

Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council Meeting held on 26th November 2025

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

1. Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council meeting held on 29th October 2025

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th October 2025 be **APPROVED** as a true record. The minutes to be signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies – Councillor N. Jones; HPBC Councillor P. Bell

3. Declarations of Interest on agenda items– None

4. Public participation

One Chisworth resident in attendance

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

- **Flooding**
 - Despite requesting an update on actions from the January meeting and site visits to residents at Holehouse, there has been no feedback from High Peak or Derbyshire, although some drain cleaning has been carried out, while other drains missed (due to them being concealed by debris). There is general frustration about the lack of communication. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Bell would attend the Councillor's surgery in Glossop on Saturday morning to take up the issues with Councillor Greenhalgh directly. Councillor Bell will also talk to the Holehouse resident who has had contact with the Flood Team.
- Community Asset application remains with HPBC legal department and a decision is due to be made by 5th December
- It was **AGREED** that reserves will be placed in the Lloyds business saving account at a rate of 1.41% for a 3 month notice account. Clerk to arrange
- Gardening. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would request prices for next year from the gardening company and Councillor Bell will approach the Chair of Charlesworth for their gardening contractors details, to request price for hedge cutting.
- Bus shelter notice board. Councillor Dave Brereton to source cork cover for notice board.
- Councillor Sargent has enquired about silent fireworks for next years bonfire party
- Councillor Sargent has noticed 2 tree branches on the Rec lane are snapped and there is the potential to bring down a BT phone wire. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would report to Open Reach once Councillor Sargent has sent the exact location.
- There has been a recent accident in the village and it has been noticed that parking on the bend in Charlesworth Village, by the garage, is a real hazard due to poor visibility around the corner. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would raise this with out local PCSO.

6. Finance

- a) Expenditure **APPROVED budgeted.**
 - i. MAD Industries Rec £178 (incl £60 MMA strim)
 - ii. MAD Industries Garden £118
 - iii. Remembrance wreath £20
- b) Income
 - I. None - £400 from HPBC P. Bell due shortly
- c) Expenditure **Non budgeted**

- I. Arch lever files £8.40 APPROVED
- d) MMA
£180 to be claimed. Clerk to submit paperwork

7. Governance

- I. .gov.uk website now established. Councillors will work through the guidance to change their email addresses to .gov.uk
- II. Draft IT Policy. **RATIFIED**
- III. Yearly review of
 - i. Standing Financial Instructions - **APPROVED**
 - ii. Code of Conduct - **APPROVED**
 - iii. Risk register - **APPROVED**
 - iv. Asset Register – addition of new defibrillator - **APPROVED**
 - v. Model Standing Orders - **APPROVED**

8. Christmas Tree

It was **AGREED** that Councillors Bell and Jones to discuss with Lyme field

9. Planning

HPK/2025/0429 – No comment required as relates to a replacement oil tank

10. Recruitment

Discussed the application from a current Parish Clerk. Councillor Bell and A. Darkins met with the applicant this week and were very impressed with her. There will be some new clerk set up costs, including a pay as you go mobile sim. Additionally, some flexibility with meeting dates would be required. It was **AGREED** that Councillor Bell inform Councillor Jones about the candidate and let the clerk know once all members of the council have been informed. The new clerk will be available to start from 1st January 26.

The Council have been informed that Councillor Do Brereton will be standing down. Councillor Brereton's contribution has been extensive and our thanks go out to Councillor Brereton for his hard work on behalf of Chisworth Community.

11. Correspondence

- DALC circular – noted

14. Date of next meeting – To be confirmed (Apols Councillor Bell)

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

Signed..... Date.....