

CHACOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Monday 6th January 2025** at **7pm** at Chacombe Village Hall

Present: Cllr Tustian, Cllr Lester, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Jenkins.

In attendance – 0 members of the public, Clerk.

72) Public Time from 7-7:15pm – None.

73) Apologies – Apologies received - Cllr Williams and Cllr Wright. Apologies accepted – None.

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

75) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 02.12.24 – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

76) Outstanding matters/actions from previous meetings

- a) Status of defibrillators – Both defibrillators have been checked and are active.
 - i) School site
 - ii) The Ring
- b) Website updates – Defer to next meeting.
- c) Update re Cllr Jenkins getting access to online banking – Defer to next meeting.
- d) Consideration of dates to hold a public session for Defibrillator and CPR Training – The Clerk contacted St John Ambulance in December and they advised they would send a list of dates over but no further communication has been received so the Clerk has chased this today. Cllr Taylor has spoken to the headteacher of the Primary School and they may be able to let the Parish Council (PC) use their hall to run the session and advertise the session to parents.

77) Recent flooding issues in the parish after Storm Bert – There have been a number of parishioners who have suffered damaged to their homes (around 14 properties) after Storm Bert with some parishioners needing to be out of their houses for at least 6 months. It is believed the reason for the flooding was a combination of the sheer volume of water that came in a short period of time and the drains in the area not being sufficiently clear to take the volume of water off the roads. A meeting has taken place in Chacombe between Cllr Taylor and some parishioners, a representative of WNC, and District Cllr Breese. The WNC representative is now referring the issues from Chacombe and other neighbouring villages to someone more senior at WNC along with Highways and Thames Water and they are planning on coming out to the village again in the next few days to consider possible remedial actions.

78) Recent Sewage Plant Damage after Storm Darragh – Thames Water had to start tankering out the sewage as storm damage meant the plant needed significant repairs before it could get up and running again. There were some complaints from parishioners about excess mud on the roads from the tankers so Cllr Taylor contacted Thames Water and they arranged some road clearing. It is believed the plant damage has now been repaired.

79) To consider a response to the government's consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England – The councillors went through the consultation questions and agreed the **PC responses to be submitted by the Clerk.**

80) Planning Applications received - None

Planning decisions received - None

81) Finance

- a) Approval of the bank statement balances as at 30.12.24 of £290.84 and £27,983.40 – Cllr Taylor confirmed the balances stated are correct.
- b) To confirm completion of a quarterly asset inspection and agree any actions required – Cllr Williams has completed his check and raised an issue with a bench on the Berry Close field which is now being looked at by the Berry Close Committee.
- c) To agree budget and resulting precept for the 2025-26 financial year – It was proposed and agreed to set a budget of £22,883.50 resulting in a precept of £20,348 with the difference being funded by income. **Clerk to submit precept demand.**
- d) To note and approve the following payments and receipts:

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

30.11.24	Unity Bank	Account fee	£6.00
02.12.24	SSE	Streetlighting Oct 24	£66.04
18.12.24	Andrew Taylor	Refreshments for Christmas meeting	£10.50
18.12.24	E-on	Quarterly street lighting maintenance	£79.20
18.12.24	Kirsty Buttle	Salary and office Dec	£583.44
18.12.24	HMRC	Tax Dec	£10.40

Receipts: Noted.

04.12.24	WNC	Grass cutting grant	£820.53
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82) Information exchange – None.

Meeting closed @ 8:47pm

Date of next meeting – 3rd March 2025

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