

Chilworth Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Chilworth Parish Council held in The Chilworth Village Hall
on Thursday 1st May 2025

Present: Chairman Chris Patey (CP), Malcolm Henley (MH), Ian Rankine (IR), Mindo Virk (MV), Harj Bhakar (HB), Colin Richards (CR), Borough Cllr Terese Swain (TS), Borough Cllr Phil Bundy (PB), Borough Cllr Karen Dunleavy (KD), Leader of HCC Nick Adams-King (NAK), Clerk Miss Donna Jones (DJ).

1) Apologies, Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies: Malcolm Goddard, Ed Ravenhill, Nicolas Tall
- b. No declarations of interest

2) Open Forum

A local resident attended to discuss the speed of drivers entering/leaving Chilworth From North Baddesley and the lack of communication from the Parish Council.

MH explained the existing speed signs will have new batteries from tomorrow to be used until the new speed indicator signs that have been ordered, arrive.

Regarding communication, the website is updated by a councillor and apologised that the last couple of months of minutes were not on the site. The newsletter was something CPC were trying to bring back but when a flyer was distributed to residents only four people contacted the clerk to give their email address. He will be added to the Old Village Whatsapp group by IR.

3) Hampshire County Councillors Report

Blue bins will be in place by 2027 for further recycling.

Devolution is working well. The consultations are being looked through and a plans need to be in by 26th Sept. Finances still tricky but this year is OK. Next year need £136m

Reduction in Highways- there will be back office cuts so highway repairs can be increased to keep on top of them.

4) Borough Councillor Report

Local plan- Ongoing and discussing suitable sites to meet the requirements. Initially 75% increase now 78% in Test Valley area which equates to 524 houses needed per annum to now being 934pa. Velmore farm will come forward as a suitable site.

ACTION: Letter needed to TVBC Planning requesting what CPC needs in the area if this site goes ahead.

Environment agency- Flood zone sites identified in Test Valley that had been identified

as suitable for houses so need to find alternatives. More targets will likely be sought in rural areas.

Battery Farms- Many plans coming through and getting permission. Less than a third have been built/switched on.

TVBC passed a motion to carry over TVBC owned assets to parish councils.

TVBC is working on collection of food waste and from the 13th Oct the delivery of big and small food caddies will start to arrive.

Fly-tipping- TVBC are being proactive with prosecuting people

Council community grants- Paid out £1,000 to CPC and the gardening club.

5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

6) Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda

None

7) Planning-HB

No new planning applications for this month
Chilworth Drove- Decision withdrawn

8) Parish Projects

Alison Finlay Memorial Garden (AFMG)- Ongoing

Playground- Gone out for three quotes to replace the play area and trim trail. Asking for plans and quotes to be here for next meeting or July.

Speed signs- Batteries to be installed following a resident complaint that came through HCC. MH to install tomorrow. Samples of new signs on order.

Woodside- 3 contractors contacted to requote for cutting trees down further to hedge height. IR proposed and CR seconded to ask EGD Services to carry out the work, all agreed.

9) Correspondence-DJ

Woodside road repairs- Email received from residents. They have requested CPC contribute to the road repair and have provided the clerk with 3 quotes.

ACTION: DJ to ask residents to clarify what the quotes are for specifically when they attend next month's meeting and pin point what is actually CPC's responsibility to pay for.

10) Finance- DJ

Bank statements: DJ presented statements as of 24 April 2024

Payments: it was resolved to make the following payments:

Clerks salary (minus pension contribution of £24.98)	£429.19
LGPS (Total of Clerks and PC's contributions)	£122.17
Chilworth PCC (only paid one part last month)	£600
Lightatouch (Internal Audit)	£750
WP Builders (deer fence)	£3184.80

Clerk sent copies of the AGAR and associated paperwork to members prior to the meeting and went through each page to check the members were in agreement. All present agreed. No emails from non present members received disagreeing with the information to be submitted for audit.

10.1 Annual Internal audit report

10.2 Section 1 annual governance statement 2024/25

10.3 Section 2 accounting statements 2024/25

10.4 Approval of the exercise of public rights dates 2025

10.5 Conflicts of interests between CPC and BDO

10.6 Agree the effectiveness of the Internal Audit 2024/25

10.7 Agree one off events form

10.8 Declarations of interest forms review each year

11) Any Other Business and date of next meeting

CR introduced himself to those present who hadn't met him before.

Resident reported that the pub had allowed some Chinese lanterns to be let off from the Village green and were landing in residents gardens. CP spoke to the pub and reiterated the risk of fire in this area and they are not permitted to be let off.

ACTION: letter needs to be sent to TVBC Environmental Health team letting them know about this.

ACTION: A notice needs to be put in the notice boards to say people use the green at their own risk and no organised sports are permitted on the green.

Date of Next meeting –5th June 2025

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Appendix A

Item No.7 of the meeting held on: 1st May 2025

No new planning applications

Tree work applications: Report submitted by Malcolm Henley on behalf of Chilworth Parish Council:

25/00818/TPOS 2 Treetops, Woodside