

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 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 OCTOBER 15th, 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 OCTOBER 15th, 2024 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 CORRESPONDENCE
10. OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update
12. UPDATE on PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE
13. ACCOUNTS-to approve 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, October 15th, 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Kevin Ludgate; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Jane Spiers; Cllr Peter Warburton; Lesley Smith-Clerk; Mr Steve Calder-Chalgrave Church.

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 Vicky Hydes; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion.

2. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17th, 2024 MEETING

The minutes of September 17th, 2024 meeting were amended, 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. Three crimes were reported in September 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
04/09/24	Tebworth	Sexual	None
23/09/24	Chalgrave	Race or Religiously Aggravated Assault: no injuries	None
30/09/24	Chalgrave Road, Tebworth	Other Theft	None

b) Beds Connected.

- Invitation to meet John Tizzard, the Police & Crime Commissioner, October 16 at Leighton Buzzard Library.
- Improving messaging survey. In correspondence.

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

d) Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.

- Police and Crime Plan launch event; 3rd October 2024, 7pm, The Rufus Centre, Flitwick. Cllr Greenwood attended and he said it was a good event. **HG**
- Cllr Greenwood will ask the PCC to attend the 2025 Parish Assembly. He will also ask the Deputy PCC to attend a Parish Council meeting. **HG**
- Beds Connected: Survey aiming to improve the Neighbourhood Alert messaging system in correspondence.
- Watch Scheme Meeting. Cllrs Parry and Greenwood are attending. **PP; HG**

5. REPORT FROM WARD CLLR VERSALLION

No report this month.

6. REPORT FROM CHALGRAVE CHURCH: Steve Calder.

a) New Bibles. The church has bought 60 new bibles.

b) Ground Works.

- i. A tree surgeon is checking the trees.
 - ii. Weeds have been sprayed and shrubbery cut down. The ground will then be grass seeded.
 - iii. Brambles will be cleared, the old bench removed and a new one put in its place.
- c) The church has contacted CBC about the poor state of **Church Lane**. They are waiting for a response.
- d) A stained-glass expert is coming to examine the window for potential repairs.
- e) The floor tiles may need attention.

f) Fund Raising

- i. The Songs and Scones event held in the summer was a great success.
- ii. The Pop-Up Tea Room continues to be popular.
- iii. Ten tables for the Craft Fair have been confirmed.
- iv. Afternoon Tea provisionally planned for 17 May 2025.

g) Services

27 October – In loving Memory Service – 2pm
9 November – Craft Fair – Chalgrave Memorial Hall
13 December – Scouts Carol Service
18 December – Pop-Up Café possibly community carols
21 December – Carols by Candlelight – 6pm
24 December – Crib Service 3 pm
24 December – Midnight Mass – 11.15pm
25 December – Benefice Service @ Toddington – 10 am
29 December – Benefice Service @ Toddington – 11 am

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM September 17th, 2024 MINUTES

a) Chalgrave Manor and Tebworth Solar Farms.

- i. **Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm.** Progress appears to have come to a standstill. The clerk has contacted the Case Officer for an update. Awaiting reply.

b) CBC Biodiversity Initiatives. Queries to CBC regarding potential savings by moving to wild flower verges ongoing.
KG

c) Leisure and Play Facilities. The hall committee continues to track down the deeds to the land belonging to the hall. PC to write to the hall committee for an update on progress. **Clerk**

d) Tebworth Pond.

- i. The clerk has contacted the ecologist at Beds Rural Community Charity (BRCC) to enquire whether he would carry out a survey on the pond. No response yet. Follow up. **Clerk**
- ii. The water level is too high at the moment to carry out any maintenance in the pond.

e) BRCC: Bedfordshire Rural Housing Needs Survey. A survey would cost £1,197.00 + VAT. The PC **agreed** not to go ahead.

f) Chalgrave Memorial Hall. A further request for a dog bin to be located near the hall. A possible option was a green bin but CBC does not supply them. The PC will suggest that the black bin is re-sited away from the main gates to the hall with the notice 'Please do not put dog waste in this bin.' **Clerk**

g) CBC: Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). CBC, Luton Borough Council and Bedford Borough Council are developing the strategy and will be holding a survey between September 16 and October 20, 2024. In correspondence.

h) Grand Union Canal Transfer. Public consultation on a new scheme to move water from the Midlands to the Southeast. Consultation from September 11 to October 25, 2024. Details in correspondence.

8. POINTS RAISED on JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Parish Assembly 2025. Push for Alex Mayer MP for Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard to attend next year's Parish Assembly. **Clerk**

b) Verges. Ask for Central Bedfordshire Council's report on the maintenance programme for verges. **Clerk**

c) NALC Housing. Cllr Green commented that there is a need for council houses. The right to buy is acceptable as long as the money made under the scheme should be used to build more social housing.

d) Buses. Central Bedfordshire Council is advertising 'Use your bus'.

e) Rights of Way (ROW). Central Bedfordshire Council is promoting walking, yet it has no money for maintaining the ROW.

9. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **London Green Belt Council (LGBC).** Response to the National Planning Policy Framework 2024 consultation. In correspondence. Cllr Green will draft a response to LGBC's comments, with a copy to Alex Mayer MP and CPRE. **KG**
- b) **CBC.**
- i. **Fly tipping.** Information that Luton Magistrates' Court, this week, has sentenced a fly tipper to a three-year community order involving 150 hours of unpaid work. He has also been instructed to forfeit his van and pay costs totalling £1,500 within the next 12 months.
 - ii. **Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure.** Analysis of settlements in Central Beds to identify the need for public charging points. In correspondence.
 - iii. **Salt Bag Scheme.** CBC is providing free 1 tonne and ½ tonne salt bags again this year. Find out if the parish requires a further supply. **Clerk**
 - iv. **Tree Planting Support Grant 2024.** Information in correspondence.
- c) **CPRE: Countryside Voices.** Autumn/Winter 2024 magazine in correspondence.

10. PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

Cllrs Greenwood and Hydes are meeting on October 16, 2024 to discuss setting up the page.

VG; HG

11. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Defibrillator and Bleed Kit Cabinet. A new cabinet has been installed at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. Cllr Parry will write a short article about the Chalgrave Emergency Plan for the Chalgrave News.

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12. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Online Banking.** The following online payments were made from 17 September 2024 and up to and including 1 October 2024.

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	RMS Electrical	New defibrillator & bleed kit cabinet installation	448.00
2	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses; August & September 2024	664.73
		Total	1112.73

The following online payments were approved by the PC this evening

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses; October 2024	315.98
2	M W Agri	Grass cutting, Tebworth Pond: September 2024	27.72
3	Chalgrave Memorial Hall	Parish Council meetings x 6; April-September 2024	172.50
		Total	516.20

- b) **Also paid.**

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-October 2024	5.00
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- c) **Income.**

Interest on Reserve account-30 September 2024 £7.85

- d) **Bank Statements; 04/10/2024**

- i. Current Account: £5,805.99
- ii. Reserve account: £6,383.24

13. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Potholes: The Lane, Tebworth.** Due to budget constraints Highways has determined that The Lane is not a priority for repair.
- b) **Flooding: The Lane.** The resident of Willow Tree Farm contacted the PC during the heavy rains that occurred on 23 September 2024. The grounds of the property were flooded and water entered the sewer system due in part to several blocked drains on The Lane. Subsequently the clerk contacted Central Beds Highways regarding the drainage and flooding problems by the Queen's Head and down The Lane, with a copy to Ward Cllr Mark Versallion.

- c) **Lords Hill Roundabout.** Cllr Greenwood said he commented about the number of accidents on the roundabout at the Police Crime Plan launch on 3 October 2024. The PC **agreed** to write to National Highways and Alex Mayer MP regarding the ongoing concern about the roundabout. **Clerk**
- d) **Potholes.** There are several around the parish. Report to HW. **Clerk**
- e) **Tebworth Boundary Sign, Toddington Road.** A resident has asked if the sign can be moved as it obscures their view when pulling out of their drive. Cllrs Parry and Greenwood will move it to the other side of the road. **PP: HG**
- f) **Parking on Grass Verges.** A resident recently reported that cars were being parked on the verge on Toddington Road, blocking the view for some people pulling out from their driveways. Unfortunately, removal cannot be enforced unless there is a local authority sign prohibiting such action.

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
24/02339	21 Hockliffe Road, Tebworth	Replacement roof with ridge height increase	No objections	Granted
24/02207	23 Hockliffe Road, Tebworth	2-storey side extension with new roof at 1 st floor	Question whether the window style matches the original house. Could the extension give rise to additional car parking requirements	Granted
24/01958	Chalgrave Manor Golf Club	Redevelopment of golf course, erection of golf house etc	No objections	Consultation period
24/02680	Well Cottage, Featherbed Lane	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement self-build dwelling.	No objections	Consultation period
24/02949/PAAD	Hill Farm, Wingfield	Prior Approval of change of use of agricultural building to dwelling: Barn to dwelling house.	N/A at this stage	Consultation period

- ii. **Trinity Hall Farm Crane.** Trinity Hall Farm was served an enforcement notice to remove the crane some time ago. The crane is still there. Cllr Warburton will check on the current status. Ongoing. **PW**

b) Rights of Way (ROW)

- A letter has been sent to CBC stating that it is unacceptable that they can close a footpath yet farmers are obliged to carry out maintenance on all footpaths on their land. Still awaiting response.
- Cllr Green has updated the Footpaths Officer on work that needs doing. He said that the ROWs are currently in a bad way.
- Rotten planks on some of the bridges and some stiles are being repaired.
- Cllr Spiers is joining the Footpaths Committee.

c) **Website**

Simon Gatward has resolved the search facility issue and the website is working well.

d) **Speed Watch.**

The next Speed Watch will be later this month.

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15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Facebook.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19 November 2024, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.52pm

Signed by Chair.....

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