head had occurred again during the recent bad weather although it is not as bad as before.
- g) **Tebworth Pond.** Cllr Day has researched replacement varieties of willows. The PC has agreed to her suggested choices. Cllr Day will go ahead and source. Progressing. **JD**
- a) **Civility and Respect.** The PC has signed up to the Pledge. **Clerk**
- b) **Register of Brownfield Sites.** The register is up to date and can be accessed online on the CBC website.

8. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

A food bank in Leighton Buzzard covers the LU7 area. There will be an article in the Chalgrave News giving details. The Emergency Team will help people access the food bank if necessary.

9. POINTS RAISED on NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022 CORRESPONDENCE

Last month's correspondence is missing at the moment. Any comments will be discussed at the February meeting.

10. DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **Rural Bulletin; January 17, 2023.** Article on replacing domestic heating oil with hydro-treated vegetable oil (HVO) in correspondence.
- b) **Beds Alert. Beds Fire and Rescue Consultation Survey** on the service's 2023/24 budget proposals. Forwarded to cllrs.
- c) **NALC: Chief Executive's Bulletin December 13, 2022** forwarded to cllrs.
- d) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** December 2022 magazine in correspondence.
- e) **CBC: Local Cycle Hire Scheme** launches in Houghton Regis. Details in correspondence.
- f) **CBC: Budget 2023/24 Consultation.** Comments by January 24, 2023. Details in correspondence.
- g) **CPRE: State of Brownfield Report 2022.** In correspondence.
- h) **Civility and Respect:** November 2022 newsletter in correspondence.
- i) **Power for People.** Notification that the Government's Energy Bill has been revived and is back to be discussed in the House of Lords. In correspondence.
- j) **CBC: Update to Councils' Register of Interest for Town and Parish Cllrs.** In correspondence.
- k) **Public Policy Exchange: Improving Water Quality.** Invitation to join a Webinar on January 17th, 2023. In correspondence.
- l) **CPRE: Countryside Voices.** Autumn/Winter 2022 magazine in correspondence.
- m) **CBC: Town and Parish Update.** December 2022/January 2023 newsletter in correspondence.

11. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Online Banking.** The PC has approved the following online payments:

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
2	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary and expenses: December 2022	267.89
		Total	267.89

- b) **Bank Statements; 14/01/2023**

- i. Current Account: £3,820.64
- ii. Reserve account: £6,213.56

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Issues to Report to HW**
 - i. Pothole on Lords Hill close to the junction with Tebworth Road, Wingfield.
 - ii. Manhole opposite the Queen's Head; tarmac surrounding the cover is breaking up. **Clerk**
- b) **Footway, Hockliffe Road.** Cllr Green reported that part of the footway is still not clear of overlapping vegetation. Report to HW again with Cllr Green's photos. Ongoing. **Clerk**

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Planning**

- i. Applications

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
21/05629 Variation of conditions	Pond Farm, Hill Close, Wingfield	Change cladding on 1 st floor to red brick; reduce height of rear elevation & add skylight	No objections	Not yet decided
22/03164	Queen's Head Pub, Tebworth	Retrospective retention of weather shelter	The PC has no objection to the retention of the weather shelter in its current form, but would have an issue should this structure become more substantial & permanent. Although the structure encroaches onto the public highway, our opinion is that the boundary of the property has	Refused

			been redefined, without challenge, over many years	
22/03724/RM	Land west of Bidwell	Up to 1,850 dwellings & associated infrastructure	Not yet determined. Comments by November 21 st	To be decided
22/04307	Land at Sundon	Development of new sports facility	Not yet determined. Comments by December 9 th	To be decided
22/04975	Ivy Farm Barns	Change of use of land to amenity land	Not yet determined	Consultation period ends February 14, 2023

- ii. Ivy Farm Barns. The Compliance Officer at CBC has agreed that there is a disparity between the appearance of the dwellings and the approved materials and he is seeking the advice of the Planning Officer on this point. Awaiting decision by the Planning Officer. Ongoing.

b) Rights of Way (ROW)

- i. Cllr Green previously reported that Footpath (FP) 17 from Tebworth to the A5 is impassable because of maize growing in the field. A wire fence had also been installed with no access through. The PC has written to the directors. No response received yet. PC to contact Footways Officer about this ongoing issue. **Clerk**
- ii. A waymarker on the Heritage Trail coming from Toddington to Tebworth has fallen down. Cllr Green will sort out. **KG**

c) Website

- i. Cllr Warburton has prepared a summary of the webinar he attended on November 30th, 2022 with links to the presentations. This will be placed under the heading 'Local Planning Issues' on the website. **PW**
- ii. Cllr Masters suggested putting planning applications on the website.

d) Speed Watch

A Speed Watch will take place by the end of January 2023. **PP**

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Parish Assembly

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 21st, 2023

Meeting closed at 20.33pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....