

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE NEXT MEETING OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **TUESDAY 21 JULY 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 16 JUNE 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 16 JUNE 2026 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from MAY/JUNE 2026 CORRESPONDENCE
10. JUNE/JULY 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 16 June 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Vicky Hydes; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Lesley Smith-Clerk; Rev Ian Smith.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Greenwood 07932 326274		
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair 01525 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 Jane Spiers; Cllr Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Kev Ludgate; Cllr P Warburton; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion

2. CHALGRAVE CHURCH: Report by Rev Smith

- a) **Church Lane.** Rev Smith thanked the PC for its help in getting CBC Highways to fill in the potholes on Church Lane.
- b) **Special Services.**
- On 19 July there will be a service where an American family historically linked with All Saints will join the service virtually for an act of worship.
 - 23 August 2026: Afternoon Pet Service at All Saints.
 - September. In addition to the usual Sunday morning service at 9.30am there will be a 'Harvest Songs of Praise' which will involve the Quintet Choir.
 - Evening prayer-Thursdays at 4pm.
- c) **Church Grounds.** Rev Smith said the grounds continue to look stunning. Much of the work is carried out by members of the congregation and Jim Catto. Rev Smith encourages people to visit and sit and immerse in the surroundings.
- d) **Lights for Ukraine Campaign.** Rev Smith is asking people to donate unwanted candles, including part used ones. These are processed into larger candles and shipped to Ukraine. Cutoff date is the end of July. Candles can be taken to Toddington and Chalgrave Churches and the rectory.
- e) **Pop-up Tea Rooms** are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Chalgrave Memorial Hall excluding August.
- f) **Afternoon Tea** with a band concert was held on 06 June 2026. It was well attended despite the wet weather.

3. MINUTES OF 19 MAY 2026 MEETING

The minutes of 19 May 2026 were amended and approved by the council and signed as correct by the chair.

4. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared at this point.

5. POLICE MATTERS

- a) **Reported Crime.** No crimes were reported for May 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Crime</u>	<u>Other details</u>
04/06/26	Wingfield Road, Tebworth	Aggravated vehicle taking	None
12/06/26	Featherbed Lane, Chalgrave	Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	None

- b) **Beds Connected: Information Sheets.**

- Courier Fraud Alert.** Over 70s targeted. Information in correspondence.

- ii. Suspicious Emails. The public have reported 55.7 million suspicious emails since 2020. Information in correspondence.
 - iii. Tackling Crime. The police have thanked the public for helping to tackle local crime. Information in correspondence.
 - iv. Officers in the Community. Engaging and enforcing. Information in correspondence.
- c) Our News. April 2026 newsletter in correspondence.

6. WARD CLLR VERSALLION

Learner HGV Drivers. CBC has told Cllr Versallion that they cannot and will not do anything to enforce the HGVs travelling through Tebworth. He is escalating the issue with CBC and the police. Ongoing. **MV**

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM 19 MAY 2026 MINUTES

- a) Learner HGV Drivers. See 6 above.
- b) Tebworth Solar Farm.
 - i. The PC has written again to Alpaca and received acknowledgement on 05 June 2026.
 - ii. The PC wrote to CBC Planning to ask if the solar farm was now operational. CBC has replied saying that there is a current application to remove a planning condition for the development. They also said that CBC has no control over a package for community benefit. Ongoing.
- c) Flittabus. Cllr Hydes contacted the organiser of Flittabus to investigate whether a route through Tebworth is viable. Cllr Hydes will chase. Ongoing. **VH**
- d) BATPC. Cllr Spiers has expressed interest in attending some of the BATPC online training. Ongoing. **JS**
- e) Five Year Housing Land Supply. Cllr Spiers attended a Zoom meeting with local PCs and Anglian Water. Information in correspondence.
- f) Communications between CBC and the PC: Cllr Green would like a representative from CBC to attend a meeting to discuss CBC's lack of response to some of the PC's queries. CBC's Head of Communications and Consultation has responded to an email from the PC asking which departments the PC is waiting for a response from. Cllr Green said 'all areas'. Ongoing. The PC will respond. **Clerk**
- g) Tebworth Great Pond. Site meeting with The Conservation Volunteers was on 03 June 2026. A pond maintenance day has been arranged for 11 October 2026.

8. POINTS RAISED on APRIL/MAY 2026 CORRESPONDENCE

None this month.

9. MAY/JUNE 2026 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Community Award 2026. The PC **unanimously agreed** on a candidate to receive the award. Shields to be engraved ready for the Chalgrave Games on 18 July 2026. **Clerk**
- b) Parish Coordination Group (PCG). Toddington PC has suggested a coalition of local parishes. The PC agreed this was a good idea. Information in correspondence.
- c) CPRE. Latest update on the countryside in correspondence.
- d) CBC: Members' Home Addresses. Notification that Cllrs' home addresses will no longer be published on the public Register of Interests. Information in correspondence.

10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Defibrillator training to be arranged.

11. ACCOUNTS

- a) Online Banking. Online payments made from 20 May 2026 to 15 June 2026

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	Lesley Smith	Clerk's net salary + expenses; May 2026	301.54
2	Chalgrave Memorial Hall	2026 Grant	550.00
3	Chalgrave Church	2026 Grant	500.00
4	CMH Playground Committee	Donation	500.00
5	Zurich	Annual insurance	300.00
6	M W Agri Ltd	Grass cutting-May 2026	27.72
		Total	2129.26

The following online payments were approved by the PC this evening.

	Payee	Description	Amount £
1	Lesley Smith	Clerk's net salary + expenses; June 2026	293.24
2	M W Agri Ltd	Grass cutting-June 2026	27.72
3	David Hyde	Internal Audit 2026	66.20
		Total	387.16

b) Also paid.

Standing Order	Chalgrave IT Solutions	Computer monitoring-June 2026	5.00
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c) Income.

- i. Interest on Reserve account-29/05/2026 £4.39

d) Bank Statements; 05/06/2026

- i. Current Account: £11,725.45
ii. Reserve account: £6,510.56

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) **Pothole; Lords Hill.** Cllr Hydes reported that potholes had been repaired along the road between Lords Hill and Toddington.
- b) **Church Lane.** Some potholes have been repaired on the lane.
- c) **Road Closure: 10-12 August 2026.** Sections of Hockliffe Road and Toddington Road will be closed between 09.00 and 15.30 for carriage patching. Find out if the stretch of road passing The Grange to the Queen's Head is also due for repair. **Clerk**
- d) **Toddington Road Parking.** Cars are being parked on the white line alongside Tebworth Pond. Cllr Parry will remind vehicle owners not to do this, if necessary. **PP**

13. 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
25/02948	Well Cottage, Featherbed Lane, Chalgrave.	New self-build replacement dwelling.	Objected	Appeal dismissed
26/00639/VOC	Tebworth Solar Farm.	Variation of conditions 11 and 14.	N/A	To be decided
26/00073	23 Toddington Road, Tebworth.	Drop kerb & partial demolition to create a new driveway.	No objections	To be decided

- ii. Trinity Hall Farm Crane: Removal. Cllr Greenwood will monitor. Ongoing.

b) Speed Watch.

The Speed Watch Team will be out this month.

PP

c) Rights of Way (ROW)

- i. Footpaths Officer. There has been a change of responsibilities at CBC. However, Lindsay Measures remains the Footpaths Officer for our area.
- ii. Stiles. Two stiles behind Pond Farm, Wingfield still need repair. Ongoing.
- iii. Stile Checks. Will Randell has volunteered to check stiles around the parish.
- iv. Tree at the Entrance to FP 12. Having checked it, Cllr Green does not think the tree needs cutting back to improve access.
- v. Missing Bridge. Enquire when the bridge on FP3 is going to be replaced. **Clerk**
- vi. Lost Footpath leading off the end of The Lane, Tebworth will eventually be reinstated.
- vii. King Charles 111. Cllr Hydes will investigate whether King Charles provides funding for new walkways and footpaths. **VH**
- viii. Heritage Trail Boards. Cllr Parry has cleaned the boards and cut back branches obscuring road signs. He mentioned that the PC needs to think about replacing the Heritage Trail information in the future.
- ix. Kissing Gate FP 11. The clerk said that the path through the gate behind the Memorial Hall is overgrown.

d) Website

The annual accounts should now be available on the website.

14. FACEBOOK UPDATE

No report this month.

15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Standard items.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21 July 2026

Meeting closed at 20.28

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....