

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 2017 at 7.30pm AT CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. OPEN FORUM
3. TO AMEND, APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19th, 2017 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 SEPTEMBER 19th, 2017 MINUTES
9. POINTS RAISED from JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017 CORRESPONDENCE
10. SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
11. TEBWORTH POND
12. ACCOUNTS-a) Cheques for Signature
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, September 19th, 2017 at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. Ken Green; Cllr. Barbara Jackson; Cllr. Debbie Levy; Cllr. Kevin Ludgate; Cllr. Phil Parry; Cllr Mike Wells; Cllr P Whitton; Lesley Smith-Clerk.

Also present: PCSO David Lewinton; PCSO Lee Sisson; PCSO Lynne Wells

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Levy-Chair	877149		
Footpaths	Cllr Green-Chair	874107	Cllr Jackson	877617
Website	Cllr Green	874107	Cllr Wells	877098
Speed Watch	Cllr Wells-Chair	877098		

Responsibilities

Cllr Parry	Highways liaison			07831605600
Cllr Ludgate	Police liaison			07768606968
Cllr Whitton	Fly tipping	Buses	Pond	07808174843
Cllr Jackson	Tebworth Pond	Defibrillator		877617

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Councillor Mark Versallion; Mr Steve Calder-All Saints Church.

2. MINUTES OF JULY 18th, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the July 18th, 2017 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wells declared a prejudicial interest in item 7d) - Parish Council computer.

4. POLICE MATTERS

a) Report from the PCSOs.

- i. Crime is low in this parish. One crime of burglary of a dwelling was reported within the last three months.
- ii. Cllr Parry asked if there was any news about cars and motorbikes racing on the link road. PCSO Lewinton replied that it was not as bad as it was because the road is becoming busier.
- iii. Cllr Green commented that the 7.5 tonne limit signs had not been put up at the Toddington end of Leighton Road and there was no sign at M1 Junction 12

b) PCSOs. More are forthcoming and there will also be more police officers

c) Parish Council Annual Conference: Wednesday September 20th, 2017. Invitation to attend the conference at the Council Chambers, Priory House, Chicksands; 18.00 to 20.00.

d) On the Record. August and September newsletters from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire. In correspondence.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR VERSALLION

No report this month.

6. REPORT FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH-Report sent by Mr Calder

- a) **The Church.** The new roof is in place and the results are very pleasing. The pollarded trees are in leaf and the gardeners do a fine job looking after the grounds.
- b) **New Rector,** Linda Washington is now in place. Her licencing of both churches was at St Georges, Toddington. The church was full and there were representatives from the 5 churches Linda and her husband Nigel represent, plus a choir.
- c) **All Saints Church, Chalgrave.** Attendance at All Saints has almost doubled from earlier in the year.

- d) **Raise the Roof.** On Saturday, September 9th All Saints held a fund raising celebration for the new roof. There were stalls, tombola, raffle, afternoon teas, burgers and ploughman's lunches. There was a very good turnout. Thanks to all who came and thanks to all who helped make it happen. The event raised £1,550.
- e) **Sunday Morning Service; All Saints** at 9.30am.
- f) **Diary Dates**
- i. September 28th, 2017; 4 pm. Memorial service for Cyril Neal
 - ii. Messy Church Friday 29th September, Wilkinson Hall, 3.30-5.15pm
 - iii. Sunday 1st October – Harvest Festival services
 - iv. Friday 6th October – Toddington and Chalgrave Bring and Share *Harvest Supper*, 7pm Wilkinson Hall
 - v. Friday 20th October – Marriage Ceremony of Mark Froggatt & Donna Debock 1.30pm at Chalgrave Church – All welcome
 - vi. Sunday 29th October 4pm - In Loving Memory Service at St George's Church
 - vii. Friday 17th November 7.30pm- Skiffle Orchestra Concert, Chalgrave Church.
 - viii. Sunday 19th November 11am – Samaritan's Purse, Family Shoebox Service, St George's Church
 - ix. Tuesday 12th December 7.45pm Johnny Coppin 'All on a Winter's Night' Christmas Concert at Harlington Church.
 - x. Saturday 16th December – Carols by Candlelight: Chalgrave Church)

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM JULY 18th, 2017 MINUTES**

- a) **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS); Toddington Road.**
The PC agreed to look into the cost of replacing the sign **Clerk**
- b) **Featherbed Lane.** Cllr Wells will contact Ordnance Survey about the change in name to New Barns Farm Lane. Ongoing. **MW**
- c) **Wingfield Festival of Britain Sign.** The sign has been repaired and reinstalled. The Tebworth sign on Chalgrave Road has been bent by a vehicle hitting it. Clerk to ask Signs of the Times if they can straighten it. **Clerk**
- d) **Parish Council Computer.** *Cllr Wells declared a prejudicial interest.* Cllr Wells will send the clerk a quote for a computer and relevant software. In progress. **MW**
- e) **Article 4.** The PC wrote to CBC asking it to invoke Article 4. CBC replied saying that it would not do this as it did not consider it appropriate for the Queen's Head. In correspondence.
Cllr Green commented that, according to CAMRA, pubs are regarded as standalone units when considering a planning application for a public house (Neighbourhood Planning Act: April 2017)
- f) **C193/A5 Junction.** The PC asked Highways England if anything will be done to improve safety when turning at this junction. Highways England has replied saying it will continue to monitor the situation.
- g) **Community Plan.** Cllr Green commented that there had only been one meeting about the Plan and no review has been published. He described it as a 'lightweight document'. At the June meeting the PC approved his draft letter to CBC, which includes these comments and it was sent to CBC, which has acknowledged receipt. Awaiting full response. Follow up **Clerk**
- h) **CBC: Draft Local Plan.** CPRE forwarded its response to the draft Local Plan. In correspondence.
- i) **Carillion.** Cllr Parry attended the official opening of the A5-M1 link road.
- j) **Emergency Planning.** Cllrs Levy and Jackson are meeting next week to discuss. **BJ; DL**
- k) **Village Focus Group.** Minutes of the meeting held on July 19th, 2017 at 6.30pm at Tilsworth Golf Club. The clerk attended. In correspondence.
- l) **Lane Farm.** Awaiting response from James Jamieson, Leader CBC about non-response by CBC to letters sent by the PC. Clerk to contact Cllr Versallion. Follow up. Ongoing. **Clerk**
- m) **CBC. Ipsos Mori National Survey** to find out what residents think of transport and highways services. Cllr Parry has filled in and sent off.

POLICE REPORT contd. PCSO Lynne Wells arrived at this point. She explained that she was part of the Sentinel Rural Team. This consists of 1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 4 PCs and 4 PCSOs and they deal with rural issues e.g. hare coursing, fly tipping, Travellers and Speed Watch. The team is based at Dunstable. PCSO Wells said she may come to Tebworth at the weekend to carry out a speed check. She added that the PC could contact the team if it wanted a speed check carried out. PCSO Wells

concluded by saying rural issues were a big learning curve for members of the team. For example 3 colleagues were currently on a Wildlife course.

8. POINTS RAISED on JUNE/JULY 2017 CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing this month.

9. JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **Billington Parish Council** has informed members of the Villages Focus Group that CBC is proposing closing the Greenacres and Stables Gypsy and Travellers' sites and replacing them with a CBC-run site in an adjacent location. In correspondence.
- b) **CBC: The Stables and Greenacres Gypsy and Travellers' Sites.** Consultation on proposed changes to the sites. Consultation ends on November 14th, 2017. In correspondence.
- c) **BATPC: AGM 2017.** Thursday October 19th, 19.30 at Henlow Park Pavilion, Groveside, Henlow. Cllr Parry will attend. In correspondence. **PP**
- d) **BATPC: Autumn Training Programme.** In correspondence.
- e) **Affinity Water.**
 - i. **Drought Consultation.** Comments by October 2nd, 2017. In correspondence.
 - ii. **Water Resources Update.** August and September 2017 updates in correspondence.
- f) **Tebworth Pond.** A resident asked for the willow tree and other vegetation to be cut back as it was overhanging the footway. Cllr Parry carried this out.
- g) **CBC: Library Opening Hours.** There have been some changes to Central Bedfordshire library opening hours. Information in correspondence.
- h) **Highways England.**
 - i. **Update on A1 and Road Investment Strategy 2.** In correspondence.
 - ii. **Maintainance and Improvements** to eastern region roads. Information in correspondence.
- i) **CBC: Leisure Strategy** for Chalgrave Parish. Information in correspondence.
- j) **CBC: Hospital Merger.** Luton and Dunstable and Bedford Hospital are proposing a merger. Information in correspondence.
- k) **CBC: Highways Newsletter.** Summer 2017 edition in correspondence
- l) **BATPC: Bedfordshire Bugle.** September 2017 newsletter in correspondence.
- m) **Leighton Buzzard Library Theatre.** September-November 2017 programmes. In correspondence.
- n) **CBC Streetworks. Temporary Road Closure.** Sundon Road, Chalton. Saturday October 14th and Sunday October 15th, 2017 between 22.00 and 08.00. Details in correspondence.
- o) **NALC:** Legal Briefing L05-17. General Data Protection Regulation. Summary of main provisions. In correspondence.
- p) **CPRE: Take Action for the Environment.** Request to email our MP reminding him of his role in defending environmental laws. In correspondence.
- q) **CPRE: Campaigns Update.** In correspondence.
- r) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** September 2017 edition in correspondence.
- s) **CPRE: Fieldwork.** Summer 2017 magazine in correspondence.
- t) **CPRE: Countryside Voice.** Summer 2017 magazine in correspondence.
- u) **Public Sector Executive.** Magazine in correspondence

10. TEBWORTH POND

- a) **Negotiations.** After discussion the PC **agreed** to write to the residents living next to the pond suggesting further negotiations. **PP; Clerk**
- b) **Pond Weed.** Cllr Whitton proposed, seconded by Cllr Wells that the pond be sprayed with a legally cleared chemical for ponds. **6 for, 1 abstention.** **PW**

11. ACCOUNTS

- a) **Cheques for Signature.** The following cheques have been approved and signed:

Chq No:	Payee	Description	Amount £
10231	LexisNexis	Latest edition of Local Council Administration	90.83
1032	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary + expenses August/Sept 2017	428.05
1033	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	169.60
1034	M.W Agri Ltd	Memorial Hall grass cutting (part of 2017 grant)	240.00
10035	CPRE	Annual subscription	36.00

		Total	873.65
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b) **Closure of 2016/17 External Audit.** No matters were brought to the attention of the PC.

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- a) The following will be reported to HW:
 - Potholes on Featherbed Lane and Church Lane
 - Cut back growth at the junction of Chalgrave Road and the B5120
 - Cut back growth opposite 72 Wingfield Road, Tebworth Clerk
- b) **Velocity Patcher.** Cllr Green **proposed** writing to CBC thanking them for filling in the potholes around the parish. **Seconded** by. Cllr Jackson. **All agreed.** Clerk
- c) **7.5 Tonne Limit Signs.** Sign is obscured on the northbound A5 at the Tebworth turn. Clerk to contact Highways England. Clerk
- d) **Jct. Wingfield Road/Toddington Road.** Vehicles are parking on the corner of this junction severely restricting visibility in both directions. Clerk to contact PCSO Wells to ask her to investigate when she carries out a speed check this weekend. Clerk

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Speed Watch**
Cllr Wells reported that Speed Watch was well attended in August.
- b) **Footpaths**
 - i. Footpaths Committee is resting.
 - ii. Footpath 10. Cllr Green does not think CBC has cut the footpath. The CBC Footpaths Officer will investigate.
- c) **Planning**
 - i. Applications

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
17/01953	Ivy Farm, Toddington Road, Tebworth	Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to 4 new 2 bedroom dwellings	See below*	To be decided
17/04026	6 Woodlands, Tebworth	Single storey rear extension	No objections	To be decided

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- 1. Concerned about proposed new drive to the development being built on Green Belt.
- 2. Buildings claimed to be redundant but they are used by the farmer for dipping and shearing sheep.
- 3. The buildings are within the conservation area of Tebworth.
- 4. The farm would be without any farm buildings if should they be converted. If the farm was sold as a farm new barns would have to be built.
- ii. Old School House, The Lane, Tebworth. Cllr Parry will check that the bricks being used to rebuild the wall are the correct ones. PP
- iii. Solar Farm, Chalgrave Manor Farm. Cllr Parry informed cllrs that the solar farm is not going ahead.
- d) **Website**
No report this month.

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Mirror at corner of The Lane.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.03

Signed by Chairman.....

Dated.....

