Meeting of Chenies Parish Council
held in the Sun Room, Chenies Baptist Church
at 8:00pm on Wednesday 18 March 2026.

MINUTES

In attendance:

Cllr Molly Newton, Chair
Cllr Charles MacLeod-Matthews, Vice Chair
Cllr Jackie Sandom
Cllr Paddy Smith
Cllr Darrell Lewis

Cllr Carl Jackson, Buckinghamshire County Council

Paul Messenger, Clerk

Members of the public: 5

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1 Apologies for absence - None

2 Democratic Period

Rev'd John Bishop advised the Council of the Baptist Church plans to start a Youth Group. The Church are looking for assistance with funding.

Concern was raised in respect of Affinity Water's plans to run a pipeline through Chenies Village and also as to its proposed route. The meeting was advised that Affinity Water were open to discussion in respect of its plans and that the Parish Council would monitor developments in this respect. MN agreed to copy CJ into Affinity Water correspondence.

The Council were advised that there were no road signs indicating Chenies Hill.

3 Approval of Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 January 2026 were duly approved.

4 Updates from Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Carl Jackson advised the meeting that Buckinghamshire Councils budget for the next three years had been approved.

The local plan and in particular Buckinghamshire Councils requirement to build 98,500 new homes was discussed. The meeting was advised that Chenies had been identified as an unsuitable site for any development and that the vast majority of the plans for new homes were centred around Aylesbury and Wimslow.

5 Clerks Report

- Grass cutting quote – The grass cutting quote provided by Amersham Town Council was duly approved at £2,982 plus vat for the year (April to September). This was roughly the same price as the last 2 years.

6 Finance

- Bank account was reconciled to 21 February 2026 – Balance: £29,845.38

- The following items were approved for payment;

  Best Kept Village Competition - £25.00
  Parish Online - £43.20
  Paul Messenger – Pay 2025/26 - £1,600
  HMRC – Employers tax/NI - £400
  Paul Messenger – expenses 2025/26 - £216.00
  Chenies Baptist Church – Use of the Sun Room - £150.00
  Chenies Baptist Church – Charity donation toward Youth Group - £150.00
  Bedford Estates – Rent for Village Green - £1.00

- New bank account – slow progress is being made in changing the Parish Councils bank from Santander to Nat West. Further updates to follow.

7 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 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 – Enforcement Notice has been upheld.*

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 - Appeal decision: *Enforcement notice quashed*.

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/25/3316/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

New Applications

PL/26/00861/KA Cherry Trees Claypits Lane Chenies Buckinghamshire WD3 6EH
Proposal: T1 Cedar - Reduce vertically by 2-3 metres and laterally by 2-3 metres. T2 Pittasporum - Reduce by 2-2.5 metres. – *No objections raised*

PL/26/00152/HB Listed Building Consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a listed building. Tudors, Great Green Street Farm, Green Street, Chorleywood, WD3 6EA Proposal: Listed building consent for the proposed removal of existing porch canopy and erection of a new porch canopy to external door on western elevation of house. – *No objections raised*

8 Footpaths / Bridleways

Bridleway/bank of river Chess crumbling – bridleway from Mill Farm Barns toward Latimer – MN to update following enquiries.

The meeting was advise that a tree had fallen over the footpath from Claypits Lane.

9 Traffic/Highway matters

Update on Village Speedwatch and MVAS – the MVAS had been reinstated and the info was to be collated and reviewed. As always, more volunteers are needed.

Road markings – Bedford Close – update – H bars had been chalked in, line painters to follow.

MN advised that Buckinghamshire Highways were intending to come and repair potholes

10 **Bus routes through Chenies** –Cllr C J, Bucks Council advised that there was nothing further that could be done at the current time. There were no plans for Buckinghamshire Council to extend the service and with this in mind the only option would be for a commercial provider – however it was considered unjustifiable due to the potential lack of passengers/useage.

11 **Best Kept Village competition 2026** Preparations were under way with tidy up dates set for 2nd & 23rd May 2026. The school were being encouraged to assist. The next Village newsletter will be distributed in May.

12 **Community Board** – Update on notice board and possible funding from the Chenies Community Fund. Also, update on the possibility of a second notice board. Funding from Bucks Council, following there agreement, has now been invoiced by the Parish Council. Final designs and quotations are being obtained. A Community Fund application has been made for £500 – response awaited.

13 **Additional waste bin on Greensward** – Buckinghamshire Highways have referred to the waste team – MN to chase.

14 **Training – website & pc mapping software –** Thank you to Martin Walker for carrying out training for the Councillors on the website and also PC Mapping Software. MN & JS to carry out an audit of the website.

15 **Chenies Cricket Club** – Events, noise and parking. It was agreed that there were increased activity levels at the Cricket Club, including and increasing number of social functions – all of which were attracting increased noise, congestion and parking. PS to speak to the cricket club to encourage increased communication and consideration of the Village when events are taking place.

16 **River Chess –** No further updates this month. However confirmation of lots of volunteer working groups carrying out a range of tasks.

17 **Extension of Conservation area –** PS is expecting a reduced fee quotation from Buckinghamshire Council. Work is also being done to identify the extent of the different areas to be included.

18 **Claypits Post Box –** MN to send a follow up letter to the Royal Mail

19 **Affinity Water** – Chenies Bottom – Nothing further to report at the current time. See also comments in democratic period above.

20 **Filming on the Green –** PM advised that the Parish Council had received a £500 payment in respect of filming carried out on the Village Green.

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21 **Madges Fields –** Gates & Field shelters – A good relationship has been established with the field owners. Consideration was being given as to where field shelters would be placed – awaiting confirmation.

22 **Kerbstones** – MN is obtaining 3 quotations from Bucks Council approved suppliers/installers in respect of the kerb stones around the Village Green and along Claypits Lane.

Meeting closed @ 9:25pm

Dates of future meetings of Chenies Parish Council:

Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 17 April	Wed 20 May 2026	Wed 15 July 2026
Wed 16 September 2026	Wed 18 November 2026	

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