

Chilworth Parish Council Meeting

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

Present: Chairman Chris Patey (CP), Ian Rankine (IR), Colin Richards (CR), Mariette Bevan (MB), Malcolm Goddard (MG), Harj Bhakar (HB), Malcolm Henley (MH), Ed Ravenhill (ER), Borough Cllr Terese Swain (TS) Leader of HCC Nick Adams-King (NAK), Clerk Miss Donna Jones (DJ).

1) Apologies, Declarations of Interest

- a. Apologies: Mindo Virk, Borough Cllr Karen Dunleavey, Borough Cllr Phil Bundy
- b. No declarations of interest
Councillors asked to confirm whether there are any amendments required from declaration last year- none required from any.

2) Open Forum

PC Stott & PCSO Smith attended the meeting to introduce themselves and discussed the incidents in Lordswood. Beat surgeries to be held once a month in the pub. CPC to put dates on WhatsApp groups.

3) Hampshire County Councillors Report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting

Potholes- are getting worse due to the excess rain. Repairs can't be done until the weather improves. Disruption charge to amenities for digging up the roads to pay for future repairs and possible maintenance. CP asked if more could be done for the continual potholes in Birch Road, NAK asked for CP's recent email conversation with Peter Goodchild.

Action: CP to forward email to NAK

Southern Water- Permits are being looked at as contractors are not using adequate signage and identifying road closures.

Devolution- All councils approved Statutory to be sent to parliament next week. Ist meeting will happen without a mayor being in place.

HCC have made savings and are looking into Social care and making small changes in order to cut costs.

4) Borough Councillor Report

Council tax- TVBC to increase by 2.9%. They have no deficit and are solvent.

Romsey and Andover plans are going ahead

Planning applications are coming in both large and small.

BESS- coming up for 2 years in April since plans were approved. Have just over a year to get all 20 conditions met before building can take place. However, there is nothing to stop a further planning application.

5) Approval of Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

6) Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda

None

7) Southampton Task Force meeting and suggestion of a Residents Association

IR and CP reported on the Southampton Task Force Teams meeting on 6th February with Shindy, Francesca Prior, Southampton Police, Justin from Forestry Commission did not attend. CP tasked and completed map of entry points an operation has been set up by Southampton Police to deal with anti-social behaviour 'Operation Maranta'. CP received a related email from Caroline Nokes. Discussed the idea of setting up a resident's association. It was felt that the WhatsApp groups were enough for sharing information between residents and Parish Council, but all agreed they were happy if the resident's felt one was necessary. CPC would support where necessary.

8) 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.

9) Parish Projects

SIDS- Testing confirms they work fine. New brackets have been made to attach them to the existing poles.

Battery housing for the hall requires planning permission. Climate Grant have said once permission granted to reapply for next tax years grant.

ACTION MH to discuss with DJ to get planning permission into TVBC

Play area- Snagging issues are to be sorted by next weekend. As highlighted in the play area inspection report. The gaps under the fence issue to be sorted at a later date by someone else.

20mph speed for Old Village and Birth Road- Agreed to pay the £850 required by TVBC to provide the new signage for the Old Village. Proposed by IR, seconded by CR.

ACTION: CP to check with Peter Goodchild if we can have a sign directing cyclists down the Old Village rather than them using the main A27.

Adult trim trail- Investigating grant options. Community involvement is required to be eligible for some grants. The Squirrels have been contacted for their thoughts on what would be useful for them. TVBC have advised we could be eligible for other grants. MH investigating the possibilities.

10) Correspondence-DJ

None

11) Finance- DJ

Bank statements: DJ presented statements as of 24 February 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
Q Green	£270.00
Soton Tree Care Ltd	£2160
TGH Garden Services	£294

Budget for 2026/2027 circulated prior to the meeting and agreed by all

Asset register for 2026/2027 circulated prior to the meeting and agreed by all once DJ amends bus stops from 3 to 2. Need to add the Solar equipment. Invoices already submitted with itemised costings

ACTION:DJ to add to the asset register

12) Any Other Business and date of next meeting

Policies for website- Discussed the need to put up the IT policy. All agreed to the updated wording. Discussed the need to change the financial information policy to

financial regulations and to remove the section on Petty cash

ACTION: DJ to remove section and send to MG to put on Website

Trees on the green- 6 delivered which should have been 3 different types, 2 of each but turned out to be 6 of the same species. Photos taken and sent back confirming their locations.

Re-painting of disabled marking down Chilworth Close completed.

CP to share the Parish Councils website address with the Whatsapp groups.

Date of Next meeting –2nd April 2026

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Appendix A

Item No.8 of the meeting held on: 5th March 2026

26/00330/LBWS Robin Cottage, 15 Chilworth Old Village **No Objection**

26/00333/PIPS Land at Woodside, Chilworth **Objection**

The proposal lacks details and furthermore conflicts with current policy conditions:

Policy COM2 – Creates a new residential plot outside the settlement boundary through subdivision of existing garden land, contrary to countryside policy restrictions.

Policy E2 – The development and subdivision would erode the spacious, semi-rural character of Woodside.

Policy T1 – intensification of a narrow private lane with limited passing provision.

Policy LHW4 – potential adverse impact on residential amenity through increased traffic and loss of openness.

For these reasons, the site is not suitable for Permission in Principle

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

26/00370/TPOS Woodland Adjacent To Chilworth Road

26/00397/TPOS West View House, Roman Drive