

CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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THE **NEXT MEETING** OF CHALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2019** at 7.30pm AT CHALGRAVE MEMORIAL HALL.

Lesley Smith, Clerk to the Council

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12. EMERGENCY PLAN
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17. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MINUTES of the meeting of Chalgrave Parish Council held on Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 at Chalgrave Memorial Hall, Tebworth at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jan Day; Cllr Ken Green; Cllr Debbie Levy; Cllr Frances Masters; Cllr Phil Parry; Cllr Peter Warburton; Lesley Smith-Clerk.

Also present: Ward Cllr Mark Versallion; Rev. Linda Washington; PC James Bonney.

Public present: 0

Committees

Planning	Cllr Levy-Chair 07931408697		
Rights of Way	Cllr Green-Chair 874107	Cllr Levy 07931408697	Cllr Warburton 07941624419
Website	Cllr Green 874107	Cllr Warburton 07941624419	
Speed Watch	Mike Wells-Chair 877098	Cllr Levy 07931408697	

Responsibilities

Cllr Parry	Highways liaison		07831 605600
Cllr Ludgate	Police liaison		07768 606968
Cllr Masters	Fly tipping		07530 803903

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kevin Ludgate.

2. MINUTES OF June 25th, 2019 MEETING

The minutes of the June 25th, 2019 meeting were approved and signed as correct by the chairman.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. POLICE MATTERS

a) Crime figures. There were 2 crimes reported in June 2019. No further details available.

Date	Offence	Location	Number
22/06/2019	Assault without injury	Not given	1
22/06/2019	Criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling	Not given	1
Grand Total			1

b) PC James Bonney is the Beat Officer for Chalgrave, Toddington and Chalton. A discussion followed after PC Bonney had introduced himself.

- i. **Fly Tipping.** Cllr Parry said one big problem for us was fly tipping. The top of Tebworth Road is a regular spot, the most recent incident being a large load of green waste dumped on the road itself. CCTV was discussed and PC Bonney suggested installing a dummy camera. Cllr Green asked if there was a police initiative to stop fly tipping. PC Bonney replied that the police can stop a vehicle to see if the driver has a waste drop licence but instances of apprehending potential fly tippers are few and far between.
- ii. **Suspicious Parked Cars.** Cllr Parry mentioned cars regularly parked in the gateway to the Memorial Hall. PC Bonney said he would have a look when he leaves the meeting.
- iii. **Parked Cars; Junction Wingfield Road/Toddington Road.** Cllr Masters asked if the police can do anything to alleviate the continuing problem at this junction. PC Bonney said they can give advice but cannot prosecute.

5. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR VERSALLION

a) Queen's Head. Cllr Versallion said that CBC needs a revised application for Asset of Community Value (ACV) status for the garden which gives better evidence of events organised by the community using the garden, not by the pub. CBC excluded the garden from the ACV, which was awarded in December 2018 following a request from the property owner who described the garden as overgrown and not actively used. In answer to a question he added that CBC has to follow government guidelines regarding awarding ACVs. **Cllr Green proposed, seconded by Cllr Day** that a letter is written to Andrew Selous MP asking if it is government policy to give

property owners the benefit of the doubt regarding applications for ACV status. **All agreed.** Cllr Green will draft the letter. **KG; Clerk**

- b) **A5 through Hockliffe.** Hopefully the A5 will be de-trunked through Hockliffe subject to traffic being routed along the A505. There would need to be a consultation and it could take between 18 months to two years to come into effect. In the meantime traffic calming measures are planned to be installed in Hockliffe this September.
- c) **A5-M1 Link Road/B5120 Roundabout.** Cllr Versallion has asked Highways England to have a site meeting with him and a parish council member regarding the lane markings.
- d) **Local Plan.** On June 21st, 2019 both Cllr Versallion and Andrew Selous MP spoke at the CBC Local Plan Public Examination, which has been held between May and July 2019. They spoke about Gypsy and Traveller sites in particular. The Inspector has queried a number of assumptions in the Plan and he will suggest making amendments. The Plan will probably be adopted given significant amendments. If it is not adopted developers will have carte blanche. There will be another consultation around September 2019.

6. CHURCH REPORT

- a) **Peter Freeman**, the organist and organiser of events for the church, died on April 1st, 2019. His funeral service was held on June 17th and was very well attended.
- b) **Organists.** Sunday morning services are currently covered by a rota of organists. The services are now at 9.15am as some of the organists have later commitments. Services are covered more or less until the end of December but some Christmas services still need covering.
- c) **Routine Tasks** like cleaning the church and changing alter frontals are now being prepared on a rota basis.
- d) **Toilet Installation** is almost complete. Unfortunately work on the new upstairs cupboards has been delayed as the carpenter's workshop was destroyed in a recent fire.
- e) **Events.** The July cream tea was cancelled because of the continuing restoration work. A September event is planned by which time work will be complete. Several baptisms have been requested for later this year and three weddings for next year.
- f) **Attendances** are increasing on Sunday mornings, with 32 people last week.
- g) **Alpha Course.** Between 12 and 17 people attend. The last session will be held this Thursday at Chalgrave Memorial Hall. There will be two follow on sessions in August. Plans are underway for a follow on Bible Study course or home group.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM June 25th, 2019 MINUTES

- a) **Stealthcam/CCTV Sign.** Cllr Ludgate has put the sign up on Tebworth Road.
- b) **Swift Boxes.** The PC has asked the church if some Swift Boxes could be installed at Chalgrave Churchyard. Clerk to contact the church warden again. **Clerk**
- c) **Tebworth Pond.** Land Registry has confirmed that the PC's application for ownership is being processed. Barbara Jackson will contact the Wildlife Trust regarding the best way to clear the pondweed. **BJ**
- d) **Millennium Award.** Cllrs Parry and Warburton have contacted the local schools to inform them of the award and to ask if they can suggest any suitable candidates who live in the parish.

8. POINTS RAISED on MAY/JUNE 2019 CORRESPONDENCE

None raised this month.

9. JUNE/JULY 2019 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **London Green Belt Council.**
 - i. Minutes of March 6th, 2019 Meeting in correspondence.
 - ii. Press Release on Green Belt and Climate Change in correspondence.
- b) **CPRE Bedfordshire Update.** Newsletter in correspondence.
- c) **The Big Beds Clean Up.** Details of a recently set up charitable organization and request for funding. In correspondence to consider.
- d) **Magpas Air Ambulance.** Request for a grant. In correspondence.
- e) **Clerks and Councils Direct.** July 2019 magazine in correspondence.
- f) **Chalgrave Sports Club** has sent the PC a letter of thanks for its grant.

10. CHALGRAVE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr Parry explained the purpose of the plan to PC Bonney.

11. ACCOUNTS

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

Chq No:	Payee	Description	Amount £
1160	Lesley Smith	Clerk's salary plus expenses; June/July 2019	489.21
		Total	489.21

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) **To Report:**

- i. Sunken drain near the Memorial Hall and on the same side.
- ii. Pothole almost opposite to St Mary's Close.
- iii. Grass at Tebworth/B5120 Junction. Cllr Warburton reported that the grass at this junction needs cutting again.

b) **Footway Opposite Woodyard and Woodlands.** Cllr and Dawn Ludgate have cut back the growth overhanging the footway.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) **Planning**

i. **Applications**

Application No.	Address	Proposed work	PC comments	CBC decision
18/04553	North Star Cottage, Watling St, Hockliffe	Demolition of buildings/structures; retention of pallet operation & expansion of the operation's facilities	Revise to no objections	To be decided
19/01311	Lane Farm, The Lane, Tebworth	Demolition & replacement of existing farmhouse with 2 dwellings	Objects.	To be decided
19/01226	College Farm, Chalgrave Road, Chalgrave	Demolition of existing barns & glasshouse. Construction of 3 new dwellings & garages	Objects.	To be decided
19/01614	Chalgrave Cottage, Church Lane, Chalgrave	Erection of garage and store	Objects. Not enough detail included. The dimensions proposed are huge and as big as the house itself. Green Belt.	To be decided
19/00883	Land west of Houghton Regis	Reserved matters of appearance, scale and landscaping for residential development of 255 dwellings	No comments at this stage	To be decided

ii. **Chalgrave Cottage.** CBC has issued an enforcement notice regarding application 19/01614

b) **Speed Watch**

Clerk to give Mike Wells PC Bonney's contact details so that he could contact PC Bonney when the next Speed Watches were taking place. **Clerk**

c) **Rights of Way (ROW)**

- i. Updating the ROW map is ongoing. **KG**
- ii. Cllr Green is meeting with Michelle Flynn, CBC ROW Officer, next week. **KG**
- iii. Cllr Green is hoping to walk the ROW again soon. **KG**
- iv. Cllr Parry mentioned the section in his report for the Chalgrave News about dog mess on the ROW and crop damage by dogs.

d) **Website**

Cllr Green said that Simon Gatward is happy to continue helping with the website.

14. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

Communication with parishioners.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.56

Signed by Chairman..... Date.....