

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **ANNUAL MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, MAY 16th, 2023** at 7.30pm at CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. TO ELECT CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR
3. CHAIR TO SIGN DECLARATION of ACCEPTANCE of OFFICE FORM
4. TO ELECT COMMITTEES' CHAIRs: a) Planning: b) Footpaths: c) Speed Watch:
d) Website
5. OPEN FORUM
6. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 18th, 2023 MEETING
7. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
8. POLICE MATTERS
9. REPORT from WARD COUNCILLOR MARK VERSALLION
10. REPORT from ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHALGRAVE
11. MATTERS ARISING FROM APRIL 18th, 2023 MINUTES
12. POINTS RAISED from MARCH/APRIL 2023 CORRESPONDENCE
13. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update
14. APRIL/MAY 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
15. TO APPROVE the ANNUAL RETURN 2022/23
16. TO APPROVE 2023 GRANTS
17. ACCOUNTS-a) To approve online payments
18. HIGHWAYS ISSUES
19. COMMITTEE REPORTS
20. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
21. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jan Day; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Kevin Ludgate; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Peter Warburton; Lesley Smith-Clerk.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Warburton	07941 624419	
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair	874107	Cllr Warburton 07941 624419
Website	Cllr Warburton	07941 624419	
Speed Watch	Cllr Parry	07831 605600	
Pond	Cllr Day	875921	Barbara Jackson 07960 445492

Responsibilities

Cllr Parry	Highways liaison	07831 605600	
Cllr Ludgate	Police liaison	07885 375363	Cllr Greenwood 07932 326274

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Cllr Mark Versallion.

2. MINUTES OF MARCH 28th, 2023 MEETING

The minutes of the March 28th, 2023 meeting were approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i. Cllr Day is on the editorial team of The Chalgrave News.
- ii. Cllr Day is a member of the Memorial Hall Committee.

4. POLICE MATTERS

a) **Reported Crime.** One crime was reported during March.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
06/03/23	Woodlands	Burglary-residential	None

b) **Invitation from PCC.** Chalgrave Speed Watch, along with other community Watch schemes, has been invited to a meeting at Kempston Police Headquarters on April 25th, 2023. Cllr Parry will attend. **PP**

c) **Parish Council Meetings.** Request for dates of this year's PC meetings in order to arrange police to attend.

d) **Beds Alert.** Police impersonation scams. Information in correspondence.

e) **Scrutiny Panel Volunteers.** The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner are recruiting for volunteer independent members to join the Use of Force and Stop and Search Scrutiny Panel. Information in correspondence.

5. REPORT FROM Cllr MARK VERSALLION

Cllr Versallion was unable to attend this meeting as he has a cold. He attended the Parish Assembly on April 13th, 2023.

6. REPORT FROM CHALGRAVE CHURCH

No report this month. The Rev. Washington attended the Parish Assembly on April 13th, 2023.

Contact. Rev. 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 MARCH 28th, 2023 MINUTES

a) **Chalgrave Manor and Tebworth Solar Farms.**

- i. Nicolas Martin, Director of Aton Energy, the developer of Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm, has confirmed to Cllr Versallion that they will be providing £100,000 for Community Funding to provide economic benefits to the local community. These include the installation of free solar panels on the roofs of schools in Chalton and Toddington, education packs, and information signage at the site. Cllr Parry

commented that there should also be annual payments as the installation is scheduled to last 30 years. Ongoing.

- ii. The Memorial Hall is putting forward a proposal for the new playground to Enso, the developer for Tebworth Solar Farm. Progressing. **PP**
- b) **McDonald's Hockliffe.** Cllrs Parry & Warburton to arrange a meeting with them about a possible combined litter pick. Ongoing. **PP; PW**
- c) **Grass Verges and Rewilding.**
 - i. The PC has asked CBC's Environment Team to come and talk to us. Meeting to be arranged. Progressing. **Clerk**
 - ii. Enquire about CBC's tree planting scheme. **Clerk**
- d) **Parkview Lane** and the gully opposite are clear of water at the moment but the gulleys opposite The Old School and by Tythe Farm are still overflowing. This has been reported to HW. Ongoing.
- e) **Coronation of King Charles 111.** Commemorative mugs have been ordered for the children of the parish who are under 18. They will be distributed at the Street Party on May 7th, 2023.
- f) **CPRE AGM.** 26th April 2023, 7pm. This will now be held via Zoom as the original speaker cannot attend now. The speaker will be Chris Hinchcliff, Campaigns Manager National CPRE.
- g) **Elections.** The clerk reminded the cllrs that their Declaration of Interests form need to be submitted to CBC by June 1st, 2023.
- h) **Parish Assembly 2023.** The event was successful and well attended.

8. **POINTS RAISED on FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023 CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr Green supports installing solar panels on the roofs of new warehouses as advocated by CPRE. Cllr Parry raised the issue with Andrew Selous MP at the Parish Assembly. Mr Selous agreed with this policy.

9. **CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN**

No updates this month.

10. **FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- a) **Resignation.** Cllr Masters resigned from the PC on March 30th, 2023.
- b) **VERU (Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit).** April 2023 newsletter in correspondence.
- c) **Greensand Trust.** The Greensand Trust Country Festival 2023 will be held between May 1st and June 11th, 2023. A variety of events will be held at different locations. Information at www.greensandcountry.com
- d) **Rural Services Network-Rural Bulletin-April 17th, 2023 edition.** Article on fuel poverty in rural communities in correspondence.
- e) **Neighbourhood Watch-Our News.** April 2023 newsletter in correspondence.
- f) **Magpas Air Ambulance.** The PC has received an application for a donation. In correspondence.
- g) **CPRE**
 - i. Bedfordshire Matters. Spring 2023 magazine in correspondence.
 - ii. Countryside Voices. Spring/Summer 2023 magazine in correspondence.
 - iii. Members Guide 2023 in correspondence.
- h) **Community Award.** The PC has received a nomination for this year's Community Award.

11. **ACCOUNTS**

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

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	Hotline Group	Coronation commemorative mugs	351.17
2	M W Agri	Grass cutting-pond area; March 2023	13.20
3	Phil Parry	Beverages for Parish Assembly 2023	78.70
		Total	443.07

- b) **Also paid.**

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-April 2023	£5.00
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- c) **Income**

Central Bedfordshire Council	2023/24 Precept	£8,664.00
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d) Bank Statements; 03/04/2023

- i. Current Account: £1,793.34
- ii. Reserve account: £6,227.49

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Lords Hill.** The faded white lines from the Lords Hill roundabout to Tebworth Road, Wingfield have been remarked.
- b) **Chalgrave Road Closure.** The road will be closed from June 19th-August 18th, 2023 in order to install a high voltage power cable and ducting. The PC has asked HW not to divert traffic down Tebworth/Wingfield Road.
- c) **Double Yellow Lines.** Cars are being parked on the double yellow lines again.
- d) **1 Home Farm.** The PC has asked for a site meeting with HW to discuss how the corner can be made safer. No response yet. Ongoing.
- e) **Chalgrave Road/B5120 Junction.** The hedge on the Toddington side of the junction is overgrown and restricting visibility, particularly when trying to turn right onto the B5120. CBC has said that the hedge is on private land. The PC has contacted the landowner requesting that the hedge be cut back. Ongoing.
- f) **Verge opposite the Queen's Head.** The PC has received a query as to whether the verge can be tidied up.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning

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
22/04307	Land at Sundon	Development of new sports facility	No objections	To be decided
23/00113	21 Hockliffe Road	Revised application for extensions to the main house and the annexe	No objections	Refused
23/00852	Ivy Farm Barns. Plot 2	Variation of condition 19 of planning permission CB/19/02342/FULL	Object. Recommendations contrary to the directions of the National Planning Policy Framework that new buildings should enhance, not detract from the natural & local environment.	Consultation period
23/00967/DOC	30 The Lane, Tebworth	Discharge of condition 2 and 3 against planning permission 21/05332/LB Listed Building	No consultation	To be decided.

- b) **Queen's Head, Tebworth.** CBC refused Planning application 22/03164. The application has gone to appeal.

c) Rights of Way (ROW)

No update this month due to Cllr Green's absence.

d) Website

Some of the information on the website is outdated and permissions are required to delete it. Cllr Warburton is meeting with Mr Simon Gatward to carry out housekeeping on the site.

PW; SG

e) Speed Watch.

- i. Speed Watch will be out next week. There is a new member of the team.
- ii. Speed cameras are being installed in Hockliffe within the next two weeks.

f) Tebworth Pond.

Cllr Day asked for volunteers to help to keep the ground clear as it is weed ridden at the moment. Green waste needs to be disposed of so a plan to do so is necessary beforehand. Cllr Ludgate will work something out to achieve this. Cllr Day added that any new planting would need to be tough to resist being suffocated by weeds. KL

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Parish Council elections; Financial review.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

Cllr Day is not standing again in this election so the PC gave a vote of thanks to her for all her work on behalf of the council.

Meeting closed at 20.32pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....