Chieveley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on 14th July at 7.30pm in

Chieveley Village Hall RG20 8TE

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

District Cllr. Heather Codling

Members absent: None

In attendance: 44 members of the public

26.07.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr. Paul Dick

26.07.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Hutchison declared an interest in planning 26/01251/FUL

Cllr Gilman declared personal interest in planning 26/01251/FUL

26.07.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ten members of the public spoke about planning application 26/01251/FUL. A small number attended in support of the application; however, the majority asked the Council to object. Concerns raised included parking and access issues at the surgery,

the impact on wildlife, and the proposed solar power arrangements. These points have been summarised in the detailed planning response below.

26.07.4 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th June were a true record of the meeting.

26.07.5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(i) The following new planning applications were considered:

5.1 26/01251/FUL | Single Dwelling and Solar PV Array | Land Adjacent To The Downland Practice East Lane Chieveley Newbury | Land Adjacent To The Downland Practice East Lane Chieveley Newbury | **Consultation Deadline** Thu 16 Jul 2026 | **Objection**: Vote: 7 to object |**Note:** Councillor Hutchinson left the meeting for this discussion

Resolved: Object (7 votes). The Parish Council considered the application and agreed to object on the grounds that it conflicts with Policies SP1 and DM1 relating to development in the open countryside and National Landscape. Additional concerns included the impact on the Downland Practice car park and access arrangements, potential harm to wildlife and greenfield habitat, insufficient evidence of community need for the proposed solar-powered facilities, and the potential precedent for further development. The Council also noted the significant public interest, with the majority of representations opposing the application

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

5.4 25/02782/FUL - Ye Olde Red Lion, Green Lane, Chieveley, Newbury, RG20 8XB | **Decision Notice: Approved**

5.5 25/00064/FUL | Substation to serve electricity to proposed 3 x charging points for electric vehicles and car parking spaces with lighting bollards, signage and 1 CCTV pole at Hillier Garden Centre | Hillier Garden Centre Priors Court Road Hermitage Thatcham RG18 9TG | **Decision Notice: Withdrawn**

5.6 26/00874/COND | Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 'Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan' of approved 25/01335/FUL: The development of an electric vehicle charging hub with associated works | Hilton Newbury Oxford Road Chieveley Newbury RG20 8XY | **Decision Notice: Approved**

5.7 25/02169/FUL | Agricultural buildings with associated works. Retrospective. | Old Kiln Quarry New Oxford Road Chieveley Newbury RG18 9XX | **Decision Notice: Approved**

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

5.2 Appeal Decision - Sawpit House, Long Lane, Cold Ash |

Appeal A Ref: 6006548 - Dismissed

Appeal B Ref: 6006551 – Allowed

5.3 Appeal Decision - Thambury Gate, Curridge Green Riding School | **Decision for appeal 6005140 | Dismissed**

24.11.6 THE DOWNLANDS PRACTICE UPDATE

Dr Stephanie White gave a presentation explaining the financial constraints they are experiencing. This is due to changes in the funding they have received from the government. They wanted to take the opportunity to make the parish residents that this might affect their patients' services. For example: Adjustments to how some services are delivered, changes in how appointments are organised and careful prioritisation of resources. They wanted to assured patients that essential clinical care will remain their priority.

24.11.7 FINANCE

(i) Income and Expenditure

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

b. Q1 Bank Reconciliation (1 April 2026– 30 June 2027) was presented but needs to be re-presented at Sept's meeting.7

24.11.8 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

(i) Members bid successful

a) This was for additional posts and spare batteries. Thank you to the District Councillors for their support.

(ii) Damage to SID:

a) No update from Traffic Technologies on the Lithium Ion battery (it was under test)

b) Can we go ahead and order a new battery, connectors and metal cage. A new padlock will be required but suggest but this is purchased separately

(iii) CSW Campaign.

a) 9th July Curridge Road (near junction with Plantation Close) – traffic heading SE towards B4009

b) 12 cars reported – highest speed 52 mph

c) Highly visible - so a number of cars slowing before detection

(iv) B4009

a) 22nd June – WBC have written to TVP to request that enforcement is carried out, backed by their own data (initiated by data collected by our SID)

b) They have suggested that new motorbike (TruCam2) is used – since no van sites have been identified and this was the previous reason for enforcement not being carried out.

(v) Graces Lane

a) Two cars involved in crash at narrowing near the pub. One seemed to have stopped for oncoming traffic coming from the High Street direction when a car came too quickly past the pub and crashed into the back of the stationary car. There was substantial damage to the front of the second car.

26.07.9 PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED INFORMATION

The following information had been previously circulated to Councillors:

(i) 25_02782_FUL - Ye Olde Red Lion, Green Lane, Chieveley, Newbury, RG20 8XB

(ii) 202605 Opposition Report

(iii) Barber - My update for you - June 2026

(iv) Community Climate Forum agenda - Wednesday 8th July 2026 from 12.30 - 1.30 pm via Teams

(v) Connecting Communities in Berkshire June E-bulletin

(vi) Evening tours of the Kennet Valley Wetland Reserve - dates and joining instructions

(vii) News from the North Wessex Downs

(viii) Planned Closure - Unnamed Road from Snelsmore Farm to Kites Abbey, Snelsmore

(ix) Planned Road Closure - B4494 Wantage Road, Snelsmore

(x) Preparation of a new Local Plan for West Berkshire

(xi) The Berkshire Local Nature Partnership is seeking new Board members!

(xii) Veolia Sustainability Fund 2026 - now open!

(xiii) WBC Resident's Bulletin - 10 June 2026

(xiv) WBC Resident's Bulletin_ Ask the Leader session coming up this month ✋

(xv) WBC Resident's Bulletin_ Portraits of Resilience at Newbury Library 📸

26.07.10 CLERKS REPORT

a. 20MPH – Confirmation we can we request individual roads. Individual roads to be added to Sept agenda. Clerk to investigate with WBC what we would need to do to progress
b. Waste management – Tactical were unable to find a signed contract with ourselves so have send us a new one. It was agreed that we need a more formal contract. Clerk to see who else other clerks looked at when reviewing their waste management. To confirm that West berks waste is more expensive
c. Chieveley Village Hall – New room
d. Residents' emails

26.07.11 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

(i) The Opposition Report for June from District Cllr. Paul Dick was received.

(ii) The following reports from Councillors were received:

OARE: (i) **Cllr Sandie –** informed us of a new caravan at Stable View. We need to watch for further development.

CURRIDGE: (i)

CHIEVELEY: (i) **Cllr Cowan,** long awaited improvements to Public Rights of Way Bridleway CHIE/5A (Bussock Wood) have been completed, reply to WBC to say thank you.

Cllr Hutchison – used WBC report a problem on a footpath overgrown and it was cleared very quickly. Attended a training course with Hermitage PC Defibrillator, should we ask for one for Chieveley & Oare – to discuss at next meeting and one in Red Lion or bus stop or the shop, think about other locations.

26.07.12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

i. **Defibrillator**
ii. **20 Mph**

26.07.13 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8 September @7.30pm Chieveley Village Hall RG20 8TE

APPENDIX 1

June/July	To	Purpose	Invoice	Payments	Receipts	Paid Y/N
29-Jun-26	Lynn Dennison	Clerk Salary		1,165.54		Y
29-Jun-26	HMRC	Clerk Employee's Tax		164.79		Y
29-Jun-26	SME Accounting Services Limited	Clerk Payroll	2686	12.00		Y
30-Jun-26	Unity Trust Bank	UTB Service Charge		7.00		Y
Total				**1,349.33**	**0.00**	
07-Jul-26	Lynn Dennison - Expenses, including WFH allowance			65.42		N
26-Jun-26	Lesley Derry	Wine for Michael Weeks		73.60		N
26-Jun-26	West Berkshire Council	Salting additional roads within the Parish	662785	997.49		N
24-Jun-26	Tactical Facilities Management	Dog waste collections	306	167.81		N
30-Jun-26	Chieveley Village Hall	Hall hire for May CPC meeting	CVH-2025992	23.64		N
01-May-26	Simasy	MyChieveley annual hosting	INV005560	235.95		N
06-Jul-26	F C Lawrence - June	Long Lane bus shelter cleaning	42	16.00		N
Total				**1,579.91**	**0.00**	
Total				**4,528.15**	**0.00**	