

CHACOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 1st September 2025** at **7pm** at Chacombe Village Hall

Present: Cllr Wright, Cllr Merrow-Smith, Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Williams, Cllr Tustian.

In attendance – 3 members of the public, Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman Cllr Williams chaired the meeting.

30) Public Time from 7-7:15pm - A resident advised that the recycling centre in Farthinghoe are going to be clamping down on what items you can leave at the recycling centre and he is concerned that this may result in more flytipping. They will also require users to book to visit the recycling centre. The Parish Council (PC) hasn't received any information about this so it was agreed that **the Clerk should verify the information and publish the new guidance on the PC website and village website to ensure residents are aware.** The resident also raised concerns about the damage Thames Water vehicles are doing to Beanfurlong and surrounding areas. The resident will report the issue on Fixmystreet but he would like the PC to try to stop Thames Water causing damage in the first place. It was also noted that the vehicles are sometimes going to the wrong place and are entering Bridge Lake Farm. It was agreed that **Cllr Taylor should be asked to speak to his contact at Thames Water about this.**

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7:07pm.

Cllr Wright joined the meeting at 7:07pm.

Samantha Fawcett from Chacombe Park Care Home advised the PC that they have a new room which is available for members of the public to hire. They have an open day coming up on 30th September. A Cllr asked if the home has their own defibrillator. Samantha advised that they don't.

A member of the public left the meeting at 7:14pm.

31) Apologies – Apologies received from – Cllr Taylor. Apologies accepted – None.

32) Declaration of interests on items on the agenda – None.

33) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 07.07.25 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

34) Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- a) Status of defibrillators – Both are active.
 - i) School site
 - ii) The Ring
- b) Website content – The required updates noted at the last meeting have been completed. It was agreed that this item should be taken off future agendas. Discussions were held about whether there are other ways to get information to residents that might be more effective than the website such as a Facebook page, or a WhatsApp group. It was agreed to **put this as an item on the next agenda.**
- c) Update re Cllr Jenkins getting access to online banking – It was agreed that it is no longer necessary for Cllr Jenkins to be added to the mandate so this item should now be taken off the agenda.

35) To consider request from parishioner to consider repairing or replacing the noticeboards in the parish – There are some grant schemes that may be able to help fund new noticeboards but it was agreed that

in the first instance the current state of all noticeboards, along with their current usage should be considered before deciding whether to consider seeking funding for replacements. **All Cllrs to have a look at all of the noticeboards before the next meeting to allow further discussion. Clerk to contact HS2 to see if they would fund replacement noticeboards if required.**

36) Planning applications received

2025/2673/LBC – Poplars Farm, 19 Silver Street, Chacombe. Amendments to fenestration designs and link roof to existing approval WNS/2021/1874/LBC. **Support.** (Response made using delegated powers).

Planning decisions received

2025/2060/LBC – Sundial Cottage, 1 Wesley Place, Chacombe. Listed building consent to replace asbestos tiles with slate tiles. **Approved.**

37) To confirm the supplier appointed for the electricity contract for streetlighting – It was agreed that Ecotricity has been instructed on a 3 year contract.

38) Finance

- a) Approval of the bank statement balances as at 27.08.25 of £126.38 and £26,846.40 – Cllr Williams confirmed the balances stated are correct.
- b) To note and approve the following payments and receipts:

Payments made since last meeting using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

30.06.25	Unity Bank	Account fee	£6.00
31.07.25	Unity Bank	Account fee	£6.00
27.08.25	Complete Ground Management Ltd	Grass cutting June	£515.40
27.08.25	Complete Ground Management Ltd	Grass cutting July	£409.80
27.08.25	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office August	£649.43
27.08.25	HMRC	Tax and NI August	£55.88

Receipts: Noted.

30.06.25	Unity Bank	Interest	£140.86
02.07.25	WNC	Grass cutting contribution	£820.53
22.08.25	National Grid	Wayleave	£64.53

39) Information exchange – The appeal for Huscote Farm has been dismissed. The dog waste bin outside Berry Close has been knocked over. **Clerk to chase contractor to complete repair.** Questions were raised about the condition of some of the benches on Berry Close. **Clerk to contact Cllr Taylor to request information about the plans for the benches.** The PC has been contacted by a member of the CPRE advising that they believe the PC should have been consulted on the Hanwell Solar Farm planning application due to some of the cabling needing to be installed in Chacombe. **Clerk to contact West Northants Council (WNC) to ask if the PC should have been consulted.** It was suggested that the PC could consider purchasing some adult outdoor exercise equipment that could be installed around the Chacombe Park site (subject to approval from Chacombe Park) to encourage local use of the area. **Clerk to obtain some prices for equipment and put on the next agenda for consideration.**

Meeting closed @ 8:08pm.

Date of next meeting – 6th October 2025

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