

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025 AT 7PM IN THE PAVILION



041/25 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum

042/25 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present - Cllr C. Fee in the Chair, Cllr A Hollett Vice Chair, Cllr D Bevan, Cllr T Richards, Cllr K Oastler, Cllr T Daly, Cllr M Kehoe, Cllr D Nabbs and Roz Roberts, Clerk

Cllr C Poll – Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr D Town - Buckinghamshire Council

No members of the Public in attendance

Apologies:-

Cllr P Brazier – Mentmore PC Meeting

043/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Residents request to have use of and to decorate the green at Sunnybank – Cllr Oastler and Cllr Kehoe.

044/25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council's March Monthly meeting held on the 5th March 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

045/25 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Poll

Cllr Fee asked for an update regarding Buckinghamshire Council's decision to cease publishing planning comments from members of the public on line Cllr Poll and Cllr Town had attended a meeting with the Cabinet Member for Planning. The main reason why the council took this decision was because of GDPR as someone had complained to the Council about another individual's public comments. The council is obviously concerned about legal action being taken. Cllr Poll advised that some councils do publish comments and some don't.

Cllr Oastler asked if it would be possible to see number of objections and if not would statutory consultees (parish councillors) be able to find out or have access to public comments. Cllr Poll thought that it would be possible to see other statutory consultee comments e.g. Highways but not residents' comments. It was all agreed that it would still be useful for the Parish Council to have access to all comments especially when making a decision for the village regarding an 'awkward' planning application.

Good to gauge the feeling of the village.

Cllr Hollett felt that in respect of the general public it was not an issue if the names regarding public comments were redacted.

Cllr Fee asked Cllr Poll to pursue this. Obviously, everything was on hold until after the election and the new council was in place.

Cllr Town

Community Board changes. Cllr Town to circulate an information document that he and Cllr Brazier have put together in respect of the changes.

Cllr Town thanked the Parish Council for welcoming him to the meetings as it would be his last one as a Buckinghamshire Councillor.

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046/25 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters:

- **Cheddington Neighbourhood plan** - Nothing to report.
- **Barratts - Land at Gooseacre - Tree** – Nothing to report.
- **Connecting Path Suggestion at Recreation Ground** – On hold until any decision regarding the MUGA was made.
- **Cheddington s106 Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements Scheme** – i.e. New MVAS/SIDs x3 update:-
 - **Installation** – Nothing to report.
 - **Actual units** – Delivery Wednesday 9th April.
- **Cheddington Roll of Honour plaque** – Nothing to report.
- **Planting Barrels** – Ready for install.
- **Overgrown vegetation Hillside and streetlight** – Next steps? – Clerk to ask B & C Landscaping for a quote to clear the tree stumps and then the handyfolk to maintain area going forward.
- **Clerks & Council's Direct** – Cllr Kehoe article being the youngest councillor on hold until after the election on the 1st May 2025.
- **AGAR and Internal Audit for Year 24-25** – End of Year accounts closure with Rialtas (PC's accounting software company) diarised for Wednesday 16th April
- **Election Nomination Papers** – Delivered for 8 candidates on Friday 28th March. Clerk circulated the Buckinghamshire Council Notice as to Validity of Nomination letters.
- **New village website** – May agenda.
- **Holes in hedge at the Old Allotments Site** – Agreed to pop post on FB and in Newsletter about dogs getting through into pony paddock.
- **VE Day** – Clerk confirmed that she had booked the Chapel for Thursday 8th from 2.30pm. Had advised John Smith of the History Society to go ahead and purchase new display boards as agreed. John confirmed the display on the 8th. Cathy Craft had offered to help with the refreshment table for the children. Clerk to ask the school to tell the children/parents about the history society exhibition and the refreshments/buns on the 8th. Weather permitting!
- **MUGA** – New contact for the region. Mark Furnish, is now the planning manager covering Buckinghamshire. Clerk has sent all the information across with our argument/reasoning – awaits response.
- **Café at Recreation Ground** – Clerk has contacted Portable Space Limited re container idea.
- **Station Road public footpath.** – Cllr Brazier advised to contact Bill Piers of North Bucks rRipple to install a kissing gate. Volunteers who fix footpath furniture (for the cost of the equipment). Parish Council agreed to purchase to the gate.
- **Container clear out** – Arranged for Tues 18th March – Clerk ordering racking. Jack Sangster, Cheddington Football team asked if it would be possible to store the wheeled football pitch line marker in the container – agreed.
- **Qtly Inspections by Playground Facilities** - Recreation Ground Fitness equipment/zip wire and The Green play equipment Qtly inspection carried out. Recommendations being actioned.
- **Handy folk update** – Bus shelter cleaned, cobbles done, vandalised benches at Rec being repaired. Reported that one of the new picnic benches had been lifted out of the ground. Put back in place by Vision Build.
- **Outside tap at chapel** – Agreed.

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033/25 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

19.03.25 – Cllr Peter Brazier, Buckinghamshire Council - Members' access to planning application representation – see update from Buckinghamshire Councillors.

24.03.25 - Hannah Mays Chandler, Resident – email - Nets at Community football pitch i.e. Old allotments site - It was agreed that it would not be feasible or practical to store away or roll the nets up. It would also be a health and safety issue expecting kids to put on/take off nets as they are quite high.

Ask Hannah to come back with some solutions to the netting.

26.03.25 - Cllr Richards OBO Caroline Craddock, Parishioner – email - Planning Within Ashridge beechwood zone – Cllr Poll provided an update. Cllr Richards would respond to resident.

27.03.25 - Charlotte Hewitt, Housemouse 2025 – email - request to put banner up – agreed.

27.03.25 - Cllr Oastler OBO Sunnybank Residents – email - Request to use Sunnybank Green area for bunting for VE Day Celebrations - agreed

047/25 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

Allotments Meeting Monday 17th March in the Pavilion – Cllr Fee and Clerk

Cllr Fee updated the Parish Council. All going well in respect of the management of the site in the absence of a Warden. Clerk to thank the working group. Clerk doing the administration side and the handyfolk assisting on site when asked.

Visit to Youth Café in Pitstone – Cllr Oastler and Cllr Nabbs

Cllr Oastler provided a very positive report and would circulate a summary to the council. Agreed to arrange a separate meeting to discuss in detail the possibility of running one in Cheddington. May agenda.

048/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The April 2025 payments, in accordance with the financial report, were checked and signed off prior to the meeting by Cllr Fee and to be countersigned by Cllr Bevan.

049/25 PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council: -

25/00828/AGN - Mentmore Park Farm Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QN - Erection of an agricultural track – No objection.

To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: -

No determinations.

Other Planning Matters

Vistry Strategic Land – Had contacted Clerk to enquire about the hire the Pavilion to hold a public consultation event, as they were preparing the planning application for the land opposite the Pavilion.

All agreed that having run/attended these types of events before in the village, that the Pavilion was not big enough/suitable. Clerk to provide Vistry with details of the Village Hall.

050/25 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

Nothing to report.

051/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 7th May 2025. Please note that the Annual Meeting will take place before the monthly May Council Meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm.