

Chieveley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on **Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 7.30pm** in
Chieveley Village Hall RG20 8TE

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

Members absent: None

In attendance: 0 members of the public

2603.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr. Heather Codling and District Cllr. Paul Dick

2603.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Lesley Dick declared an interest in planning application 26/00355/HOUSE.

2603.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions, comments or representations.

2603.4 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **10 February 2026**. were a true record of the meeting with two corrections.

2603.5 ACTION FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- (i) Cllr new email address will have the domain name chieveleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.
- (ii) Meeting time and place notices have been updated to include new email address and website.

2603.6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

[26/00355/HOUSE](#) | First floor extension over existing garage and utility, with garage conversion and ground floor alterations. | Springbank Sandy Lane Curridge Thatcham RG18 9DG | **Consultation Deadline** Thu 12 Mar 2026 | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no objection

[26/00433/HOUSE](#) | Demolish existing conservatory, rear extension and alterations. | 12 Sowbury Park Chieveley Newbury RG20 8TZ | **Consultation Deadline** Mon 23 Mar 2026 | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no objection

(ii) To consider the following new planning applications from adjacent parish:

[26/00140/FULMAJ](#) | Erection of 16 dwellings and associated landscape and highway works. Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of Planning Permission 20/00912/FULEXT. | Land at End Of Charlotte Close Hermitage Thatcham | **Consultation Deadline** Mon 23 Mar 2026 | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of no comment

(i) The following recent planning decisions had been taken by WBC:

[25/02839/FUL](#) | Replacement self-build dwelling (resubmission of planning application ref: 25/01457/FUL) including revised access. | Sawpit House Long Lane Cold Ash Thatcham RG18 9LU | Decision: Refused Wed 11 Feb 2026

[25/02799/FUL](#) | Siting of air source heat pumps, solar panels and batteries on and adjacent to existing school buildings. | Mary Hare School Arlington Manor Snelsmore Common Newbury RG14 3BQ | Decision: Approved Mon 16 Feb 2026

[25/02690/HOUSE](#) | Extensions, alterations and conversion of outbuildings to habitable use | Oare Farmhouse Oare Hermitage Thatcham RG18 9SD | Decision: Approved Thu 26 Feb 2026

(ii) Response to an appeal following a recent planning decision taken by WBC:

[25/00534/FUL](#) | Retrospective: Change of use from riding school to dwelling. | Thambury Gate Curridge Green Riding School Curridge Green Curridge Thatcham RG18 9EA | Decision: Refused Wed 20 Aug 2025 | **UNDER APPEAL** | It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response of noting our original objection still stands and that the applicant has ignored the enforcement notice and continues to develop the site

2603.7 FINANCE

(i) Income and Expenditure

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments shown in Appendix 1
- b. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the finance committee proposal to pre-approve certain regular monthly payments

2603.8 RoSPA Playsafety

It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with annual inspection

2603.9 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Currently 2 candidates have applied.

Action: Clerk to contact both candidates to request they confirm they meet the legal requirements. To submit in writing a letter of introduction detailing any relevant experience and why they wish to become a councillor.

Assuming they want to proceed they will be invited to April's meeting where councillors have the opportunity to ask them some question.

Then the meeting will be closed to the public, it is done under Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972. This allows the press and public to be excluded where confidential or exempt information is likely to be disclosed, as set out in the Act.

2603.10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 12TH MAY 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to invite representatives of some local groups, a District Councillor and individuals to present at the meeting Annual Council meeting at 7.30pm

Member of the Scouts to tell us about the upcoming Wings jamboree

District Councillor Heather Codling to present on devolution proposal

Police community support officer

Berkshire farm girl Eleonor Gilbert on her adventures and life now in the UK

Cllr Hutchison and Cllr Dick will organise some refreshment.

2603.11 EMERGENCY PLAN 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to review the current emergency plan.

Action: Cllr's Dick, Cllr Gilman & Cllr Hutchison agreed to review the current document

2603.12 GRUNDON SAND AND GRAVEL QUARRY

It was **RESOLVED** to respond to email requesting who the stakeholders will be and if a Cllr could be one. Also, be involved in Rights of Way and Bridleway discussions.

Action: Cllr Cowan to draft response

2603.13 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Gilman presented update on SID's statistics. It was **RESOLVED** to add statistics regularly to the new website.

A general speed review was discussed it was **RESOLVED** to request WBC to consider a general Parish review earlier than FY 27/28.

It was **RESOLVED** to contact District Councillors for support and then Cllr Stuart Gormley.

2603.14 PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED INFORMATION

The following information had been previously circulated to Councillors:

- (i) BBC Radio Berkshire Make a Difference Awards 2026
- (ii) Disabled rail card (on website)
- (iii) District Councillor 202602 Opposition Report
- (iv) New VAS_SID Policy Now Live – Member and Parish & Town Council Briefing on 2 April
- (v) Planned Road Closure - A339 Southbound, Newbury. circulated 17-02
- (vi) Planned Road Closure - B4009 Long Lane, Hermitage (on website)
- (vii) Planned Road Closure - Old Street, Hermitage. (on website)
- (viii) Priors Court - Planning Enforcement - Landscaping & Trees
- (ix) Residents Litter Request
- (x) Resources for Parish Councils - Parish Planning Applications
- (xi) West Berkshire Council - Community Emergency Plan Survey & BALC workshop opportunity
- (xii) West Berkshire Local Plan - Call for sites meeting presentation (3 March 2026)
- (xiii) Planning Inspectorate ROW_3369070 (claimed public bridleway along public footpath Chieveley 46)

2603.15 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Dick to attend meeting on 18th March and draft a response to consultation that the proposed two unitary authorities is the best option

2603.16 CLERKS REPORT

- (i) Curridge Playground trees work has been completed
- (ii) Litter: Chieveley local resident asked if there was an organised litter picking event. Yes, residents work with WBC to complete a litter pick up once a year. This has just been completed.
- (iii) Website has been updated and now includes West Berk Planning map link
- (iv) Clerks will be on leave 30th – 2nd April.

2603.17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- (i) The Opposition Report for February from District Cllr. Paul Dick was received.
- (ii) The following reports from Councillors were received:

OARE: (i) Cllr Allen update - a death occurred at Stable View which and it has generated a lot of traffic and clogging up the lane and blocking up the road. It was suggested police are contacted if the road is blocked.

CURRIDGE:

- (i) Cllr Friend – WI car park is well used and the WI are thinking about increasing the size of the car park to benefit the school and provide more off road parking. They have asked if Parish Council would support financially.

Action: WI would need to get a costing before we could discuss this.

- (ii) Cllr Crispin met Highclere Trees and was very impressed with their organisation

CHIEVELEY:

- (i) Cllr Cowan & Hutchison gave update on WBC local plan, as they are looking for new sites for various purposes.
- (ii) Cllr Cowan has received correspondence from Red Lion and has responded from the parish council explaining how we review planning applications and our response.
- (iii) Cllr Gilman provided CSW update on SID's data
- (iv) Cllr Dick gave update that Clerk has passed probation period and will have salary increment from April 26.

2603.18 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Annual meeting 12th May

2603.19 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14th April @7.30pm Curridge WI Hall, Curridge Road, RG18 9DZ

