



**Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30 pm 25th February 2026 at Chisworth Methodist Church**

Present: Councillor M. Bell (chair), Councillor N. Jones (vice-chair); Councillor J. Sargent; Councillor D. Brereton; T. Lewis (Clerk). No members of the public were present.

18/26 - Minutes of the Chisworth Parish Council meeting held on 21st January 2026 - It was resolved to approve the circulated minutes which were duly signed by Councillor Jones.

19/26 - Apologies for absence – None.

20/26 - Declarations of Interest on agenda items – None.

21/26 - Public participation – None.

22/26 - Review of Action Plan – A number of actions arising from earlier council meetings were reviewed. In particular:

- Flooding – Following further emails to Councillor Greenhalgh (DCC councillor for Glossop South) in January and February, a response has still not been received. Cllr Brereton expressed increasing concerns about the failure to address the blocked sump on Sandy Lane which is causing erosion of the road surface. **Resolution:** Councillor Bell to contact Cllr Greenhalgh again about the ongoing concerns.
- Accessibility audit of the council's website – The clerk confirmed that the audit has now been completed and a number of improvements have been made to make the website more accessible to people with reading difficulties. The website now complies with the new national Assertion 10 requirements.

23/26 - Income & Expenditure – The following items of income and expenditure were noted and approved by resolution:

- Budgeted Expenditure – T Lewis £4 for January phone payment, printer ink £26.49
- Non budgeted expenditure – Narke Design £225 annual website subscription and £90 website accessibility audit fee
- Income - HMRC - £1359.05 – VAT reclaim (Apr 22 – Dec 25)

24/26 - Review of the council's systems of internal controls - In line with annual governance requirements, the council conducted a review of the effectiveness of its internal controls. In support of this review, the council considered a report presented by the clerk which outlined the criteria to be considered as part of this review. **Resolution:** The council was satisfied that its internal controls were effective though as an additional measure, asked the clerk to present the council's bank statements to each council meeting for additional oversight.

25/26 - Assertion 10 – Data Protection Training – The clerk explained how council clerk's and councillors are required to be fully aware of their Data Protection responsibilities and have their knowledge refreshed annually. **Resolution:** To meet this requirement, the council resolved the following:

- The clerk to present a Data Protection policy to the next meeting for approval covering the council's responsibilities.
- The policy to be read and signed by the clerk and councillors at the annual meeting each May.

26/26 - Publication Scheme – The council considered a proposed Publication Scheme for the council to adopt in line with the requirements of the Freedom of information Act 2000. **Resolution:** The council resolved to adopt the proposed scheme, subject to any final changes which are to be notified to the clerk before the next meeting. The clerk to publish the scheme after ensuring that all the information covered by it is on the council's website.

27/26 - Planning - No planning applications had been received since the last council meeting.

28/26 - Correspondence:

The council considered a recent email concerning ongoing national consultation regarding Local Government Reorganisation. The consultation mainly affected residents in the Amber Valley area. **Resolution:** The clerk to publish details of the consultation on the council's website.

29/26 - Date of next meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday 25th March 2026.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20.40hrs.

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