

Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council Meeting held on 24th September 2025

Present: Councillor M. Bell (Chair); Councillor N. Jones; Councillor J. Sargent; Councillor Da Brereton; Councillor Do Brereton; A Darkins (Clerk)

1. Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council meeting held on 30th July 2025

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th July 2025 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes to be signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies –HPBC Councillor P. Bell

3. Declarations of Interest on agenda items– None

4. Public participation

None

5. Review of action plan (where not included as an agenda item)

- **Annual Plan**
 - Councillor Jones to finalise additional bark chippings for the willow dome once additional weeding completed.
 - Maintenance visit to the willow dome completed. Future maintenance will require trimming only as all weaving is now established.
 - The clerk has written to DCC about the culvert on Sandy Lane, but with no reply as yet.
 - Flooding. Awaiting feedback on actions from HPBC Councillor Greenhalgh's visit to the Parish Council in January. Councillor Bell has also tried to follow this up. There is a MP coffee morning on Saturday with Jon Pearce, so it was **AGREED** that Councillor Bell would raise the unresolved issues with our MP. As not all residents are aware of the coffee morning, it was also **AGREED** that Councillor Bell would post the information on the Village Facebook page.
- Community Asset application now with HPBC legal department following Councillor Bell responding to HPBC queries.
- No ideas from the Village Summer Party "Wish Tree" appropriate for the Villages Regeneration Fund.
- **Environment**
 - Clerk contacted Stockport MBC to request trimming of the hedges along Marple Road to Lane Ends.
 - Undergrowth along Marple Road causing pedestrians problems has been reported.

6. Finance

a) Discussed savings interest rates, however, some of these may be for individuals. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would check the interest rates for business accounts.

b) Expenditure **APPROVED budgeted.**

i.	MAD Industries Rec	£178 (incl £60 MMA strim)
ii.	MAD Industries Garden	£118
iii.	MMA	£60
iv.	Clerk Q2 salary	£391.80

b) Income

I. None

c) Expenditure **Non budgeted**

I. None

d) MMA

MMA request submitted. Councillor Jones has cleared access along CFP 27.

e) Bus shelter notice board. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would review appropriate replacement as it was highlighted that the metal board identified would not be suitable for external use.

7. Local Government reorganisation consultation

The clerk gave feedback from the area cluster meeting held on 17th September. About the 3 options for the boundary between North and South Derbyshire Unitary Council. The changes will come into force in April 2028. There will be no changes to local Parish Councils, apart from the potential to be involved in area neighbourhood committees, which will feed local priorities into the North Derbyshire Council. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would distribute the presentation material.

8. Governance

- I. The 2025 edition of the Practitioner's Guide contains important updates that must be implemented by March 26 in relation to Annual Return compliance. The key changes are a new assertion 10 about data compliance and also that all authorities are now required to use a generic email account, hosted on an authority owned .gov.uk domain. The website migration has occurred and the clerk has updated the website (with an automatic redirection from the old website address) and continues to notify third parties of the change. Clerk will send instructions for setting up new email account.
- II. Draft IT Policy. Once all email addresses set up and the policy ratified, all councillors to email clerk to acknowledge receipt and compliance with the policy.

9. Chisworth bonfire

Planned for Saturday 8th November 2025. Councillor Sargent to contact clerk for fireworks contribution, when ready.

10. Remembrance wreath

Clerk to order the wreath and Councillor Jones to attend on Sunday 9th November on behalf of the Council this year.

11. Planning

Update given. Another planning notice for Thornlea Farm has been seen that the Council hasn't been informed about.

Note: the clerk is unable to find reference of it on the High Peak Planning Portal. Could Councillors let the clerk have the planning reference number please.

12. Recruitment

Clerk to send amended job description to Councillors Bell and Jones.

13. Correspondence

- DALC circular – noted
- Emergency Planning. To bring forward to January/February 2026

14. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29th October 2025

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.