

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE NEXT MEETING OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL will be held on **TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 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 21 JULY 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 21 JULY 2026 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from JUNE/JULY 2026 CORRESPONDENCE
10. JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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 21 July 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Phil Parry (Chair); Cllr Jane Spiers; Cllr P Warburton; 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 Harvey Greenwood; Cllr Vicky Hydes; Cllr Kev Ludgate; Ward Cllr Mark Versallion

2. CHALGRAVE CHURCH: Report by Rev Smith

a) Special Services.

- i. On 19 July an American family historically linked with All Saints joined a virtual service for an act of worship. The service went well and was shared with those in Massachusetts, Chalgrave and Turkey. Rev Smith is now looking to livestream the Christmas Carol Service and others, which may be of interest.
- ii. 23 August 2026: Afternoon Pet Service at All Saints.
- iii. 27 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, along with readings and poems.
- iv. 25 October: 'Remembered with Love' service involving lighting of candles, planting of daffodils and tea and cake.
- v. 08 November: Remembrance Day service.
- vi. Evening prayer-Thursdays at 4pm.

b) Pop-up Tea Rooms are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Chalgrave Memorial Hall excluding August. The team is meeting to plan the Autumn Fair to be held in November.

c) Wall Painting Conservation. The Diocese has given permission to schedule work to preserve and conserve the wall paintings.

3. MINUTES OF 16 JUNE 2026 MEETING

The minutes of 16 June 2026 were 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. Two crimes were reported for June 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 unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle	None

b) Police and Crime Commissioner-Annual Report 2025/26. Forwarded to cllrs earlier this month.

6. WARD CLLR VERSALLION

No report this month.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM 16 JUNE 2026 MINUTES

a) Tebworth Solar Farm.

The PC **agreed** to send a formal complaint to Alpaca about the lack of communication. Following a recent debate in Parliament regarding community benefit it was also **agreed** to contact Alex Mayer MP. **Clerk**

b) Flittabus. Ongoing. CBC has recently launched a Transport Survey. Cllr Green asked if the PC would support him requesting a regular bus service for Tebworth and Wingfield. He pointed out that it was something positive for the parish and the PC had nothing to lose by asking. The other Cllrs did not think that there is enough potential demand, therefore the PC will not support.

c) BATPC. Cllr Spiers has expressed interest in attending some of the BATPC online training in the future. Ongoing. **JS**

d) Five-Year Housing Land Supply. Cllr Spiers attended a Zoom meeting with local PCs and Anglian Water. Information in correspondence.

e) 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. Go back over previous minutes and find specific examples where CBC has not responded. **Clerk**

f) Tebworth Great Pond.

i. A pond maintenance day with The Conservation Volunteers has been arranged for 11 October 2026.

ii. The pond is dry at the moment due to the prolonged lack of rain.

g) Community Award 2026. Chris Osborn received the award in recognition of his services to the community. He was presented with the award at the Chalgrave Games on 18 July 2026.

h) Parish Coordination Group (PCG). Toddington PC has suggested a coalition of local parishes. Cllrs Parry and Green will attend the first meeting once it is arranged. **PP; KG**

8. POINTS RAISED on MAY/JUNE 2026 CORRESPONDENCE

None this month.

9. JUNE/JULY 2026 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

a) Alex Mayer MP. Latest update for town and parish councils in correspondence.

b) CBC: Call for Sites Submissions 2026-Consultation. The consultation ends on 17 August 2026. Two sites have been submitted in Chalgrave. It was **agreed** that the PC would respond and object to both sites. **Clerk**

c) CPRE: CBC Submission of Sites Consultation. Guidance on responding to the consultation forwarded to cllrs before the meeting and in correspondence.

d) Grand Union Transfer Scheme. Information in correspondence.

e) BFRS News: 23 June 2026. Newsletter in correspondence.

10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Defibrillator training to be arranged.

11. ACCOUNTS

a) Online Banking. Online payments made from 16 June 2026 to 20 July 2026

	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
1	M W Agri Ltd	Grass cutting-May 2026	27.72
2	Lesley Smith	Clerk's net salary + expenses; June 2026	293.24
3	David Hyde	Internal Audit 2026	66.20
4	BATPC	Affiliation fee 2026-27	131.00
		Total	518.16

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; July 2026	360.95
2	M W Agri Ltd	Grass cutting-June 2026	41.58
		Total	402.53

b) Also paid.

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

Interest on Reserve account-30/06/2026 £4.85

d) Bank Statements; 03/07/2026

- i. Current Account: £11,333.29
- ii. Reserve account: £6,515.41

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) **Pothole; Top of The Lane, Tebworth.** Report to HW.

Clerk

b) **Town and Parish Council Forum-13 May 2026.** road safety partnership notes in correspondence.

c) **Gulley opposite Hill Close.** The gulley on Tebworth Road has been repaired.

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
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 in August.

PP

c) Rights of Way (ROW)

- i. **Missing Bridge FP 3.** The Footpaths Officer believes that funds have been put aside for the bridge to be replaced. Progressing.
- ii. **King Charles III.** Cllr Hydes will investigate whether King Charles provides funding for new walkways and footpaths. Carried over from the June 2026 PC meeting. **VH**
- iii. **Ripple Group.** Send a letter of thanks to the Ripple Group for their help in clearing the footpaths. **Clerk**
- iv. **FP 12 and Hill Close.** Will Randall has said he would clear the footpaths around the Pond Farm area.
- v. **Bridge near Dick Whittington's Cattery** is out of alignment. Cllr Green has asked Central Beds Council to investigate. Ongoing.

d) Website

No report this month.

14. FACEBOOK UPDATE

No report this month.

15. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Standard items.

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Apologies in advance: Cllr Green

Meeting closed at 20.20

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....