

Minutes of Chevington Parish Council Meeting
Held on
Thursday 23 July 2026
Commencing at 19.00pm in the Village Hall Chevington.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mark Shurety [Chair], Jeremy White, Peter Keegan, Jamie Robertson, Alastair Mc Cormack, Peter Bleeze and the Parish Clerk. County Councillor Beccy Hopfensperge & District Councillor Mike Chester attended to present their reports

1. The Chair, Councillor Shurety welcomed all to the meeting, reminding those in attendance of the fire safety procedure and announced that proceedings may be filmed or recorded.
2. Apologies were received and approved from Cllr St Clair Roberts **RESOLVED 26/07/02**
3. The Election of Vice Chair for 2026/27 had been previously deferred and following a brief discussion Cllr St Clair Roberts was elected in her absence **RESOLVED 26/07/03**
4. The Chair invited the Declaration of Members' Interests & reminded Councillors of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests. No interests declared or dispensations requested
5. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 18 June 2026** were received and confirmed are a true record and duly signed by the Chair of the meeting. **RESOLVED 26/07/05**
6. **Public participation ~ not required**
7. District Councillor Mike Chester
 - Attended a RBL event
 - Attended the Performance audit & scrutiny committee and picked up an initiative of WSDC to finance village halls with solar panels and battery storage, three projects have been completed
 - There had been a few problems with the new bin collections but these are being resolved.
 - Work on refurbishment of WSDC owned buildings continues
 - Local plan has a consultation running
8. County Councillor Beccy Hopfensperger gave an update on
 - RAF Barnham in that WSDC had resolved that this was not a suitable location for asylum seekers. There are 3 proposals for the government to consider but they have extra powers to override approved proposals and could be a long process.
 - WSDC also resolved that any Forest City planning application to come forward should be through the Local Plan route as a democratic right and not be by passed for a decision by government without due process. East Cambs and WS have a memorandum of cooperation on Forest City and there are similar cross border 'agreements'
 - SCC 'undeclared' a Climate Emergency but will still carry on with 'Environmental stewardship' with practical solutions and scrutiny **ACTION BC** to send amendment to CPC
 - Hose pipe bans and exemptions

Both Cllrs Hopfensperger & Chester left the meeting

9. Action points and matters arising from previous meetings that are not on the agenda

[a] the clerk advised that

- letters to residents re vegetation were to be hand delivered to properties of concern.
- The External Audit has been completed subject to public rights
- More detail required for replacement bin as previously discussed
- A number of matters related to burials had been dealt with
- Distribution of news, media was brought to the council's attention and requested permission to access Facebook

[b] councillors ~ all matters were on the agenda

10. [a] Planning application/s to consider a consultee comment [*planning links are included] ~ on each application ~ none

[b] Planning application Decisions to note

Non - material amendment to **DC/25/2018/VAR-** alterations to proposed stock barns | Hollybush House Weathercock Hill Chevington Suffolk IP29 5RG **APPROVED**

DCON(A)/25/2018 | Application to part discharge conditions 17 (refuse - phase 2), condition 21 (materials), condition 25 (soft landscaping), condition 27 (hard landscaping), condition 29 (landscape management plan), condition 31 (sustainable construction phase 2), condition 38 (lighting details) of application DC/25/2018/VAR | Hollybush House Weathercock Hill Chevington Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 5RG **PARTLY APPROVED**

11. Governance ~ The clerk explained the reasons and detail of the draft scheme of delegation for the Clerk/RFO which councillors approved **RESOLVED 26/07/11**

12. Finance & Accounts Year Ending 2026/27

[a] CPC reviewed the financial report against budget to date, noted bank balance of £10178.17 in the current account and £18843.77 savings account which agreed with the bank reconciliation which was signed. No problems reported with online banking

[b] CPC approved payments listed below **RESOLVED 26/07/12b**

[c] To discuss banking arrangements ~Signature details have been amended and process commenced again

CHEQ#	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NET	V.A.T	GROSS	NOTES/AUTHO
001074	McGregor Services	Grass cutting	85.00	17.00	102.00	MS/PB
001075	Ms S Beckett	Salary July	397.40		397.40	MS/PB
001076	Ms S Beckett	Mileage expenses April – July	51.70		51.70	MS/PB
001077	Ms S Beckett	Salary advance August	300.00		300.00	MS/PB

13. Defibrillator checks completed by Cllr White and confirmed on Webnos system by Clerk.

The battery and pads are due to expire in 2027 the clerk has been advised by Community Heartbeat trust to order in early February. Charge is covered by subscription **RESOLVED 26/07/13** CPC briefly discussed the advice of the locations for a defibrillator but other than the Pub it would be difficult to suggest a further location

14. To receive an update of the Housing Needs Survey [HNS] Cllrs Robertson and White reported that there was no further update **ACTION JR/JW** to chase if no update by beginning of August

15. **To discuss use of Vehicle Activated Sign [VAS]** ~ Cllr Shurety reported that he had spoken to the resident about the difficulties related to monitoring the speed of vehicles through the village, highlighting the issues as discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed that the unit would be moved as often as circumstances allow recognising that it does assist to control speed. Cllrs offered to assist as and when mutually available **RESOLVED 26/07/15**
16. **To discuss cleaning of the War Memorial**~ deferred
17. **CPC discussed the draft Remembrance Wreath Removal Policy**~ with two amendments to add at CPC's discretion removal after 30 days [meaning they could stay longer if in good order] and remove the June reference the policy was approved **RESOLVED 26/07/17**
ACTION to send to Magazine and add to Church noticeboard
18. **To discuss refurbishment of Notice Board at x roads** ~ This remains a concern **ACTION** Cllr Bleeze to chase. The Clerk reported difficulties with Parish noticeboard by Village Hall as no support to keep the 'door' open **ACTION** Cllr Keagan would check.
19. **Items for the next agenda** ~ land available for sale in Village, look at local plan [settlement boundary, green spaces, call for sites] Queens Lane building, bench in burial ground
20. The next Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 10 September 2026 at 7.00pm
21. Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at **20.20 pm**

..... Chairman.

Signed as a true record and **RESOLVED** to approve on 10 September 2026.

NB: Deeds for the village hall and the burial ground can be found at Greene & Greene Solicitors in Bury St Edmunds
VILLAGE WEBSITE CAN BE FOUND ON: - <https://chevingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

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