Meeting of Chenies Parish Council

to be held in the Sun Room, Chenies Baptist Church
at 8:00pm on Wednesday 14 January 2026.

MINUTES

In attendance:

Cllr Molly Newton (MN), Chair
Cllr Charles MacLeod-Matthews (CMM), Vice Chair
Cllr Paddy Smith (PS)
Cllr Jackie Sandom (JS)
Cllr Darrell Lewis (DL)

Paul Messenger (PM), Clerk

Members of the public – 3

Apologies: None

1 Democratic Period

Two Villagers joined the meeting to express their ongoing concern about the lack of bus service through the Village. They were looking for some feedback following their attendance to the previous Parish Council meeting where Cllr Carl Jackson, Bucks Council advised that he would review the matter. Cllr C J was unable to attend this meeting and the matter will be taken up with him for future feedback.

Contact was made by another Villager advising of their concern over road gritting in icy conditions. It was considered that no gritting was done on the Amersham Road between Claypits Lane and Green Street. It was considered that as Green Street went into Hertfordshire the gritters didn't extend their coverage along this piece of road. Matter to be taken up with Cllr C J, Bucks Council.

2 The minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 November 2025 were duly approved.

3 Clerks report

- Grass cutting. Clerk advised that with the Council deciding that existing grass cutting arrangements weren't satisfactory, enquiries had been made with other contractors. Feedback is to follow, however quotations had been requested from Amersham TC, Chesham TC and a local independent contractor.

4 Finance

- Bank account was reconciled to 22 December 2025 – Balance: £29,850.37

- New bank account – Councillors were advised of the new application being made to Nat West in respect of a transfer of the Parish Council bank account from Santander. The decision to do this was due to the lack of online banking with Santander and also their instigation of a new monthly admin fee.

- Buckinghamshire Council have been notified of the precept requirement for 2026/27 of £6,500

5 Planning

Applications - update from last meeting:

PL/20/0429/FA Chiltern Hills Golf Course, Green Street, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire Proposal: Amendments to extant planning permissions CH/2010/0133/VRC and CH/2003/1758/FA as allowed on appeal, Inspectorate's reference APP/X0415/A/03/1133807 and CH/2017/2292/FA to allow for the recontouring of part of the original application site to include a golf driving range/practice area and green plateau for use as football playing pitches, including one full size football pitch with eight 15m high flood lighting columns. Erection of a temporary clubhouse to serve football club for a period of 5 years (pending implementation of the main clubhouse) and associated access, landscaping and parking. *PC objected to this application on 6 March 2023 – Chorleywood PC were also advised of the application for their consideration. PC wrote again objecting to the application and supporting the comments made in the Chilterns Conservation Board letter of 16 January 2025.*

PL/22/2081/FA App type: Full Application (Householder) Location: Keepers Cottage, 1 Latimer Road, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, WD3 6EY Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of a replacement single storey outbuilding. – PC has not raised any objections to retrospective application. Decided – permission refused. *This matter has been referred to Planning Enforcement for action. Appeal in progress – appeal dismissed on 27 September 2024 – permission refused. PC has written to Planning at Bucks Council obtain confirmation of the current position in this respect. PC have been advised that the matter was passed to the Secretary for State in May 2025 - and is now with Secretary for State for the final resolution.*

PL/22/1971/FA Application type: Full Planning Permission Location: Graciefields Farm, Latimer Road, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, Proposal: Erection of two mobile free range egg production units and two feed silos (part retrospective) – Decided – permission refused – decision is being appealed. PC have submitted further objections and are awaiting outcome. *Planning appeal failed and the enforcement action was upheld – the owner has until September 2026 to return Gracies Field to its prior state and condition. PC will monitor developments.*

PL/24/1963/FA Meadows Farm, Amersham Road, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, WD3 6DP, Proposal: Demolition of existing non-agricultural barn and hardstanding to be replaced with a single storey, single family dwelling with associated parking and landscaping. *Parish Council wrote objecting to this application on 25 July 2024*

Appeal - Lodge Farm, 100 Lodge Lane, Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire, HP8 4AH Appeal against an Enforcement Notice alleging without planning permission the erection of a fence. Inspectorate's Ref: APP/X0415/C/24/3341531 Council's ref: ES/22/00549/OPDEV Appeal start date: 2 July 2024 - *Pending consideration*

PL/24/2144/FA App type: Full Application Location: Glebe Field Adjacent To Chenies Baptist Church, Mountwood Farm, Chenies, Rickmansworth, WD3 6ED, Proposal: Change of use of land at Glebe Field to a mixed use of agriculture and dog walking/training. *Parish Council wrote objecting to the application on 12 August 2024. Council have re-written to Bucks planning to withdraw comment on the gateway as a result of further information received confirming it has been in existence for over 10 years*.

PL/24/2859/FA Chiltern Hills Golf Course, Green Street, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, , Proposal: Reconfiguration of existing 9-hole golf course and construction of a golf driving range; construction of green plateau for use as football playing pitches, including 1no. permanent 11v11 football pitch with floodlights; erection of temporary changing facilities; erection of permanent clubhouse; and associated access, landscaping and parking. *PC objected to this application – 16/01/2025*

PL/25/1955/EU App type: Certificate of lawfulness - existing Location: Lodge Farm, Lodge Lane, Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire, HP8 4AH Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing building used for staff day room and emergency overnight accommodation in association with lawful use of the land. *PC objected 04/08/25 Decided – grant operations*.

PL/25/3316/FA 61 Claypits Lane, Chenies, Buckinghamshire, WD3 6EL
Proposal: Construction of 2 x dropped kerbs to form vehicular crossovers on two existing accesses. – PC wrote confirming no objections – 16/10/2025

Graciefields Farm – progress on removal of chicken farm. Cllr MN suggested that the situation in respect of the Gracies Field should be monitored of the following months, with a view to ensuring that the planning decision and its requirements are adhered to by September 2026.

6 Footpaths / Bridleways

Bridleway/bank of river Chess crumbling – bridleway from Mill Farm Barns toward Latimer – MN will report on Buckinghamshire Councils Rights of Way website and will also discuss with PJ – update.

7 Traffic/Highway matters

Update on Village Speedwatch and MVAS – planned speed watch sessions were cancelled due to icy conditions and related health & safety concerns. Speed watch will resume shortly.

Thanks have been passed to Gill Leaper in Chenies Bottom, who has agreed to charge the MVAS unit as and when necessary.

8 Village Crime – Thanks go out to Mark Stepham and team for the setting up of the Chenies Resident Rapid Alert WhatsApp group. This has been gratefully received by a large number of Villagers and is being used sensibly by all.

Anyone not on the group who would like to be added should sent their name and telephone number to clerk@cheniesparishcouncil.gov.uk

9 Bus routes through Chenies – update to be obtained from Cllr C J, Bucks Council.

10 **Chenies School – Slow the Flow** Cllrs Molly Newton & Jackie Sandom attended a Slow the Flow presentation by Chenies Primary School. There was an excellent presentation demonstrating some great initiatives and clear motivation and enthusiasm from the schools young people.

11 **Best Kept Village competition 2026 -** Details will be available in March and Cllr J S will head up the Villages contribution from the Parish Council.

12 **Community Board –** Bucks Councils Community Board have agreed to part fund a project to place an information board on the Greensward opposite the Bedford Arms. The cost is circa £2,000 of which the Village will be required to part fund to the value of £500. The PC are happy to cover this, however Cllr J S will also discuss with trustees from the Chenies Village Community Fund which it is considered may be happy to contribute.

It was suggested that perhaps a second information board could be placed near the seating at the top of Holloway Lane. JS wasn't sure that this was something the Community Board would consider, but will however investigate.

13 **Additional waste bin on Greensward** – Cllr MN will discuss with Bucks Council Local Area Technician (LAT).

14 **Training – website & pc mapping software –** MN will discuss with Martin Walker.

15 **Village information board –** See Community Board above.

16 **River Chess**

Paul Jennings (PJ), Chair of the River Chess Association advised as follows:

- Ground water levels were slowly picking up
- Wild life along the Chess was thriving – lots of variety's of fish, reappearance of Otters, water voles plentiful.
- Working in liaison with local schools
- New water garden project underway

PJ also advise the meeting of the new water pipeline being laid between the Heronsgate Reservior and Bovingdon. As abstraction from chalk stream such as the River Chess was being reduced, there was a requirement for water to be supplied from elsewhere.

The new pipeline will run some 12m underground. The route has been planned and published. Some concern has been raised about the running of the pipeline under Game Keepers Cottage, due to the age of the house and the unknown condition of its foundations. The contractors have taken this on board and are considering an alternative route in this respect.

17 **Updates from Buckinghamshire Council** - None

18 Extension of Conservation area

Cllrs Paddy Smith & Darrell Lewis update the meeting in respect of progress made in this respect. Contact has been had with Latimer Parish Council who were now on board in respect of the extension of the Conservation Area boundaries and had approved joining a working party.

PS & DL had also spoken to the Bucks Council heritage team to discuss in more detail. As a result, the heritage team are now going to obtain a more accurately defined quotation and also supply the contact details of a specialist consultant for more detailed discussion.

It was suggested that conversation should also be had with the National Landscape team. PJ will share details.

Meeting ended: 8:55pm

Dates of future meetings of Chenies Parish Council:

Wed 18 March 2026 Wed 20 May 2026 Wed 15 July 2026 Wed 16 September 2026

Wed 18 November 2026 Annual Parish Meeting - TBA