

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, JULY 16th, 2024** 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 18th, 2024 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 18th, 2024 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from MAY/JUNE 2024 CORRESPONDENCE
10. JUNE/JULY 2024 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update.
12. ACCOUNTS-to approve payments
13. HIGHWAYS ISSUES
14. COMMITTEE REPORTS
15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
16. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, June 18th, 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Vicky Hydes; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Jane Spiers; Cllr Peter Warburton; Lesley Smith-Clerk;

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 Greenwood	Police liaison	07932 326274

Volunteers

Defibrillator	Barbara Jackson
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Kevin Ludgate; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; Rev. Linda Washington.

2. MINUTES OF MAY 21st, 2024 MEETING

The minutes of May 21st, 2024 meeting were amended, approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Cllr Spiers declared interests in:
- Chalgrave Memorial Hall; she is a member of the committee.
 - The Chalgrave News; she is on the editorial team.
 - All Saints Church, Chalgrave.
- b) Cllr Green declared an interest in 13f) Highways boundaries on The Lane.

4. POLICE MATTERS

- a) **Reported Crime.** No crimes were reported for June 1st to June 17th.
- b) **Neighbourhood Alert.** A Police Surgery is being held on June 21st, 2024, 10am at Toddington Library. Cllr Green will attend. **KG**

5. REPORT FROM WARD CLLR VERSALLION

No report this month.

6. REPORT FROM CHALGRAVE CHURCH.

- a) **Restoration Work.** The rotten beams in the chancel and nave have been restored and the ceiling repainted.
- b) **Alpha Course.** The group meets fortnightly and is well attended.
- c) **Pop Up Tearooms.** The May one was well attended and included a plant sale. The Tearoom will be present at the Chalgrave Games on July 13th, 2024.
- d) **Fund Raising Events** are being planned. Details will be posted on the church website and on Facebook.
- e) **Church Grounds.** Thanks to Roger Fenwick and Sally Gutteridge for helping to maintain the cemetery after Brian Horne's illness. Volunteers to help with the gardening work are always welcome.
- f) **Derek Stone.** Condolences were expressed on the death of Derek, who was a member of the church for many years, along with his wife, Vicky.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY 21st, 2024 MINUTES

- a) **Lords Hill Roundabout.** The PC recently contacted National Highways to ask for an update on progress on its analysis of the number of accidents that occur. National Highways have responded saying that the current design is still going through the Road Safety Audit (RSA3) process and the project remains very much in progress. Ongoing.
- b) **Chalgrave Manor and Tebworth Solar Farms.**
- i. **Tebworth Solar Farm.** The PC contacted the developers to complain about the poor state of Chalgrave Road and the inconvenience caused by the number of temporary traffic lights in Tebworth. The agent, Alpaca, has responded to the points raised. It was agreed to contact Alpaca again to ask about the Community Benefit. **PP; Clerk**
- c) **CBC Biodiversity Initiatives.** Previously the PC sent an expression of interest to CBC for their No Mow May campaign. Cllr Green pointed out that other councils have said that they have saved money by carrying out less cuts of the verges throughout the year. The PC asked CBC if they would investigate this claim. Awaiting reply. **Clerk**
- d) **Leisure and Play Facilities.** Nothing further at the moment.
- e) **CBC; Potholes.** The PC keeps reporting potholes within the parish but several get left. The PC contacted CBC accordingly. Awaiting reply. **Clerk**

8. POINTS RAISED on APRIL/MAY 2024 CORRESPONDENCE

No points raised this month.

9. MAY/JUNE 2024 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **Streetworks.** Temporary road closure-Toddington Road, Tebworth for footway and carriageway repairs; 9-13 September, 2024 from 0800-1800. In correspondence.
- b) **CBC: Have Your Say; Arts and Culture Strategy.** Consultation closes on July 21st, 2024. Information in correspondence.

10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Defibrillator and Bleed Kit Cabinet. The PC has bought a new combined defibrillator and bleed kit cabinet and a bleed kit. The clerk will find an electrician to replace the old cabinet with the new one and connect it to the electricity supply. Progressing. **Clerk**

11. MILLENNIUM AND COMMUNITY AWARDS 2024

The cllrs discussed possible candidates for each of the two awards. Nominations to be sent to the clerk.

12. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Online Banking.** The following online payment was approved by the PC..

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	M W Agri	Grass cutting-May 2024	27.72

- b) **Also paid.**

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-June 2024	5.00
DD	Clear Methods	Payroll service May 2024	10.25

- c) **Income.**

Interest on Reserve account-May 2024 £7.81

- d) **Bank Statements; 05/06/2024**

- i. Current Account: £9,018.04
- ii. Reserve account: £6,352.39

13. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) **Hockliffe Road Pothole.** Reported.

b) **Report to HW.**

- i. Lords Hill near the junction with Tebworth Road.
- ii. Visibility at junction of Tebworth Road and the B5120 reduced. Ask HW to cut down vegetation on both corners.
- iii. Vegetation needs strimming around the Chalgrave Road sign at the junction of Chalgrave Road and the B5120.
- iv. Utility cover at the corner of St Mary's Close, Tebworth

c) **Blocked Drains.** The PC agreed to write to HW to say that, despite several requests to clear, drains in the parish still remain blocked. **PP; Clerk**

d) **Traffic Lights.** Cllr Green commented that the recent temporary traffic lights on Toddington Road and Wingfield should also have included The Lane, Tebworth.

e) **Hockliffe Road.** The PC has received the annual plan 24/25 for highways maintenance. The plan refers to footway works on Hockliffe Road, Hockliffe. Clarify with CBC whether this is the Hockliffe Road from Tebworth to the A5. **Clerk**

f) **The Lane: HW Boundaries.** Ongoing.

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **Planning**

i. **Applications**

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
22/04307	Land at Sundon	Development of new sports facility	No objections	To be decided
23/03990/DOC	Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm	Discharge of conditions 13, 15,16, 17 and 19 against application 22/04302	Object. Removes requirement to encourage, protect and maintain biodiversity.	To be decided
24/00744	Trinity Hall Farm, Watling Street.	Expansion of the anaerobic digestion plant to include additional infrastructure &an increase in feedstock. Amendments to original application.	Object. Huge increase in footprint; visual impact; inappropriate development within Green Belt.	To be decided
24/01583/LDCE	102 Tebworth Road, Wingfield.	Existing use of garage building as a dwelling	No objections	To be decided

- ii. **Trinity Hall Farm Crane.** Trinity Hall Farm has been served an enforcement notice to remove the crane. The crane is still there. Cllr Warburton has chased. Ongoing.

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

- i. Cllr Green has reported five bridges that need repair, one being in very bad condition. The ROW Officer has said that there is no money left for repairs so they would have to close the footpath. Cllr Green commented that no work had been carried out on the footpaths in Chalgrave Parish. He proposed sending a letter to CBC stating that it is unacceptable that they can close a footpath yet farmers are obliged to carry out maintenance on footpaths on their land. All agreed. Cllr Green will draft. **KG**
- ii. Cllr Hyde said that the footpath opposite The Plough is impassable.
- iii. Cllr Green said that volunteers were needed to help clear the paths.

c) **Website**

- i. The accounts for 2023/24 have been uploaded onto the website.
- ii. Cllr Warburton's article on Tebworth solar farm has been uploaded.
- iii. Cllr Green asked about the search facility on his phone for the website as he has difficulty accessing the website. Cllr Warburton will investigate. **PW**
- iv. The information on All Saints Church has been updated.

d) Speed Watch.

- i. Two Speed Watches were carried out in June. One will be held in July.
- ii. Cllrs Greenwood and Parry attended the recent Watch Scheme meeting held by Bedfordshire Police. Cllr Parry will circulate the details once he has received them.

15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Nothing at the moment.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.52pm

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....