

CHEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th AUGUST 2024 AT 7PM IN THE PAVILION



101/24 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

102/24 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present - Cllr C. Fee in the Chair, Cllr A Hollett Vice Chair, Cllr D Bevan, Cllr K Oastler, Cllr T Daly and Roz Roberts, Clerk

Cllr D Town – Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr C Poll – Buckinghamshire Council

1 member of the Public was in attendance

Apologies:-

Cllr T Richards - Holiday

Cllr D Finch - Unwell

Cllr P Brazier – Mentmore Meeting

103/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

094/24 - Correspondence - 18.07.24 - Matthew Kehoe, resident – email - Request to erect a sign on lamppost no:119 - Cllr Oastler – Family Member

109/24 - Updated Cheddington Allotments Tenancy Conditions - Cllr Bevan – Allotment Tenant

108/24 - Planning Application Consultation 24/02222/AOP - Land Adjacent to The Duke Of Wellington Ph, Cheddington Road - 9 dwellings – Cllr Daly knows applicant

104/24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council's July Monthly meeting held on the 3rd July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

105/24 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Town

Cllr Town had sent the monthly report to the Clerk for circulation. He had inadvertently omitted an update regarding the bus service but advised that there would be no changes to the Cheddington service.

Cllr Oastler clearly stated the service from Cheddington to Aylesbury for example was not practical in that the times did not coincide with school/college finishing times. She stated that the problem was not necessarily the lack of buses but the timings.

Cllr Oastler also hoped this could be included in the village survey, the results of which could be used to persuade Buckinghamshire Council to look into this.

Cllr Poll

There was a discussion about the new government and its consultation in respect of housing numbers. For example, 42% Buckinghamshire increase, St Albans 75% increase and Surrey 100% increase.

The Buckinghamshire Local Plan was also discussed. It would never be ready for 2025. Realistically the latter end of 2026, especially if the 'new' housing numbers needed to be incorporated and all the assumptions needed to be reassessed.

Cllr Hollett was worried that the Government had not defined what the 'grey belt' was yet. He was concerned that the new housing development would primarily be in the North of Buckinghamshire. Why build in these small villages but instead look at the current larger proposed sites and expand them more.

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Cllr Poll agreed but said unfortunately the local authority will have to abide by what the Westminster Government dictates.

Cheddington Neighbourhood Plan – Agreed to hold off examining until the Bucks Local Plan was produced.

106/24 CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters:

- **Cheddington Neighbourhood plan** - Nothing to report.
- **Barratts - Land at Gooseacre - Tree** – Nothing to report.
- **Connecting Path Suggestion at Recreation Ground** – On hold.
- **Cheddington s106 Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements Scheme** – Clerk finally has all the equipment information/utility searches and approvals from Bucks Highways so just needs to confirm with installer to finalise his costs. Will then provide costings to Jonathan Fuller at Bucks Council.
- **Orchard Manor Zebra Crossing Ahead Signage** – 2 signs installed. Clerk asked handyfolk to clear the vegetation surrounding the signs.
- **Future development of football/sports facilities at the Recreation Ground – MUGA** – Hugo Hardy appointed who has tried to contact the new planning officer, Anna Souter, but with no luck to date. Is preparing the planning application which he hoped to have ready for mid-August.
- **Football Pitch Upgrading, Cheddington Recreation Ground** – After a considerable amount of ringing around contractors Clerk meeting with Elite Sports Turf on site. Date TBC. 2 contractors have questioned level of funding.
- **Tidying up of vegetation behind Pavilion/Bowls Club** – Clerk has asked JDR Treecare for a quote to clear the area and grass.
- **General**
 - **Stand-alone toilet block at Recreation Ground** – On hold until outcome of village survey.
 - **Portaloo** – Agreed to keep this facility until the village survey was carried out.
 - **Engraving 'missing' names on the War Memorial** – Nothing to report but hoped to have in place for November remembrance service.
 - **Overhanging Vegetation Field, Station Road** – Paddy Faircloth from Savills confirmed on 25th July that Hi-Line were going to carry out the tree works, including the hedge trimming on Tuesday 30th July.
 - **Cheddington Rights of Way Inspections** – Paul & Lucy Culleton from the walking group have provisionally agreed. Will contact Simon Vessey for further information. Clerk provided maps.
 - **AGAR** –PKF Littlejohn confirmed that the PC must switch to income/expenditure accounts. Quote from Rialtas received (see minute no 107/24 i) and approved by Parish Council. Clerk to arrange for install and training.
 - **Weeds on paths/road edges** – Glendale confirmed that they could do these works if they know the sq m of the area we want them to weed kill. Cllr Hollett advised that this could be worked out using Google Maps (drive around) or a surveyor's wheel then multiply by a width of 12 inches.
 - **Cheddington Website Security** – Howard Boddy, Cheddington website administrator, was in the process of changing the http site to a https more secure one using Web Labs. Clerk advised that there would be a charge of £90 plus VAT for the associated SSL Certificate – Agreed. There was a discussion about a new village website. Clerk would contact Theo Gray and Colin Bryer.
 - **Zip Wire Service** – Inspected by Playground Facilities. Waiting on report.
 - **Strimmers/Lawnmower** – All serviced.

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- **Recreation Ground** – New oak post had been ordered to replace the rotten one at the edge of car park/tennis court.

- **Car damage** – Sorted between the grass contractor and resident.

- **Accidental strimming of private land – Lammas Road** – Clerk apologised to resident. Vegetation had been hanging over the public footpath and as there was no definitive boundary as the property fence was about a foot in from the public footpath this had been a genuine mistake. Clerk advised resident that the Parish Council would pay for the replacement of any damaged flowers.

- **Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Winners 2024** - The Parish Council was delighted to hear that Cheddington had won the Defraime Cup but also that it had been awarded the "Sword of Excellence" which is presented to the best overall village or town. Cheddington scored 197 points out of a possible 200. The presentation would be held on Saturday 21st September at The Green @3.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone who helped/s to keep our village so well looked after.

It was agreed to give the 2 handyfolk a £25 voucher to thank them for helping Cheddington win the Sword of Excellence.

It was agreed to display both awards around various sites in the village.

107/24 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

11.07.24 - Sophie Lee, Cheddington Speedwatch – email - Speedwatch Update and the lack of helpers – Parish Council acknowledged this.

18.07.24 - Joel Merris, Vistry Homes – email - Land off High Street, Cheddington - requesting a meeting – Agreed - Clerk to set up a meeting.

18.07.24 - Matthew Kehoe, resident – email - Request to erect a 'No turning' sign on lamppost no:119 as delivery drivers were reversing onto private driveways and causing damage – Agreed.

23.07.24 - Jack Sangster, Cheddington Football Team - email – re. Football Foundation Grant Update enquiry – Clerk advised that she was still chasing potential contractors and those that had responded indicated that the grant monies provided would not do much!

06.08.24 – Shirley Jones - Steel Magnolias publicity materials – Agreed.

108/24 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED

109/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The August 2024 payments, in accordance with the financial report, were signed off by Cllr Fee and Cllr Bevan.

i The purchase of the Omega Financial Income/Expenditure Software package (including set up and training for Clerk) from Rialtas Business Solutions in the sum of £1410 – Approved.

110/24 PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council: -

24/02087/APP - Falcon House High Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 9AA - Householder application for two storey detached garage/gym including first floor to be used for habitable space – No objection.

24/02157/APP - Elsage Farm, Station Road, Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0SG - Proposed demolition of existing garage. Erection of two bay garage and associated living accommodation annexe and including farm office – **Neutral** but Clerk to comment - can the planning officer be mindful that the design of the structure does not appear to be in keeping with the site and constitutes building in the open countryside.

To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council: -

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Nothing received at time of publication

Other Planning Matters

Planning Application Consultation 24/02222/AOP - Land Adjacent to the The Duke Of Wellington Ph Cheddington Road - 9 dwellings – Objection and Clerk to comment on the already stretched infrastructure and amenities, traffic safety worries and the environmental impact in that it is a greenfield site.

111/24 UPDATED CHEDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS TENANCY CONDITIONS

It was agreed that a flat rate for all be introduced from October 2025. This would be in line with other local allotment sites. Clerk would also double check with other local sites if deposits were taken. If this was the case, it was agreed that this should be implemented for any new allotment tenant from the 1st October renewal. Clerk would advise all holders in the renewal/invoice letter of the changes to the tenancy agreement and attach/enclose a copy.

112/24 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

Cllr Hollett proposed that a Cheddington Roll of Honour plaque detailing all Parish Chairs from incorporation (if possible) be looked into.

113/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting, which will be the September monthly meeting, will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 5

AS AT 06/08/2024

VCHR	DATE	PAYMENTS - CURRENT ACCOUNT	NET	VAT	TOTAL	PAVILION INCOME TO 05.08.24 FYI
DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS DEBITED						
DD59	19.06.24	Epson - Printer Subscription adjustment (£19.99 incorrect DD-£11.09 correct DD)	-£ 7.42	-£ 1.48	-£ 8.90	
DD78	04.07.24	Buckinghamshire Council Waste May 24	£ 15.85	£ -	£ 15.85	
DD79	17.07.24	N Power - Street Lights 01.06.24-30.06.24	£ 1,133.16	£ 226.63	£ 1,359.79	
DD80	22.07.24	BT re. wifi - Pavilion July 24	£ 43.11	£ 8.62	£ 51.73	
DD81	22.07.24	Epson - Printer Subscription	£ 8.32	£ 1.67	£ 9.99	
DD82	22.07.24	Bank Charges to 30 June 2024	£ 5.80	£ -	£ 5.80	
DD83	29.07.24	02 - Clerk's Mobile 13.07.24-12.08.24	£ 14.25	£ 2.85	£ 17.10	
DD84	30.07.24	Nest - Clerk Pension July 24	£ 124.95	£ -	£ 124.95	
DD85	01.08.24	Buckinghamshire Council Waste June 24	£ 17.00	£ -	£ 17.00	
DD86	01.08.24	SSE Energy Rec Ground 05.03-04.06.24	£ 625.89	£ 74.31	£ 700.20	
		TOTAL DDs Made	£ 1,980.91	£ 312.60	£ 2,293.51	
DD PAYMENTS TO BE MADE						
		TOTAL DDs To Be Made/Clear	£ -	£ -	£ -	
ONLINE PAYMENTS MADE						
OL87	04.07.24	E R Roberts - Amazon Allotments Tree Mesh	£ 18.74	£ 3.75	£ 22.49	
OL88	05.07.24	Red17 Limited Inv 000012168	£ 371.00	£ 74.20	£ 445.20	
OL89	05.07.24	E R Roberts - Amazon Tree Guard	£ 133.16	£ 26.63	£ 159.79	
OL90	05.07.24	E R Roberts - Amazon Rec Bollard	£ 59.99	£ -	£ 59.99	
OL91	09.07.24	NBB recycled Furniture Quote No 144498	£ 2,232.00	£ 446.40	£ 2,678.40	
OL92	18.07.24	Mary Glendinning - Flowers War Memorial	£ 29.00	£ -	£ 29.00	
OL93	22.07.24	E R Roberts - Flowers for Ken Graham	£ 51.50	£ -	£ 51.50	
OL94	25.07.24	E R Roberts - Salary July 24	£ 1,507.15	£ -	£ 1,507.15	
OL95	25.07.24	HMRC (06.07-05.8.24)	£ 348.06	£ -	£ 348.06	
OL96	29.07.24	Simon Barrow Inv SB0398 July 24	£ 2,283.33	£ 456.67	£ 2,740.00	
OL97	29.07.24	Leighton Hire Centre Inv 78790	£ 104.00	£ 20.80	£ 124.80	
OL98	29.07.24	Cheddington Methodist Church - Warm Spaces May 24	£ 100.00	£ -	£ 100.00	
OL99	29.07.24	E R Roberts - Amazon Weed Killer	£ 18.22	£ -	£ 18.22	
		TOTAL OL Payments Made	£ 7,256.15	£ 1,028.45	£ 8,284.60	
ONLINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE						
OL100	08.08.24	E R Roberts - Expenses July 24	£ 1.33	£ 0.26	£ 1.59	
OL101	08.08.24	Lucy Lawson Inv no. 011	£ 312.00	£ -	£ 312.00	
OL102	08.08.24	Keith Malcolm Inv no.025	£ 341.04	£ -	£ 341.04	
OL103	08.08.24	MKPA Inv 11203 - Open Play Session	£ 505.00	£ -	£ 505.00	
OL104	08.08.24	Euro Office Inv 4546653	£ 17.35	£ 3.47	£ 20.82	
OL105	08.08.24	Euro Office Inv 4545317	£ 59.70	£ 11.94	£ 71.64	
OL106	08.08.24	Lmps & Tubes Inv No 71700	£ 497.94	£ 99.59	£ 597.53	
		TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£ 1,734.36	£ 115.26	£ 1,849.62	
CURRENT ACCOUNT - Community						
R32	01.07.24	Julie Campbell Inv 2024/253	£ 393.75	£ 78.75	£ 472.50	£ 472.50
R33	01.07.24	SJ Butcher - Inv 2024/252	£ 405.00	£ 81.00	£ 486.00	£ 486.00
R34	02.07.24	Cheddington Petanque Inv No 2024/248	£ 22.50	£ 4.50	£ 27.00	£ 27.00
T10	04.07.24	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -
R35	05.07.24	Daisy George Inv No 2024/249	£ 67.50	£ 13.50	£ 81.00	£ 81.00
R36	07.07.24	Nigel Fanning Inv 2024/251	£ 45.00	£ 9.00	£ 54.00	£ 54.00
R37	08.07.24	Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2024/254	£ 213.75	£ 42.75	£ 256.50	£ 256.50
T11	22.07.24	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 3,000.00	£ -	£ 3,000.00	£ -
R38	24.07.24	Karen Chapman Allotment Plot 23A	£ 3.00	£ -	£ 3.00	£ -
T12	29.07.24	Transfer from Savings Account	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -
R39	31.07.24	Act One Beginners Inv 2024/262	£ 33.75	£ 6.75	£ 40.50	£ 40.50
R40	01.08.24	SJ Butcher - Inv 2024/263	£ 337.50	£ 67.50	£ 405.00	£ 405.00
R41	02.08.24	Julie Campbell Inv 2024/264	£ 416.25	£ 83.25	£ 499.50	£ 499.50
R42	02.08.24	Georgina Rance Inv 2024/259	£ 67.50	£ 13.50	£ 81.00	£ 81.00
R43	03.08.24	Masons Minibus & Coach Hire Ltd	£ 101.25	£ 20.25	£ 121.50	£ 121.50
			£ 15,106.75	£ 420.75	£ 15,527.50	£ 2,524.50
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - BMM						
T10	04.07.24	Transfer to Current account	-£ 5,000.00	£ -	-£ 5,000.00	
T11	22.07.24	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 3,000.00	£ -	-£ 3,000.00	
T12	29.07.24	Transfer to Current Account	-£ 5,000.00	£ -	-£ 5,000.00	
			-£ 13,000.00	£ -	-£ 13,000.00	
BALANCES 05.08.24						
		Current A/c			£ 6,235.40	
		Savings A/c			£ 131,042.81	
		TOTAL			£ 137,278.21	
		Less DDs to be paid			£ -	
		Less Online Payments to be made			£ 1,849.62	
		CURRENT BALANCE			£ 135,428.59	