

# Chieveley Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 13th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was moved at the last minute to Curridge WI hall due to a booking conflict.

The meeting started at 7.40pm.

**Members present:** Cllr Lesley Dick (Chair),  
Cllr. David Cowan  
Cllr. Rob Crispin  
Cllr. Lesley Derry  
Cllr Sarah Hutchison  
Cllr Eric Friend  
Cllr. Sandie Allan  
Cllr. Matthew Gilman

**Members absent:** Cllr. Maurice Beard

**Parish Clerk:** Lynn Dennison

**In Attendance:** District Councillor Paul Dick

### 2601.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Heather Codling. This was accepted. This has been Maurice Beard's 6<sup>th</sup> meeting he has missed. Implications of this and process to find a replacement to be added to next month's meeting.

### 2601.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Dick declared interest in Planning application for [25/02839/FUL](#) | Sawpit House Long Lane Cold Ash Thatcham RG18 9LU |

### 2601.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

### 2601.4 MINUTES

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2025 were a true record of the meeting.

### 2601.5 MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

After reviewing 3 quote it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to go ahead with Highclere and to pay for this from Curridge Playground Reserves

Meeting had to be moved last minute to Curridge WI Hall due to hall booking issues at Chieveley Village Hall, this also meant that meeting started 10 min late at 19.40pm

### 2601.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND NOTICES

- (i) The following new planning applications were considered:

[25/02839/FUL](#) | Sawpit House Long Lane Cold Ash Thatcham RG18 9LU | Replacement self-build dwelling (resubmission of planning application ref: 25/01457/FUL) including revised access. | Consultation ends: Mon 19 Jan 2026 | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no objection.

[25/02799/FUL](#) | Mary Hare School Arlington Manor Snelsmore Common Newbury RG14 3BQ | Siting of air source heat pumps, solar panels and batteries on and adjacent to existing school buildings. | Wed 14 Jan 2026 | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no objection.

[25/02782/FUL](#) | Ye Olde Red Lion Green Lane Chieveley Newbury RG20 8XB | Proposed dining room extension to Ye Olde Red Lion. Change of use to residential land west of Fanda Lodge (C3) to provide additional parking provision to Ye Olde Red Lion (Sui Generis). | Consultation ends: Wed 07 Jan 2026 (requested extension) | It was **RESOLVED** to objection as although we fully support this local business however our concerns are potential car parking issues and design is not in keeping with the village design.

[25/02901/HOUSE](#) | Mulroy Oxford Road Chieveley Newbury RG20 8RU | Erection of a single bay car port to the side of existing house. | Tue 27 Jan 2026 | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no objection

## 2601.7 FINANCE

### (i) Income and Expenditure

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments shown in Appendix 1.

It was **RESOLVED** to fund Curridge playground tree works from the Curridge playground reserves

### (ii) Precept

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** agreed (Proposed by Cllr Dick, then Cllr Hutchison supported, show of hands all in favour) to increase the precept by RPI (3.8%)

## 2601.8 Parish Online Website

Clerk provided update on new website and brief overview

Note: Councillors to provide photo options for new website front page ahead of next meeting

## 2601.9 TRO AT EAST LANE CHIEVELEY

It was **RESOLVED** to response to WBC and Downlands practice stating a more detailed plan needs to be completed by WBC. This should complete a Traffic assessment and then create a holistic plan to include traffic implications from new housing development on East Lane. Councillors noted that they are concerned current suggestion may impact the doctor's surgery, pharmacy where parking is important. The councillors also mentioned that on road parking by default also reduces the speed on the road.

## 2601.10 TRAFFIC AND SPEEDING

Receive: Report on CSW activities and road safety in Chieveley and SIDs update.

- One SID had to returned due to fault. Speeding when SID was in place showed positive response as speeding came down from 18% speeding to 14% speeding in 30 zone
- 20 Miles an hour rollout. Chieveley is down for 27/28 review. Cllr Gillman will double check it's parish not village and clerk to add to next month's agenda

## 2601.11 FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information has been added to the Parish Council Shared Folder:

- i Cold-Health Alert – Amber enhanced (Circulated 07-01-26)
- ii Hazelhanger Farm Plans
- iii Connecting Communities in Berkshire December E-bulletin
- iv Council amongst hardest hit by Local Government Funding Settlement
- v Expansion underway at Thatcham Park C of E Primary School
- vi Matthew Barber My local update for you - December 2025
- vii New speed limits set to improve road safety across West Berkshire communities
- viii Replanting of Italian Poplar trees at Stroud Green begin
- ix Upstream Winter 25\_26
- x West Berkshire Council launches new tool to help residents access unclaimed benefits and allowances.
- xi West Berkshire Libraries News - December 2025
- xii West Berkshire residents drive big drop in black bin waste

## **2601.12 CLERK'S & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

### **Report from Clerk:**

**Grundon** – Clerk sent list of questions to Grundon but hasn't anything back yet. They will chase in a few weeks.

### **Reports from District Councillors:**

None

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#### **Chieveley:**

Note: Cllr Gilman - Oakland park now taking orders for meat orders and planning still hasn't been decided.

Action: Local resident has complained about noise after later night event at showground. We need to investigate what the S106 conditions are and ensure Parish Councillors are aware of these when attending any future Showground meetings.

Action: Request mychieveley get a digital cert and check Curridge Village website too

Action: Cllr Cowan: Concern about planning infringement for additional stable blocks, clerk to email WBC planning to investigate

#### **Oare:**

Note: Cllr Sandie noted that some work to the pond has been completed but not all of it. Clerk will view the area, take some photos and ask Tactical to attend.

Note: Cllr Allan noted that the road closure in Hermitage caused challenging traffic issues for Oare, the verges were badly damaged and lots of rubbish discarded. One of the residents has contact Thames Water to request they come and fix the lane.

## **2601.13 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

11 February 2026 @7.30pm in Chieveley Village Hall

**APPENDIX 1**

Jan-26					
FEE	31-Dec-25	Unity Trust Bank		UTB Service Charge	6.00
BACS	31-Dec-25	Lynn Dennison		Clerk Salary	1,124.63
BACS	16-Dec-25	HMRC		Clerk Employee's Tax	140.31
BACS	16-Dec-25	SME Accounting Services Limited		Clerk Payroll	12.00
BACS	12-Jan-26	Lynn Dennison - Expenses, including WFH allowance		Clerk Expenses & WFH allowance	41.30
BACS	16-Dec-25	Parish On-line	00MB016-0005	New Website set up	355.00
BACS	22-Dec-25	Tactical Facilities Management	SI-4945	Dog waste collections	123.76
BACS	29-Dec-25	F C Lawrence		Long Lane bus shelter cleaning	15.00
BACS	10-Jan-26	Timpson - CPC additional keys cutting		Additional set of keys	71.75
BACS	09-Dec-25	Lesley Dick		Christmas Cheer	21.45
BACS	30-Dec-25	Chieveley Village Hall	CVH-2025813	Hire fee Dec Mgt	43.33
BACS	30-Dec-25	WBC - Members Bid SIDs		Members Bid - SIDs	3587.2
Internal Transfer	12-Jan-26	Current Account Transfer -		Internal transfer to Reserves A/C	41,074.43
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