

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **WEDNESDAY, March 25th, 2026** 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 FEBRUARY 17th, 2026 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 FEBRUARY 17th, 2026 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026 CORRESPONDENCE
10. FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. EMERGENCY PLAN-Report and update
12. ACCOUNTS-To approve online 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, 17 February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Jane Spiers; Cllr P Warburton; Rev Ian Smith; Lesley Smith-Clerk.

Public present: 1

Committees

Planning	Cllr Greenwood 07932 326274		
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair 874107	Cllr Warburton 07941 624419	Cllr Spiers 07803 378548
Website	Cllr Warburton 07941 624419		
Speed Watch	Cllr Parry 07831 605600		

Responsibilities

Cllr Parry	Highways liaison	07831 605600
Cllr Greenwood	Police liaison	07932 326274
Cllr Greenwood	Facebook	"

Volunteers

Defibrillator	Barbara Jackson
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Vicky Hydes; Cllr Kevin Ludgate; PC Jack Hollands; PCSO Sam Cordoza

2. MINUTES OF 20 JANUARY 2026 MEETING

The minutes of 20 January 2026 were approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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.

4. CHALGRAVE CHURCH: Report by Rev Ian Smith

- Funerals.** No funerals took place at the church this month.
- Potholes.** The weather has been an issue and the condition of Church Lane is a concern because of the potholes. Rev Smith has spoken to CBC and the PC has also reported the potholes. However he appreciates the scale of road repairs required across the county.
- Services** have been held each Sunday morning with reasonable attendance. The 25 minute Thursday Evening Prayers are taking place led by Rev Smith with occasional visitors.
- Access to the Church.** Rev Smith wants to make the church as accessible as possible. This will be part of future discussions and initiatives.
- Easter Services** are being finalised. There will be services each day apart from Saturday, 04 April 2026. The main focus is a Benefice Seder Meal being held at Toddington. All welcome.
 - Easter Sunday; Dawn Service at 06.15 at Chalgrave Church
 - Easter Sunday; 09.30 service
- Social Events.**
 - Pop-Up Tea Rooms at Chalgrave Memorial Hall.
 - Possible Songs of Praise event in September 2026.

5. POLICE MATTERS

- Reported Crime.** No crimes were reported during January 2026. Two crimes were reported in the first half of February 2026.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
03/02/26	Tebworth	Sexual	None
04/02/26	Tebworth	Sexual	None

b) **Rural Crime Advisory Group.** Cllr Greenwood attended the second meeting of the group at Bedfordshire Police HQ on 06 January 2026. His written report is in correspondence.

c) **PCC John Tizard** is holding two events in February:

- i. Meet and Challenge event-24 February, 6.30-8pm, Dunstable Town Council.
- ii. Rural Crime event - 26 February, 11am-1pm, Mead Open Farm, Billington.

d) **Beds Connected**

- i. **Interactive Cyber Security Event.** Bedfordshire Police are hosting this event on Wednesday, 04 March 2026, 8.30am to 4pm at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick. Information in correspondence.
- ii. **Policing in the Community** update in correspondence.
- iii. **Independent Custody Visitors.** Information on the scheme in correspondence.

e) **Our News.** February 2026 newsletter in correspondence.

6. **WARD CLLR VERSALLION**

No report from Cllr Versallion this month. Cllr Parry will ask him if CBC has approved a test route through Tebworth for learner HGV drivers. He will also inform Cllr Versallion that the PC continues to have no response from the developers of Tebworth Solar Farm.

PP

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM 20 JANUARY 2026 MINUTES**

a) **Tebworth Solar Farm.**

- i. Query about a **2nd permissive path** at the Chalgrave Road site is ongoing.
- ii. The PC wrote to the developers on 28 January 2026 asking for a **site visit** to examine progress of the planned planting scheme. No reply received yet.

b) **Tebworth Great Pond.** The PC accepted a quote of £450 + VAT for a day's work on the pond by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) at the November meeting. The work will be carried out in Autumn 2026. Follow up.

Clerk

c) **Alex Mayer MP.** The PC has contacted Ms. Mayer and expressed disappointment that she cannot attend Parish Assembly 2026.

8. **POINTS RAISED on DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Flittabus.** Cllrs Hyde and Spiers would like to investigate whether a route through Tebworth and Wingfield could be organised.

b) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** Cllr Hydes referred to an advert regarding provision of a textile bin in the parish to generate some income for the PC.

9. **JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a) **London Green Belt AGM.** 02 March 2026 on Zoom. Details in correspondence.

b) **Group Meeting of Neighbouring Parishes** regarding housing developments in our surrounding area. Toddington Parish Council has proposed a joint meeting of neighbouring parishes. Chalton has responded positively. This PC would also attend the meeting. Details in correspondence.

c) **BATPC.** Details of online training in correspondence.

d) **CPRE-Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).** CPRE will be responding to the government consultation and has invited members to also submit responses. Information in correspondence.

10. **CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN**

Defibrillator training needs to be arranged.

PP

11. **FLITTABUS**

The PC **agreed** to investigate whether a route through Tebworth and Wingfield could be organised. **Clerk**

12. MEMORIAL HALL COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

At the meeting called by the Memorial Hall Committee to discuss plans for the play area at the hall, the general feeling was that basic play equipment such as swings and a slide was desirable. It is possible that the PC could help pay towards the cost of the play area's insurance once it is developed. The clerk will investigate.

Clerk

The Memorial Hall Committee want another meeting of the action group in March to discuss the play area further. Cllr Parry and the clerk will attend.

PP; Clerk

13. PARISH ASSEMBLY 2026

The format for the Assembly will be the same as in previous years. Cllr Parry will organise the food and drinks. Clerk to contact the local organisations.

PP; Clerk

14. ACCOUNTS

a) Online Banking. Online payments made from 20 January to 16 February 2026

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	Lesley Smith	Clerk's net salary + expenses; January 2026	381.81
3	G G Francis	Bus shelter repair & bench removal	285.00
		Total	666.81

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 net salary + expenses; February 2026	295.49
2	Cloud Next	.gov.uk domain renewal	60.00
		Total	355.49

b) Also paid.

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-January 2026	5.00
DD	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	192.60

c) Income.

Interest on Reserve account-30 January 2026 £5.06

d) Bank Statements; 05/02/2026

- i. Current Account: £5,108.50
- ii. Reserve account: £6,491.88
- iii. Wayleave: £5.00

15. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Blocked Drain/pipe opposite St Mary's Close. Cllr Parry reported that water was coming up from the drain during recent heavy rain. This suggests that there is a blockage preventing the water flowing further down the drainage system. Report to HW.

Clerk

b) Lords Hill. Cllr Greenwood said that recently a car had ended up in the ditch on Lords Hill.

c) Water opposite the Queen's Head. Cllr Warburton said that during the recent heavy rain, water had collected opposite the pub but it had drained away quickly.

d) Potholes reported to HW

- i. Church Lane.
- ii. Toddington Road opposite the Queen's Head

e) Resurfacing of Tebworth Road. Highways Capital Works Plan is still to be finalised for next financial year. Works for 26/27 should be confirmed around the beginning of April.

f) Leaning Lamp Post: Lords Hill. The lamp post, which is on the LHS approaching the A505 roundabout from the Toddington direction has been reported to HW.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning

i. Applications

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
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
25/02510	Church Cottage Church Lane Chalgrave	Conversion of garage to annexe.	No objections	Refused by CBC. Resident has submitted an appeal.
25/04049/AG	Trinity Hall Farm Watling Street	Prior Approval for the erection, extension or alterations of a building for Agricultural or Forestry use: Agricultural shed for storing grain.	N/A	To be decided

Commented [LS1]:

- ii. Trinity Hall Farm Crane. The Enforcement Officer has been contacted again about removing the crane. Awaiting response. Ongoing.

b) Speed Watch.

Two were held in February 2026. Cllr Parry will be cleaning the road signs on Chalgrave Road and the Heritage Trail signs. **PP**

c) Rights of Way (ROW)

No report this month.

d) Website

Basic information about The Plough is now on the website. He will also ask the owners if they want to post anything regarding the pub on the website. **PW**

17. FACEBOOK UPDATE

Updates continue.

18. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

None at present.

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 25 March 2026.

Meeting closed at 20.29

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....