

Chieveley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Tuesday 09 June at 7.30pm** in
Chieveley Village Hall RG20 8TE

Members present: Cllr. Sandie Allan
Cllr. Rob Crispin
Cllr. Lesley Derry (Deputy Chair)
Cllr. Eric Friend
Cllr Sarah Hutchison
Cllr. Julie Illsley

Members absent: Cllr. Lesley Dick (Chair)
Cllr. Matthew Gilman
Cllr. David Cowan

In attendance: No members of the public were present

26.06.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from, Cllr. Lesley Dick, Cllr. Matthew Gilman, Cllr. David Cowan, District Cllr. Paul Dick and District Cllr. Heather Codling

26.06.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

26.06.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions, comments or representations.

26.06.04 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 May 2026 were a true record of the meeting.

26.06.05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) There were no new planning applications to consider
- (ii) The following recent planning decisions had been taken by WBC:

[26/00443/HOUSE](#) | The Old House, High Street, Chieveley RG20 8UX | Section 73 Application to vary conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 4 (Materials Schedule), 5 (Hard Landscaping), and 6 (External Doors and Windows) of approved reference number: 25/02465/HOUSE (Section 73: Application to vary condition 2 of approved reference number: 25/01162/HOUSE (Removal of existing modern rear extension. New extension)). **Decision Notice** Wed 13 May 2026 - Approved

[26/00444/LBC](#) | The Old House High Street Chieveley RG20 8UX | Section 19 Application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of approved reference number: 25/02466/LBC (Section 19: Application to vary condition 2 (Approved Plans) of approved reference number: 25/01163/LBC (Removal of existing modern rear extension. New extension)). **Decision Notice** Tues 12 May 2026 – Approved

(iii) Notification of a planning enforcement taken by WBC:

[22_00441_02COUL](#) Planning enforcement_ The Curridge Green Riding School, Curridge Green, Curridge, Thatcham. **Action: Clerk to request update in Sept 2026 from WBC**

26.06.06 FINANCE

(i) Income and Expenditure

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

b. It was **NOTED** that Tactical Facilities Management had increased its costs for emptying bins

Action: Clerk to check the terms and conditions of CPC's contract with TFM and to investigate alternative providers.

26.06.07 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2025/26 (AGAR)

(i) Cllr Derry approved and signed off Sections 1 & 2 of AGAR documents

(ii) Action: Clerk to check section 11 on page 5

26.06.08 RoSPA

Receive: RoSPA reports for bus shelters in Bardown, High Street (Chieveley), and Long Lane, Curridge Playground, Marsh Pond and Oare Pond.

Action: Cllr Crispin agreed to nail down the loose seat planks on Long Lane Bus stop

Action: Cllr Allen to try to remove green algae from the throwing line canister at Oare Pond.

26.06.09 ANNUAL DISTRICT PARISH CONFERENCE UPDATE

Receive: Cllr Hutchison provided update from meeting held on 29TH April.

(i) A new 'Report a Problem' tracking portal was due to go live.

(ii) Social Housing – WBC was looking for available land

(iii) Ridgeway Council – general update was provided

(iv) Potential request for Parish Councils to start paying for certain aspects including, for example, playgrounds, verges, ditch-clearing

26.06.10 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The following written update was provided by Cllr Gilman:

(i) The Oxford Road SID had been damaged, and the battery stolen. Cllr Gilman continued to investigate options to replace battery and improve security.

(ii) He reported that there was no possibility of a SID site on Northfields/Peasemore Road unless a resident allowed the use of their driveway. The site would need to be on a straight section of the road and in the sightline of oncoming cars.

- (iii) The following sites for placing SIDs in Chieveley had been agreed: Graces Lane (near the traffic calming entering the village); East Lane (30 mph sign towards Oxford Road end); and Downend Lane on the existing footpath sign.
- (iv) Three new sites along Curridge Road (towards the school and the WI Hall) had also been agreed. A fourth site near Plantation Close needed further investigation due to possible utility cables in the ground.
- (v) A potential site along the B4009 had been identified but could not be progressed due to ongoing discussions regarding Police enforcement.

26.06.11 PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED INFORMATION

The following information had been previously circulated to Councillors:

- (i) Cllr Dick Apr 202604 Opposition Annual Report
- (ii) Cllr Dick Apr 202604 Opposition Report
- (iii) Connecting Communities in Berkshire May E-bulletin
- (iv) Consultation on the submitted Lambourn Neighbourhood Development Plan (Regulation 16 Consultation)
- (v) Enforcement Enquiry 26_00034_15UNAU - Land Adjacent to The New Radnalls Farm Access Road Graces Lane and A34, Green Lane, Chieveley, Newbury,
- (vi) Free resource for your residents - PSTN landline switch-off guide
- (vii) West Berkshire Council to refocus 20mph zones on communities with strong local support
- (viii) Improvements to Public Rights of Way Bridleway CHIE_5A (Bussock Wood) commencing 16_03_2026
- (ix) Invitation to the West Berkshire Council Community Climate Forum networking event and site visit - Wednesday 1st July 2026
- (x) Matthew Barber_My update for you - May 2026
- (xi) Part 1_ Presentation Slides - District Parish Conference 29_04_2026
- (xii) Part 2_ Presentation Slides - District Parish Conference 29_04_2026
- (xiii) Planning enforcement_22_00441_02COUL - The Curridge Green Riding School, Curridge Green, Curridge, Thatcham
- (xiv) WBC Resident's Bulletin_ Newbury Library goes above and beyond to provide sanctuary
- (xv) West Berkshire Community Climate Forum agenda - Wednesday 3rd June 2026

26.06.12 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN CHIEVELEY

It was noted that WBC would only introduce 20mph limits in areas where residents wanted them. Future schemes would be progressed only where significant public support had been expressed, for example, by local residents, community groups and town and parish councils.

26.06.13 CLERK'S REPORT

There was no additional report from the clerk.

26.06.14 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

- (i) There were no updates from District Councillors
- (ii) The following reports from Councillors were received:

Cllr Crispin noted that the planning application for Ye Olde Red Lion, Green Lane had been approved and would be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. In advance of the next meeting, he requested that the clerk seek clarification on whether the Pub was inside or outside the National Landscape (formally ANOB).

Cllr Derry reported that Chieveley Primary School was experiencing a shortfall in student enrolment. This shortfall had triggered a WBC consultation to review admission numbers and ensure the school's ongoing viability. Further information was available on the WBC website: [Proposed Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools 2027/28 - West Berkshire Council](#) and the BBC website: [Falling pupil numbers prompt school review across west Berkshire - BBC News](#)

26.06.15 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

26.06.16 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14 July 2026 @ 7.30pm in Chieveley Village Hall RG20 8TE

APPENDIX 1

Chieveley Parish Council

09 June 2026 meeting

MAY/JUNE PAYMENTS PRE-APPROVED & FOR APPROVAL

May/June	Date	To	Invoice	Payments	Receipts	Paid Y/N
28-May-26	Lynn Dennison		Clerk Salary	1,165.54		Y
28-May-26	HMRC		Clerk Employee's Tax	164.79		Y
26-May-26	SME Accounting Services Limited	2662	Clerk Payroll	12.00		Y
24-May-26	F C Lawrence	24	Long Lane bus shelter cleaning	16.00		Y
31-May-26	Unity Trust Bank		UTB Service Charge	7.00		Y
Total				1,365.33	0.00	
12-May-26	Curridge WI Hall	22/26DP	May PC mgt Hall charge	40.00		N
12-May-26	Cllr S Hutchinson		Annual Parish mtg - refreshments	39.49		N
26-May-26	Tactical Facilities Management	48	Dog waste collections	167.81		N
30-May-26	Lynn Dennison - Expenses, including WFH allowance		Clerk Expenses & WFH allowance	26.00		N
Total				247.30	0.00	
Total				1,920.93	0.00	