

## **CHALGROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

A **MEETING** of the Parish Council took place in the Chalgrove Village Hall at 7.30pm, **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**Present:**

Cllr. P. Waters, Chair	Cllr. A. Ziemelis
Cllr. J. Russell, Vice-Chair	Cllr. C. Nixey
Cllr. D. Turner, also Dist. Cllr	Cllr. A. Charman
Cllr. A. Pritchard	Cllr. J. Winnard
Cllr. A. Dudley	

**Apologies Accepted:** n/a

**Not present:** n/a

**Members of the public:** 3

239. The minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 were approved and then signed by the Chair; proposed Cllr. Ziemelis, seconded Cllr. Pritchard, agreed by all.

240. The minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved and then signed by the Chair; proposed Cllr. Russell, seconded Cllr. Winnard, agreed by all.

241. Due to ongoing technology issues, it had been agreed to hold a limited meeting.

### **242. FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

#### **2024/2025 Budgets**

(a) Full Council reviewed and approved the budgets for 2024/2025.

#### **2024/2025 Precept**

(a) Using the reviewed and approved budgets, discussions took place regarding the precept for 2024/2025. Calculations showing percentage increases and the cost impact to a Band D dwelling were reviewed.

(b) Following discussions, a precept figure of £135,915 was approved, 5.5% rise on the previous year; proposed Cllr. Pritchard, seconded Cllr. Waters, agreed by the majority.

### **243. FLOOD ALLEVIATION:**

(a) A serious flood had taken place in the village on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

(b) It was noted that many gardens had flooded, and several homes.

(c) It was agreed by all to hold an Emergency Planning Committee meeting, with a discussion paper distributed in advance to all Councillors.

### **244. CHALGROVE NDP COMMITTEE:**

(a) The Design Code consultation was ongoing, with a response deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **245. GLADMAN PLANNING APPLICATION:**

(a) It was reported that the District Council Planning Team were of the view that the application was similar to the application that had been dismissed on appeal in May 2023, and the District Council subsequently used their power to decline to determine the planning application, particularly as the Secretary of State had dismissed Gladman's appeal request on the previous application.

(b) Gladman have no right of appeal against the District Council's decision, and if they wished to challenge the legality of the council's decision, they would need to apply for a Judicial Review within six weeks of the date of the letter.

### **246. TRANSFER OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING:**

(a) The Transfer Document had previously been distributed and approved by all.

(b) It was agreed by all that the Clerk would sign the Transfer Document on behalf of the Parish Council.

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### **247. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (Parish Council decision only):**

(Cllr. Turner took no part in the discussion or decision of any planning applications shown below)

(a) P23/S4317/FUL	Sixpenny Piece Farm	Conversion & alteration of existing agricultural building to provide additional workshop/storage
	Rushy Furrow Lane	NO OBJECTION

(b) P23/S4307/LDE	1 Mill Lane	Certificate of Lawfulness for the exiting engineering operations comprising the raising of ground levels
		OBJECTION, with comments
(c) P23/S4195/HH	20 Langley Road	Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory
		NO OBJECTION

#### 248. REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:

Cllr. Turner reported on residential waste contracts, illegal taxi operations, energy saving measures, District Council Budget 2024/2025, Local Plan 2041, and flooding.

#### 249. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

No report received.

#### ACCOUNTS:

250. No cheques had been signed outside of the main Parish Council meetings.

#### 251. ACCOUNTS SANCTIONED FOR PAYMENT:

007665	M. Bullen – youth club cleaning	£144.00
007666	Countryside Estate Services – groundsman	£1234.91
007667	R. Murphy – litter picking	£372.00
007671	N. Kerridge – youth work	£351.00
007672	B. Murphy – youth work	£78.00
007673	C. Burgess – Quickbooks subscription	£112.80
007674	Chris Lewis Ltd – CCTV maintenance package	£250.80
007675	Darke & Taylor Ltd – MUGA lighting	£1866.30
007676	Shield Maintenance Ltd – dog waste removal	£156.00
007677	Chiltern Sports Contractors – post socket repair	£240.00
007678	River Thame Conservation Trust – consultancy fee	£1841.05
007679	K. Potter – Youth Club expenses	£100.00
007680	SSE – electricity supply	£556.34
007681	SSE – gas supply	£1047.70
007682	BT – telephone line	£88.19

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

252. Cllr. Dudley requested an updated on the manhole issues at Marley Lane and Monument Road. It was clarified that the issues had been reported to Thames Water and Highways.
253. Cllr. Dudley requested a working party to install the speed indication device on Mill Lane. It was agreed by all to undertake the work on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January.
254. Cllr. Dudley spoke of the Liberal Democrat and Conservative leaflets that had implied that they had won the Gladman appeal, with no mention of the work undertaken by the Parish Council throughout the appeal process. It was noted that Paul Boone, Shield, had written to both parties.
255. Cllr. Winnard spoke of the overflowing bins at Chalgrove Meadow. It was noted that the Clerk was in discussion with Miller Homes, RMG, and the District Council. Following discussion, it was agreed by all to request that the Parish Council contractor empty the bins for a period of no more than 6 months. An invoice is to be sent to Miller Homes, RMG, or the District Council once responsibility has been clarified.
256. Cllr. Nixey spoke of the need of gritting throughout the village. It was clarified that County Council Highways would only do the B480, and it was noted that the Parish Council could appoint their own gritting contractor. Further information and costs are to be obtained.
257. Cllr. Waters spoke of the Parish Council dinner to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January.

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**Exclusion of the public:** In view of the confidential nature of the business then transacted, it was advised in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and were instructed to withdraw.

#### 258. HR COMMITTEE MEETING:

##### Groundsman Contract 2024/2025

(a) Mr. P. Hall had submitted his updated contractual costs for financial year 2024/2025 which were approved; proposed Cllr. Ziemelis, seconded Cllr. Charman, agreed by all

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**Inclusion of the public:** The public were no longer excluded.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed: ..... Chair