

# CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> April
- **Election Nomination Papers** – Delivered for 8 candidates on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### FINANCIAL APPENDIX

### MONTH 1

### AS AT 31/03/2025

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL	PAVILION INCOME TO 31.03.25 FYI
<b>DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED</b>						
DD281	06.03.25	Bucks Council - Pavilion Waste January 2025	£ 31.75	£ -	£ 31.75	
DD282	17.03.25	ICO Renewal 25-26	£ 47.00	£ -	£ 47.00	
DD283	19.03.25	N Power - Street Lights 01.02.25-28.02.25	£ 1,575.63	£ 315.13	£ 1,890.76	
DD284	20.03.25	Epson - Printer Subscription 18.03.25-17.04.25	£ 38.32	£ 7.67	£ 45.99	
DD285	21.03.25	BT re. wifi - Pavilion March 25	£ 43.11	£ 8.62	£ 51.73	
DD286	22.03.25	Bank Charges to 28 February 2025	£ 5.00	£ -	£ 5.00	
DD287	27.03.25	02 - Clerk's Mobile 13.03.25-12.04.25	£ 14.65	£ 2.93	£ 17.58	
DD288	28.03.25	Nest - Clerk Pension March 25	£ 130.67	£ -	£ 130.67	
		<b>TOTAL DDs Made</b>	<b>£ 1,886.13</b>	<b>£ 334.35</b>	<b>£ 2,220.48</b>	
<b>DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>						
		<b>TOTAL DDs To Be Made/Clear</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE</b>						
OL289	10.03.25	Leighton Hire Centre Inv 81016	£ 104.00	£ 20.80	£ 124.80	
OL290	12.03.25	Mrs E R Roberts - Expenses Amazon Various (see sheet)	£ 49.22	£ 9.86	£ 59.08	
OL291	25.03.25	E R Roberts - Clerks Salary March 25	£ 1,562.83	£ -	£ 1,562.83	
OL292	25.03.25	HMRC (06.03-05.04.25)	£ 382.31	£ -	£ 382.31	
OL293	25.03.25	Simon Barrow - Mar 25 Grasscutting	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00	
OL294	25.03.25	Lamps & Tubes Inv 72013	£ 767.00	£ 153.40	£ 920.40	
OL295	25.03.25	Playground Facilities Ltd Inv 2726 - March Qtly Inspection	£ 130.00	£ 26.00	£ 156.00	
OL296	25.03.25	EuroOffice Inv 0004639789	£ 100.50	£ 20.10	£ 120.60	
OL297	27.03.25	Lamps & Tubes Inv 72026	£ 512.50	£ 102.50	£ 615.00	
OL298	28.03.25	Warm Spaces - Feb and March 2025	£ 200.00	£ -	£ 200.00	
OL299	28.03.25	Clerk's Expenses March 25	£ 106.31	£ 11.24	£ 117.55	
OL300	31.03.25	Keith Malcolm Inv 033 - March 25	£ 385.85	£ 1.38	£ 387.23	
		<b>TOTAL OL Payments Made</b>	<b>£ 6,583.85</b>	<b>£ 801.95</b>	<b>£ 7,385.80</b>	
<b>ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>						
		<b>TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ -</b>	
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community</b>						
R175	03.03.25	Holly Dobson Inv 2025 321	£ 45.00	£ 9.00	£ 54.00	£ 54.00
R176	07.03.25	Act One Beginners (Emma Russon) Inv 2025 325	£ 33.75	£ 6.75	£ 40.50	£ 40.50
R177	09.03.25	Samuel Scurrah - Allotment Plot 27C - deposit/rent	£ 48.00	£ -	£ 48.00	
R178	10.03.25	Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2025 326	£ 112.50	£ 22.50	£ 135.00	£ 135.00
R179	13.03.25	James Fearnside/SL Connell - Allotment Plot 28A - deposit/rent	£ 48.00	£ -	£ 48.00	
R180	21.03.25	Gross Interest to 20 March 2025	£ 638.21	£ -	£ 638.21	
T27	25.03.25	Transfer from Current Account	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -
R181	27.03.25	Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2025 330 - water usage Yr 25 & Yr 25	£ 26.00	£ -	£ 26.00	£ 26.00
			<b>£ 5,951.46</b>	<b>£ 38.25</b>	<b>£ 5,989.71</b>	<b>£ 255.50</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM</b>						
T27	25.03.25	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 5,000.00	£ -	-£ 5,000.00	
			<b>-£ 5,000.00</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>-£ 5,000.00</b>	
<b>BALANCES 31.03.25</b>						
		Current A/c			£ 659.89	
		Savings A/c			£ 126,130.52	
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 126,790.41</b>	
		Less DDs to be paid			£ -	
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ -	
		<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>			<b>£ 126,790.41</b>	