

CHELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CHELWOOD VILLAGE HALL, CHELWOOD
ON THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllrs Julie Glynn (Chair), Pat Harrison, Lucy Sherborne, Peter Jone and Alex Scholfield;
also in attendance Cllr Sam Ross and Alan Butcher (Clerk)

25/09/1 - Apologies for absence. None.

25/09/2 - Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

25/09/3 - Public Participation:

The Chairman will adjourn the meeting and allow a maximum of 15 minutes for public participation on matters included on the agenda only. No members of the public were present.

- i) Police report – No report received.
- ii) Report from Ward Councillor: Cllr Ross reported on the following –
The Local Plan Options document would now be published in early October; she advised that a number of open events were planned and noted a meeting in Farmborough on 21st October. She noted that the current situation with the existing Local Plan was resulting in a number of speculative PIP planning applications.
The Frys Bottom enforcement appeal would be taking place on 17th September 2025. She noted concerns about the slippery surface in Frys Bottom Lane and was taking the matter up with Highways. Councillors reported that Fix My Street appeared to have rejected several posts about the problem although one may have gone forward for action. It was suggested that the matter should be reported again.
Concern was expressed about the ineffectiveness of the mechanical road sweeper which traversed the village on regular occasions, especially the debris which collected either side of Chelwood Bridge.

25/09/4 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2025 be agreed and signed as a true record. This was so agreed and the minutes signed by the Chairman.

25/09/5 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) No applications were received before the publication of this agenda.
- ii) Update on Frys Bottom Wood appeal. See /3ii above.

25/09/6 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Highways matters:
Flooding on A368, Fry.s Bottom Lane and other locations. There had been no recent flooding incidents.
Slippery road surfaces in Frys Bottom Lane. See /3ii above.
- ii) Matters relating to the Village Hall. Grants were being sought for a solar installation.
- iii) Audio system for the village hall. The clerk advised that this could be achieved for around £150 but was unsure of the exact equipment required. Cllr Ross offered to seek advice.
- iv) B&NES Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Document Consultation. See/3ii above.
- v) B&NES Election recharge proposals. The possible charges for elections was noted.
- vi) B&NES speed limit changes. This was now in place; a number of initial problems were highlighted, such problems should be raised on Fix My Street.
- vii) Village hall bus stop renovation. This was in hand.

25/09/7 - Financial:

- i) Clerks expenses for June, July and August 2025. £157.21. This was agreed and a cheque raised.
- ii) Krystal Hosting domain and hosting invoices (£93.59 included in i) above)
- iii) NALC Clerks salary increase from 1st April 2025- this was agreed and an amended letter for the Standing Order signed. A small amount of back pay was included in i) above.
- iv) HMRC Tax payment. £81.00. This was agreed and a cheque raised.
- v) It was agreed to add Cllr Scholfield as a bank signatory.

25/09/8 - Matters of Report

No matters were raised and the meeting closed at 8.05pm

25/09/9 - Date and Time of Future Parish Council Meetings.

Thursday 4th December 2025
Thursday 5th February 2026
Thursday 2nd April 2026
Thursday 28th May 2026 (Annual PC Meeting)
Meetings commence at 7.30pm

Alan Butcher.

Parish Clerk.

16th September 2025

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