

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **TUESDAY, APRIL 15th, 2025** 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 MARCH 25th, 2025 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 MARCH 25th, 2025 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 CORRESPONDENCE
10. MARCH/APRIL 2025 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update
12. FACEBOOK UPDATE
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, March 25th, 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr V Hydes; Cllr K Ludgate; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr P 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	

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 Ken Green; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Jane Spiers; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion.

2. MINUTES OF February 18th, 2025 MEETING

The minutes of February 18th, 2025 were approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. POLICE MATTERS

- a) **Reported Crime.** No crimes have been reported for March to date.
- b) **Dog Attacks on Sheep.** Cllr Ludgate reported that sheep had been attacked by a dog/s in a field next to Tebworth Solar Farm. The police are aware of the attacks.
- c) **Priority Setting Meeting.** Lesley Smith will attend the Police Priority Setting meeting on April 2nd, 2025 at Police Headquarters in Kempston. **Clerk**
- d) **Watch Meeting: March 25th, 2025.** Cllr Parry attended the meeting at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick. The Watch Scheme includes Speed Watch.

5. WARD CLLR VERSALLION

Cllr Versallion could not attend this evening's meeting so he sent the following report.

- a) **Queen's Head Surgery.** Cllr Versallion had a busy and productive advice surgery at the Queens head last month.
- b) **CBC Budget.** CBC has now approved its budget and council tax bills will rise by 5%. Cllr Versallion did not vote for the budget but enough of the independent group of Councillors who run CBC did and so it went through.
- c) **Cuts to Services.** There will be several hundred layoffs and reductions in services However Cllr Versallion and some of his opposition colleagues managed to change some of the proposed cuts, such as library opening times, more money for flooding mitigations and the building of special educational needs school places.
- d) **Facebook Page.** Cllr Versallion continues to update the community on various issues through his Cllr Facebook page. He is always available if there are any issues that parishioners may need help with.
- e) **Parish Assembly: April 10th, 2025.** Cllr Versallion looks forward to being at this year's Parish Assembly.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES

- a) **Tebworth Solar Farm.** A Teams meeting to be arranged with a representative/s of the developers, Verdant. Progressing. Chase up. **Clerk**
- b) **Chalgrave Manor Solar Farm.** Construction work began on 17 March, 2025.
- c) **Buses.** The survey regarding bus use in Chalgrave Parish has been published on Facebook. There have been 21 responses so far. The survey will also be published in the Chalgrave News. The deadline for responses is the end of April 2025. Ongoing.

- d) **CPR Training.** Face to face will cost £300. Cllr Parry will book the training. Ongoing. **PP**
- e) **Young Councillors.** At the January 2025 PC meeting Cllr Hydes asked if young people should be encouraged to become cllrs. She will draft a post for Facebook. **VH**
- f) **Tebworth Boundary Sign, Toddington Road.** Cllrs Parry and Greenwood will move it to the other side of the road to improve visibility for nearby houses. Ongoing. **PP; HG**
- g) **Chalgrave Memorial Hall.** Cllr Parry will ask the hall committee if it is holding an AGM this year. The PC will ask to see the hall's accounts before determining its 2025 grant. **PP; Clerk**

7. POINTS RAISED on FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 CORRESPONDENCE

No points raised.

8. REPORT FROM CHALGRAVE CHURCH

No report this month.

9. FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **Partnerships, Community and Engagement Team: Community Right to Bid.** CBC has informed the PC that the owner of the above asset, Fullers, has notified the CBC of their intention to dispose of this asset. Notification in correspondence.
- b) **CBC: Community Governance Review (CGR).** CBC is conducting the review and consultation for the whole of Central Bedfordshire starting on the 30th June 2025.
The review will consider:
 - the creation, merger, alteration or abolition of parishes;
 - the naming of parishes and the style of any new or revised parish;
 - electoral arrangements for existing parishes including council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, parish warding, and
 - grouping parishes under a new common parish council with any of their surrounding areas.
 Information in correspondence.
- c) **Doctors' Appointments; Toddington Medical Centre.** The PC has written to the Practice Manager to point out that the new online appointment booking system presents difficulties for some patients who do not have a computer or smart phone. Awaiting reply.
- d) **Alex Mayer MP.** Latest update for town and parish councils in correspondence.
- e) **BATPC: Responding to Planning Applications Training.** 02 April, 2025 at 7pm. Information in correspondence.
- f) **M1 Jct 10-13; Traffic Management March Update** in correspondence.
- g) **NALC: March 13 Bulletin** in correspondence.
- h) **Dog Waste Bin.** A resident has requested a dog bin to be installed near the field entrance gate next to Ivy Farm. This is due to the amount of dog waste that is left in the fields behind Ivy Farm and Home Farm. After discussion the PC **agreed** to investigate placing a dog bin in this location subject to HW's approval. **PP; Clerk**
- i) **Luton Rising: London Luton Airport.** Latest update in correspondence.
- j) **Keech Hospice.** Request for funds in correspondence.
- k) **CBC: Changes to Music Centres.** Consultation ends 30 March, 2025. In correspondence.
- l) **CBC: Empty Homes.** CBC has brought over 103 empty homes into use over the past year. Information in correspondence.
- m) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** March 2025 magazine in correspondence.

10. PARISH ASSEMBLY

The format for the Assembly is the same as in previous years. Cllr Parry will organise the food and drinks. **PP**

11. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

- The PC is organising a 'How to do CPR' class. Progressing.
- Barbara Jackson continues to carry out regular checks on the defibrillator and cabinet.

12. FACEBOOK UPDATE: Cllr Greenwood

Cllr Greenwood will post the information about the disposal of The Plough Inn, Wingfield. **HW**

13. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Online Banking.** The following online payments were made from 19 February 2025 and up to and including 25 March 2025

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses; February 2025	293.99
		Total	293.99

b) Online Banking.

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; March 2025	283.70
		Total	283.70

c) Also paid.

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-March 2025	5.00
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d) Income.

Interest on Reserve account-28 February 2025 £6.15

e) Bank Statements; 05/03/2025

- i. Current Account: £3,231.93
- ii. Reserve account: £6,423.64

- f) Repairs to Noticeboards.** The noticeboards at Hill Close, Wingfield and opposite the Queen's Head, Tebworth are both in need of repair. Greenbarnes, the company that made the noticeboards, has given an approximate cost of £1,400. Like for like replacement notice boards will each cost £1,432 + VAT. The PC **unanimously agreed** to going ahead with the repairs subject to the final quote. **Clerk**

14. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) Lords Hill Roundabout.** National Highways has confirmed with Alex Mayer MP that the realignment construction is scheduled to begin in May 2025. Ongoing.

- b) Potholes.** There are several around the parish. These have been reported to HW. Cllr Warburton will report the potholes near the junction of Dunstable Road and Tebworth Road. **PW**

c) Gulley Cleaning Programme 2025.

- i. Most of the gulleys in Chalgrave Parish have been cleaned. However, it appears that the gulleys on The Lane have been missed out. Clarify with HW. **Clerk**
- ii. There are two collapsed gulleys opposite Hill Close, Wingfield. Contact HW to repair. **Clerk**

- d) Hockliffe Road Footway.** Follow up on repairs to the footway. **Clerk**

- e) The Lane, Tebworth.** Follow up on where the HW boundaries are on The Lane. Ongoing. **Clerk**

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning

i. Applications

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposed work</u>	<u>PC comments</u>	<u>CBC decision</u>
22/04307	Land at Sundon	Development of new sports facility.	No objections	Pending
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
24/01958	Chalgrave Manor Golf Club	Redevelopment of golf course, erection of golf house etc.	No objections	To be decided
TCA/25/00038	4 Home Farm, Tebworth	Reduction of Portuguese Laurel in front garden.	No objections	Granted

25/00417/DOC	Hill Farm, Wingfield	Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling: Barn to dwelling house.	No objections	Conditions discharged
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- ii. * Cllr Parry expressed concern. Cllr Warburton will contact CBC to suggest a site visit. PW
- iii. Trinity Hall Farm Crane. Trinity Hall Farm was served an enforcement notice by CBC to remove the crane some time ago. The owners argue that the crane is needed for future work on the site. Still ongoing. Cllr Warburton will follow up. PW

b) Speed Watch.

A Speed Watch will take place in April.

PP

c) Rights of Way (ROW)

FP 12, which runs alongside 38 Tebworth Road, Wingfield has been impassible for a long time. The resident of number 38 has informed the PC that he will clear the path with the help of a local farmer. Ongoing.

d) Website

No report this month.

16. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

None at the moment.

17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

Meeting closed at 20.41pm

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....