

Chilworth Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Chilworth Parish Council held in The Chilworth Village Hall
on Thursday 5th February 2026

Present: Chairman Chris Patey (CP), Ed Ravenhill (ER), Ian Rankine (IR), Colin Richards (CR), Mindo Virk (MV), Mariette Bevan (MB), Harj Bhakar (HB), Borough Cllr Karen Dunleavy (KD), Clerk Miss Donna Jones (DJ).

1) Apologies, Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies: Malcolm Henley, Malcolm Goddard, Borough Cllr Terese Swain, Borough Cllr Phil Bundy, Leader of HCC Nick Adams-King.
- b. No declarations of interest

2) Open Forum

Thomas Gravatt- Southampton City Councillor for Swaythling, attended to introduce himself.

3) Hampshire County Councillors Report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting

4) Borough Councillor Report

Local Government restructure- on going. No decisions as yet.

5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

6) Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda

None

7) Planning-HB

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. A list of all the planning applications received this month is in the appendix to these minutes. The reports/comments made were forwarded to the Planning Services Department of TVBC.

8) Parish Projects

AFMG- Fraser to cut back the deadwood in 5-6 trees taking 2-3 days. Proposed by IR, Seconded by CR.

Play area- CP and IR met with James Chalk after installation to discuss fence being too far from the ground and small dogs can enter the play area. He still needs to propose how to rectify this. Play Inspection has taken place and a number of issues identified. Report forwarded to James Chalk to address. He requested 2 weeks and will get back to us. It was decided to hold on the fitness trail until the issues have been resolved.

Fitness trail- MH to apply for the Community Development Fund to use towards the fitness trail on the Village Green - agreed. MH contacted The Squirrels to see what they would like to see on the Village green but he didn't get to speak to any management there. MH advised that Climate Change application team seem to think we need a Planning Application for the BESS battery system to be installed, MH to check further.

Bus stop grant- CP looking into this grant, upwards of £15,000. Q Green to cut back undergrowth around the shelter and replace broken dragon's teeth and Fraser to cut back the large Oak hanging over it and dead pine behind it. Proposed by MB, seconded by IR. **ACTION: DJ to get 3 quotes for the repair of the shelter and to install a bench inside.**

War memorial- Name of fallen soldier to be added and the memorial cleaned. DJ contacted TVBC who said it was to do with commonwealth war graves commission (CWGC) who gives consent. CP contacted them and they said it was the local authority. DJ to get quotes. KD made contact with a person who is familiar with CWGC workings and arranged for her to contact CP.

Gateway Signs in need of repair - CP in contact with Peter Goodchild (HCC Highways) Sign from North Baddesley into Chilworth is damaged and needs repairing. All 3 need to be repainted, cost will need to be covered by CPC - agreed

Birch Road- Large pot holes on the blind bend, Whole of area needs to be repaired. KD to report.

20mph speed limit- From Peter Goodchild, engineer has continued with the scoping work on the proposed 20mph limit for Chilworth Old Village and speed reducing features for Birch Road. The 20mph application fee allows HCC to collate and review the information we have provided. Once agreed in principle, the scheme becomes a Community Funded Initiative (CFI) and a scoping report will be produced. Another payment (£850) is required to move to the design stage for the Old Village, CP to complete application form The Birch Road work is more complicated and will not hold up that of the old village.

SIDS- no update

9) **Correspondence-DJ**

Local resident complained to CPC about no internet. CP explained what had happened Chilworth wide due to a car crashing into the BT Openreach box on Chilworth Road. Email from resident asking what CPC can do and reported to Caroline Nokes (CN). CP also contacted CN to hopefully speed repairs up.

Young local family were shot whilst walking in Lordswood by an air rifle. Taken to walk in centre to get checked out. Caroline Nokes advised by CP, CN has reported to PCC Donna Jones

Online meeting with Shindy tomorrow- CP and IR to attend from CPC
Grant request for Grounds maintenance of Chilworth community Centre and Church.
Agreed to pay £1200. Proposed by IR, Seconded by ER.

10) **Finance- DJ**

Bank statements: DJ presented statements as of 23 January 2026 (CP agreed these figures on the statements)

Payments: it was agreed and approved 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
Soton Tree Care Ltd	£144
Soton Tree Care Ltd	£1200
ACNB PCC grant	£1200
Play Inspection Company	£438

Agreed to the dog/litter bin emptying renewal contract for 2026-2027

11) **Any Other Business and date of next meeting**

Unauthorised encampment- Still there. Being assessed

Wifi hotspots for the hall- HB in discussions with Pat for the hall. CP said for HB to go ahead and CPC will pay the £200 needed.

Assertion 10- IT Policy. MG confirmed some wording to be adopted. And will put on the website.

CPC's Traffic cones- need lights on top as are used at night quite often. ER Proposed and CP seconded CP to buy the lights needed.

Date of Next meeting –5th March 2026

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Appendix A

Item No.7 of the meeting held on: 5th February 2026

25/02932/FULLS The Trojans Club, Stoneham Lane, South Eastleigh **No Objection**

26/00056/FULLS Birch Lodge, Winchester Road **No Objection**

26/0050/FULLS Talisman Castle Lane, North Baddesley

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

26/00076/TPOS Bracken Hall, Bracken Place

26/00098/TPOS Chilworth Woods, University Parkway

26/00099/TPOS Chilworth Woods, University Parkway

26/00101/TPOS Birchwood, Heatherlands Road,