

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 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 JULY 16th, 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 JULY 16th, 2024 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from JUNE/JULY 2024 CORRESPONDENCE
10. JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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, July 16th, 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Vicky Hydes; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Kevin Ludgate; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Peter Warburton; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; 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	

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 Jane Spiers; Rev. Linda Washington.

2. MINUTES OF JUNE 18th, 2024 MEETING

The minutes of June 18th, 2024 meeting were approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None this month.

4. POLICE MATTERS

a) Reported Crime. Two crimes were reported during June 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
22/06/24	Hill Close, Wingfield	Other criminal damage	None
27/06/24	Parkview Lane, Tebworth	Residential burglary-unconnected building	None

b) Beds Connected: Action Fraud. Information on how to deal with suspicious messages and calls in correspondence.

c) Neighbourhood Watch: Our News. July 2024 newsletter in correspondence.

5. REPORT FROM WARD CLLR VERSALLION

a) CBC: Financial Situation. Cllr Versallion explained that CBC is under financial pressure due to a large increase in costs, particularly for Children's Services and Adult Social Care. There is a gap between the council's income and the increase in overall costs.

b) Schools. Some children are unable to get into their chosen schools. There are also transport problems and lack of funding for Special Educational Needs provision. Cllr Versallion explained that the demand for children's services and the associated costs had gone up which has led to this situation.

c) Parish Councils. In light of CBC's lack of money Cllr Versallion anticipates that parish councils will be asked to do more.

d) Andrew Selous. Cllr Ludgate said he was sad that Andrew Selous was no longer our MP. He hopes that the new MP, Alex Sayer, will give her constituents the same attention.

e) Cllr Versallion will remain as a Central Bedfordshire Cllr until 2027.

f) Rights of Way. Cllr Green mentioned a stile in a bad state of repair. He has been told by the Footpaths Officer that there is no money available to repair it so it will have to be closed. He will draft a letter to CBC. Cllr Versallion asked to be copied in.

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6. REPORT FROM CHALGRAVE CHURCH.

No report this month.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM JUNE 18th, 2024 MINUTES

a) Chalgrave Manor and Tebworth Solar Farms.

Tebworth Solar Farm. The PC contacted the developers to complain about the poor state of Chalgrave Road. The agent, Alpaca, has responded saying that repairs will be made after all the heavy deliveries have been made. Discussions are taking place regarding the Community Benefit. The PC will be contacted once these discussions are finalised. Ongoing.

b) CBC Biodiversity Initiatives. A while ago 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 and the PC asked CBC if they would investigate this claim. Awaiting reply. Chase up. Clerk

c) Leisure and Play Facilities. The PC discussed the play area belonging to Chalgrave Memorial Hall. The land was originally given to the Memorial Hall by the Bunker family. However, Land Registry does not recognise that the area belongs to the Hall.

d) Streetworks. Temporary road closure-Toddington Road, Tebworth, for footway and carriageway repairs; 9-13 September, 2024 from 0800-1800. Clarify exact extent of the repairs. Clerk

e) CBC: Have Your Say; Arts and Culture Strategy.

i. Consultation closes on July 21st, 2024.

ii. The members **agreed** to Cllr Hydes setting up a Facebook page for the Parish Council. VH

8. POINTS RAISED on MAY/JUNE 2024 CORRESPONDENCE

No points raised this month.

9. JUNE/JULY 2024 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a) CBC: Local Plan Update-Workshop Report. Previously forwarded to cllrs for comment. Covering message in correspondence.

b) CBC: Local Plan. Notification that CBC has adopted the Planning Obligations Supplementary Document (SPD) on June 4th, 2024. Notification in correspondence.

c) CBC: Boosting Town Centres and High Streets. Information about allocation of funds to five towns in correspondence.

d) Balfour Beatty. Information about local M1 overnight closures in correspondence.

e) Tebworth Great Pond. Correspondence from the Wildlife Trust Beds, Cambs and Northants regarding maintenance of the pond.

f) CPRE. Summer Fun newsletter in correspondence.

g) Clerks and Councils Direct. July 2024 magazine 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. Awaiting quote from an electrician to replace the old cabinet with the new one and connect it to the electricity supply. Progressing. Clerk

11. ACCOUNTS

a) Online Banking. The following online payments were made from May 22nd, 2024 and up to and including July 10th, 2024.

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	Chalgrave Senior Citizens Committee	2024 grant	400.00
2	Chalgrave Memorial Hall	2024 grant	905.00
3	Chalgrave Church	2024 grant	500.00
4	Top Trophies	Community Awards 2024 shields	90.00
		Total	1,895.00

The following online payments were approved by the PC.

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	M W Agri	Grass cutting-June 2024	27.72
2	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses; May/June/July 2024	1,017.04

b) Also paid.

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

c) Income.

Interest on Reserve account-June 2024 £7.07

d) Bank Statements; 05/07/2024

- i. Current Account: £7,170.07
- ii. Reserve account: £6,359.46

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Report to HW.

- i. Pothole on Lords Hill near the junction with Tebworth Road.
- ii. Vegetation needs strimming around the Chalgrave Road sign at the junction of Chalgrave Road and the B5120.

b) Tebworth Road/Lords Hill Junction. Cllr Warburton reported that the vegetation on the corners has been cut down.

c) Blocked Drains. The PC recently wrote to HW to say that, despite several requests to clear them, drains in the parish still remain blocked. Ward Cllr Versallion has followed this up on the PC's behalf.

d) Fly Tipping, Chalgrave Road. The green waste has been there for a few days.

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. Follow up. Ongoing.

Clerk

g) Log on Tebworth Road. The log is still there. Report to HW again.

Clerk

13. 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
24/01860/PASP	College Farm, Chalgrave Road	Prior Approval of Installation of Solar Panels	Consultation N/A	Prior approval not required

- 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 recently 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 the footpath would have to be closed. Cllr Green commented that no work had been carried out on the footpaths in Chalgrave Parish. He will draft 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. See also Item 5f).

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- ii. Cllr Hydes and two other people have volunteered to help with ROW maintenance etc. KG
- iii. Cllr Green has asked to have a meeting with the ROW Officer, Lindsay Measures. KG
- iv. The Theedway is overgrown. Cllr Green will report to the ROW Officer. KG
- v. Cllr Hydes & her husband have cleared part of the ROW opposite The Plough. They hope to do more. VH

c) **Website**

The information on All Saints Church has been updated.

d) **Speed Watch.**

One to be held in July.

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14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

The Plough Inn

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.41pm

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....