Annual Meeting of Chenies Parish Council held in the Sun Room, Chenies Baptist Church at 8:00pm on Wednesday 20 May 2026.

MINUTES

In attendance:

Cllr Jackie Sandom
Cllr Molly Newton
Cllr Charles MacLeod Matthews
Cllr Darrell Lewis
Cllr Paddy Smith

David Le Neve Foster, Acting Clerk

Members of the public - Nil

1. Apologies for absence
   Carl Jackson, Buckinghamshire Council
   Paul Messenger, Clerk

2. Election of Chair of the Council
   Molly Newton, having indicated that she was unwilling to stand, proposed Jackie Sandom who was then unanimously elected.

3. Election of Vice Chair of the Council
   Molly Newton proposed Charles Macleod Matthews who was then unanimously elected.

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office
   Jackie Sandom completed and signed the Declaration which was counter-signed by the Acting Clerk.

5. Register of Members Interests
   There were no alterations or additions to be recorded.

6. Allocation of Councillor areas of responsibility
   Councillors agreed to maintain their existing roles as follows:
   Molly Newton –Highways & Speedwatch
   Charles MacLeod Matthews – Vice Chair, Footpaths, Trees & Environment
   Jackie Sandom – Chair, Community Board, Best Kept Village Competition liaison
   Paddy Smith & Darrell Lewis – Planning

7. Countess of Warwick Charity

The Parish Council appointed Trustees are Elizabeth MacLeod Matthews, Teresa Betts, David Le Neve Foster, Camilla Harris. Teresa Betts has stepped down due to ill health and Sandy Homewood, being willing to become a trustee, was duly appointed. Letters of thanks and appointment to be sent by the Clerk. David Whale, The Rector, remains a trustee ex officio.

8. Annual Subscriptions Currently:

The Chiltern Society
Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils
Decided – no changes

9. Deeds & Trust Instruments held by the Council

The lease of the village green was produced. It was noted that the 21 year term ends on1st August 2027 and that it would be prudent to check the terms before approaching The Bedford Estate regarding renewal. The file was handed to Paddy Smith to review and advise.

The Asset Register was produced and after discussion it was agreed that a review of the entries was required - JS & MN to action

10. Democratic Period

No members of the public were present

11. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 18 March 2026

The draft minutes were approved and initialled by the outgoing chairman subject to some minor changes to be agreed with the Clerk before publication. The Annual Report presented at the Annual Parish Meeting was also signed by Molly Newton.

12. Updates from Buckinghamshire Council

None provided

13. Clerks Report

None provided

14. Finance –

Reconciliation of bank account to 21 April 2026 – Balance: £32,781.20
Checked and initialled by the chairman

The following Payments were approved and cheques signed:

Gallagher Insurance – Council insurance renewal - £607.87
Donato Cinicolo – Refurb of Village sign - £74.00
Martin Walker – replace broken window (mowing damage) - £80.00
Castle Water – Tap on the Village Green - £44.15
Studio Beam Ltd – Information sign design - £505.00

Payment of £1,456 was received from Bucks Council in respect of their contribution to the new Village Information Board

The first of two Precept payments of £3,250 was received from Buckinghamshire Council

New bank account to be chased by PM

15. 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 appealed and 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 – awaiting decision.

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. Decided – Permission refused.

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 – decided, conditional permission granted.

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 – decided TPO shall not be made.

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 – awaiting decision.

NB After discussion some of the above are decided and should be removed from this list. Others are historic and enquiries should be made of the Planning Department to establish the current position

New Applications

PL/26/01945/FA The Keep 100 Lodge Lane Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP8 4AH Proposal: Part-single/part-two storey rear extension, roof alterations and a single storey outbuilding.
Letter of 'No objection' to be sent

PL/26/02420/EU Lodge Farm Lodge Lane Little Chalfont Buckinghamshire HP8 4AH Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing boundary fencing comprising timber posts, wire mesh and artificial ivy screening along the site boundary
Noted

PL/26/03016/TP The Lodge Village Road Chenies Buckinghamshire WD3 6ER Proposal: T1 (Hawthorn) - Fell and T2 (Cherry) - Crown reduction by 1-2m
Letter of 'No objection' to be sent

PL/26/01887/FA Mirabel 3 Phillips Hill Cottages Old Shire Lane Chorleywood WD3 5PN Proposal: Construction of a rear swim spa with a gazebo
Clerk to gather e-mail responses from Councillors and draft a letter to Planning

PL/26/02708/TP Land East Of Claypits Lane Chenies Buckinghamshire Proposal: Mixed (G2) - Prune back this group of trees by up to 2m from the road, to a height of approximately 7.6m. The proposed works are required to reduce the risk of branch drop or tree failure onto the road, vehicles, or members of the public. Clearance is also necessary to prevent high-sided or taller vehicles from striking overhanging branches and to maintain safe, unobstructed access along this route. **No objection however Charles Macleod Matthews to meet Mr Madge to discuss the extent of these works**

16. Footpaths / Bridleways

New footpath signs have been installed by the Cricket Club and by the Red Lion. Others are to follow. The chairman is set to meet representatives from The Chiltern National Landscape to discuss better signage routes to The Chess Valley Walk to and from the village.

The Chair is in discussion with Laura Silverstone, National Chiltern Landscape, who has obtained funding to add Chess Valley Walk directional signage to/from Chenies Village down to the Chess Valley Walk. A path survey is to be conducted in next few weeks to plan this signage which the Chair will participate in.

17. Traffic/Highway matters

Update on Village Speedwatch and MVAS
New volunteers are always welcome for Speedwatch.
Data proving difficult to download from the MVAS
A new Local Area Technician has been appointed and a meeting needs to be scheduled
A further quote is being obtained for re-kerbing/kerbing sections around the green and Claypits Lane

18. Best Kept Village competition 2026

A village tidy up took place on 2nd May which was well attended by residents, a further session is scheduled for 23rd May. The Village School children assisted with litter picking & tidying up at St Michaels. They also designed posters which will be displayed in the Village to help promote the BKV message. With thanks to the Bedford Arms for sponsoring the prizes. The newly formed Youth Club at the Chenies Baptist Church helped with the tidy up too.

Blue Diamond had presented a voucher to the value of £125 for plants.

19. Community Board

The PC reviewed the final design for the Information Board which will be installed on the Greensward opposite the Bedford Arms in mid June. This project has been funded by the Community Board at Buckingham Council (75%) and the Parish Council (25%). The board will share the story of our local heritage and provide information about the River Chess, its unique wildlife and walks to be enjoyed. The Parish Council thank Paul Jennings for his contribution to its design.

20. Additional waste bin on Greensward near the Cricket Club –

Delivery promised but subject to delay

21. Chenies Cricket Club

No reports

22. River Chess

David Le Neve Foster reported that the Chesham STW's newly commissioned £20m phosphate stripping plant had recently failed due to chemical supply issues caused by the Iran/US conflict. Increased phosphate in the river causes high algal and plant growth adversely affecting the river environment. This was discovered by citizen scientist volunteers during routine monitoring rather than information provided by Thames Water. A fix is being worked on.

23. Extension of Conservation area

Slow progress is being made. Currently awaiting a meeting with Latimer PC

24. Madges Fields –

Nothing to report but see New Planning Applications above.

25. Kerbstones

As 17. Above

26. Replacement of Notice Board

After an inconclusive discussion councillors agree to look at the board again before making a decision. An enclosed board was not considered necessary.

Dates of future meetings of Chenies Parish Council:

Wed 15 July 2026 Wed 16 September 2026 Wed 18 November 2026

The dates were noted and agreed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45