

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, JULY 25th, 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 JUNE 20th, 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 JUNE 20th, 2023 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from MAY/JUNE 2023 CORRESPONDENCE
10. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update
11. JUNE/JULY 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
12. TO PROGRESS CO-OPTION
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, June 20th, 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Peter Warburton; Lesley Smith-Clerk.

Also present: PCSO Spyridon Apostolidis; PC Sami Arain

Guests: Mr. Francis Caldwell-Aragon Land and Planning Ltd; Mr. Malcolm Hillson-Maulden Vale Development Company.

Public present: 1

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	

Responsibilities

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

Volunteers

Pond	Jan Day	Barbara Jackson
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kevin Ludgate; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; The Rev Linda Washington.

2. MINUTES OF MAY 16th, 2023 MEETING

The minutes of the May 16th, 2023 meeting were approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. POLICE MATTERS

a) Report by

- i. PCSO Apostolidis and PC Arain are part of the Leighton Buzzard based Community Team.
- ii. 5 Officers have been lost in the area therefore there is more pressure on those that remain.
- iii. Positive action is being taken over nuisance motor bikes.
- iv. Cllr Parry asked about hare coursing. PCSO Apostolidis replied that the police take countywide action against hare coursing.
- v. Members of the Community Team patrol the area to show a visible presence and in order to be a deterrent. Officers walk around Toddington and other specific areas for two hours on a daily basis. Other areas are also covered. Details can be found on the Leighton Buzzard Community Policing Face Book page.
- vi. In response to a question from Cllr Warburton about drug taking in the parish, PCSO Apostolidis said that there might be small incidents such as cannabis taking but more went on in Leighton Buzzard as well as drug dealing.

b) Reported Crime. No crimes were reported during May. Two crimes have been reported in the first half of June.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
08/06/23	St Mary's Close	Other theft	None
10/06/23	Hockliffe Road	Theft or unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle	None

5. PRESENTATION By MALCOLM HILLSON AND FRANCIS CALDWELL

Ref: Ivy Farm Barns Plot 2.

Mr Hillson began by giving some background to the Maulden Vale Development company. The developers are seeking retrospective planning permission to retain the grey concrete cladding that has been used instead of the larch or oak cladding that CBC originally approved. The PC voiced its objection that Plot 2 in its current state does not blend in with its surroundings and contravenes planning rules within a conservation area. Cllr Warburton asked if a darker cladding could be used. The PC will continue to press CBC with its objection.

6. REPORT FROM CHALGRAVE CHURCH

No report this month.

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 MAY 16th, 2023 MINUTES

a) Chalgrave Manor and Tebworth Solar Farms.

- i. The PC will introduce the Memorial Hall Committee to Enso, the developer for Tebworth Solar Farm. Cllr Parry wants to meet with the co-chairs of the committee prior to the introduction. The Committee is hoping to secure some funding for the new playground. **PP; Clerk**
- ii. £100,000 is to be distributed between Chalgrave, Chalton and Toddington by Aton, the developers of Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm. Solar panels are also offered to schools within the three parishes.

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 about rewilding verges. Meeting to be arranged. Progressing. **Clerk**
- ii. Cllr Ludgate will investigate whether landowners must cut back hedges that overhang HW land. The overgrown hedge at the corner of Chalgrave Road and the B5120 has been reported to HW as a hazard as it restricts visibility at the junction. **KL**
- iii. CBC has confirmed that it checks the location of underground services before planting new trees. CBC also confirmed that the new trees on Wingfield Road and other locations are planted well away from all underground services.

d) Coronation of King Charles 111. Commemorative mugs are on sale for £4.50 each. Contact the clerk or parish cllrs if interested.

e) Community Award. The PC has received a nomination for this year's Community Award. To be circulated to the cllrs. **Clerk**

f) Potholes. Work has begun filling in potholes in the area.

g) Memorial Hall. The PC has recently awarded a grant of £550 to the Hall Committee. Ask to see the hall's accounts. **Clerk**

h) Broken Wingfield Sign. The PC has received a quote of £935.36 +VAT from Signs of the Times (SOTT) to make and install a new sign. The PC's insurance may cover the cost of a new sign. Progressing. **Clerk**

8. REPORT FROM Cllr MARK VERSALLION

No report this month.

9. POINTS RAISED on APRIL/MAY 2023 CORRESPONDENCE

No comments made this month.

10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

The PC has confirmed to Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service that it is responsible for the defibrillator.

11. MAY/JUNE 2023 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **CBC: Town and Parish Council Update.** June 2023 newsletter in correspondence.
- b) **BATPC.** Details of New Councillor training in correspondence.
- c) **CBC: Solar Together Renewable Energy Scheme.** Details of the scheme in correspondence.

d) CPRE

- i. Campaign to put solar panels on rooftops. Details of the campaign in correspondence.
- ii. Solar Energy and the Countryside. Article in correspondence.

e) BBC: Science and Environment. Article titled 'Renewable energy projects worth millions stuck on hold' in correspondence.

12. PREPARATION FOR CO-OPTION

The PC agreed it was desirable to try to have a candidate or candidates from Wingfield. Progressing.

13. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23

- i. Section 2, Accounting statements, 2022/2023, was approved by the PC and signed by the chairman.
- ii. The Certificate of Exemption (from a limited assurance review) was signed by the chairman.

14. ACCOUNTS

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

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
2	M W Agri	Grass cutting-pond area; May 2023	26.40
3	Lesley Smith	Salary + expenses April and May 2023	574.62
		Total	601.02

b) Also paid.

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-June 2023	£5.00
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c) Bank Statements; 05/06/2023

- i. Current Account: £9,696.05
- ii. Reserve account: £6,238.40

15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) 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.

b) Dislodged Manhole Cover, St Mary's Close, Tebworth. The cover has been reported to Housing Repairs. There has been a repair but it still needs attention.

c) Verge opposite the Queen's Head. The PC will ask CBC Environmental Services to tidy up the verge. **Clerk**

d) Grass Verge from Church Road to Toddington. The ground is uneven and difficult to walk on forcing pedestrians to walk on the road. The PC will ask for a footway along this stretch of verge. **Clerk**

e) Potholes near the Queen's Head/Plough. Report to HW. **Clerk**

16. 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	To be decided
22/04307	Land at Sundon	Development of new sports facility	No objections	To be decided
23/01322	21 Hockliffe Road	New application for extensions to the main house and the annexe	No objections	To be decided
23/00852	Ivy Farm Barns. Plot 2	Variation of condition 19 of planning permission CB/19/02342/FULL	Object.	Consultation period
23/00967/DOC	30 The Lane, Tebworth	Discharge of condition 2 and 3 against planning permission 21/05332/LB Listed Building	No documents available	Conditions discharged

TRE/23/00187	1 Chalgrave Road, Tebworth	Works to trees protected by tree preservation orders	No objections	To be decided
23/01211	53 Wingfield Road, Tebworth	Single storey side extension	No objections	Granted
23/01386	9 Woodlands, Tebworth	Part single/part double rear extension. Partial garage conversion	No objections	To be decided
23/00940/PAAD	Well Cottage, Featherfbed Lane	Conversion of barns to 4 dwellings	Object	Refused
23/01682/AG	College Farm, Chalgrave Road	Creation of hardstanding and track	N/A	To be decided

b) Rights of Way (ROW)

- i. CBC will be issuing an enforcement order to Trinity Hall Farm to clear footpath 17. Ongoing
- ii. FP 22 has not been cleared. Contact the landowner.

Clerk

c) Website

Cllr Warburton is meeting with Simon Gatward about tidying up the website. The latest edition of The Chalgrave News will be uploaded onto the site.

d) Speed Watch.

Speed Watch scheduled for July 2023

e) Tebworth Pond.

No update this month

17. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Co-option.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 25th, 2023

Meeting closed at 20.44pm

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....