

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT CHAPPEL & WAKES COLNE VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.00 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. S. Chamley
Present: Cllrs. P. Dent, N. Ingram, N. Lippiatt, P. Neubauer
Clerk: Mrs. H. Cook
Also Present Two members of the public & Cllrs Sunnucks & Naylor

26/023	<u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm. Cllr Cox sent her apologies due to family commitments.
26/024	<u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> No interests were declared.
26/025	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST</u> A resident spoke about the Village Hall and gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Village Hall AGM had been held ❖ Seven members now formed the committee ❖ A new grit bin had been installed. Cllr Sara Naylor spoke briefly on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Being the Conservative candidate to stand in the next County Council Elections, due to Cllr Lewis Barber stepping down. ❖ Currently a City Councillor for Lexden & Braiswick and Deputy Conservative Colchester Leader. ❖ Wanting to understand local issues prior to the Elections. Cllr Neubauer praised Cllr Barber’s work with the Parish Council, with regard to local rural issues, such as housing, traffic and issues on the A1124. Item 26/027 was brought forward while Cllr Sunnucks arrived.
26/027 26015	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES</u> RESOLVED that the minutes from Monday 12th January 2026 were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.
26/026	<u>WARD & COUNTY COUNCILLORS TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS IF PRESENT</u> <i>WARD COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SUNNUCKS / COUNTY COUNCILLOR LEWIS BARBER</i> Cllr Sunnucks raised the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Colchester City Council currently working on next year’s budget.
26/028	<u>UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> It was noted that these applications were discussed out of order. 3) PLANNING APPLICATION: 242081. BROOM HOUSE FARM, COLCHESTER ROAD, CHAPPEL, CO6 2AF. (NOVEMBER 2024) – NO DECISION – EXTENSION OF TIME X 6. – The Clerk had chased and a decision was imminent. 2) PLANNING APPLICATION: 250577. LAND OFF OAK ROAD, CHAPPEL. PROPOSED EARTH WORKS (RETROSPECTIVE). (MARCH 2025) – APPROVED CONDITIONAL. The decision had been made by the Planning Committee. It was noted that the applicant

26002	<p>will be advised to make a new application for the proposed building.</p> <p>1) PLANNING APPLICATION: 252401. LAND EAST OF CHAPPEL HILL, CHAPPEL, COLCHESTER. (DECEMBER 2025) – NO DECISION.</p> <p>It was confirmed that Cllr Barber confirmed that he had raised the Parish Council’s concern regarding Highway Speed on this stretch of road with Officers. It was noted that an application of this scale would be called in to the Planning Committee for decision.</p>
<p>26/029</p> <p>26016</p> <p>26017</p>	<p><u>LOCAL PLAN</u></p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the Joint Parish Statement.</p> <p>RESOLVED to place the Joint Parish Statement and the Parish Council response to the Local Plan on the Chappel Parish Council website.</p>
26/030	<p><u>HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY</u></p> <p>The housing needs survey was now closed and a good response had been received. The data would now be analysed and would appear in the June/July Village Reporter.</p>
26/031	<p><u>VILLAGE GREEN</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Parish Council do not own the land so was limited to what could be done to stop parking. Cllrs agreed to look into an application for Asset Community Value.</p> <p>26018 RESOLVED to stop cutting the Village Green, in order to discourage parking on the Village Green.</p>
26/032	<p><u>VEHICLE SPEED THROUGH THE VILLAGE</u></p> <p>Cllr Dent confirmed that it had been difficult to carry out speed watch due to volunteer availability and weather conditions.</p> <p>Cllr Dent raised the issue with Cllr Naylor regarding not getting permission to put a SID on Rose Green especially as Speed Watch and Police stand in this exact spot. He also mentioned the speed, visibility and narrow roads from Great Tey to the chicane.</p>
26/033	<p><u>SHOPPER BUS</u></p> <p>Cllrs discussed the email received from a Councillor in Eight Ash Green regarding extending the Monday Shopper Bus Service to residents in Chappel. Cllrs discussed wanting to support the local shop but also wanting to give residents services and options. It was agreed to discuss this at the March meeting when further information was obtained from the Eight Ash Green Councillor.</p>
26/034	<p><u>PLAY AREA – FUNDING</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she would continue to work on the Enover funding and would circulate this prior to the February deadline.</p>
26/035	<p><u>NETWORK RAIL</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that they had been contacted and she was waiting for a response from the local team. The item would be brought back next month.</p>
26/036	<p><u>FINANCIAL MATTERS</u></p> <p>1) FINANCIAL STATEMENT.</p> <p>The seven invoices including the Clerks’ Salary and Pension were circulated to vet and agree. As per appendix A.</p> <p>26019 RESOLVED that after further consideration the seven payments detailed on the schedule be authorised for payment.</p> <p>2) MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION</p>

	No items raised.
26/037	<u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u> All correspondence had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.
26/038	<u>CHAIRMAN & CLERK’S REPORT</u> The blocked drains near the chicane had been reported to Essex Highways. It was noted that three drains on the A1124 were also blocked the Clerk agreed to report these.
26/039	<u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS</u> Community Value Asset Keeping the area under the viaduct clear. Water on the A1124 near the allotments Shopper bus Housing needs survey
26/040	<u>CO-OPTION</u> It was noted that one vacancy remains, no applications have been received.
26/041 26020	<u>MOTION</u> RESOLVED to exclude the public and press due to discussing personal data in item 26/042.
26/042 26021 26022	<u>ALLOTMENT PLOT</u> RESOLVED to write to the tenant of plot 9 & 10 confirming the discussions held with Cllrs Chamley & Neubauer at the on-site meeting on the 16th January. The letter would give a deadline for clearing the site back to a horticultural state. RESOLVED to turn back the allotment water on the 1st March rather than the 31st March as requested by an allotment plot holder.
	Cllr Chamley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 9 th March 2026, at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Signed:..... Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 9th March 2026.

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Appendix A

Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
23/01/2026	PAYE	HMRC	21.07	0.00	21.07
09/02/2026	Expenses	H Cook	28.78	0.00	28.78
09/02/2026	Play Area Maintenance	B & M Bargains	16.63	3.33	19.96
09/02/2026	Room Hire - Meeting	Chappel & Wakes Colne Village Hall	33.00	0.00	33.00
09/02/2026	Tree Maintenance	Stour Valley Trees Services Ltd	700.00	0.00	700.00
27/02/2026	Clerk's Salary	H Cook	526.83	0.00	526.83
27/02/2026	Clerk's Pension	Essex Pension Fund	171.37	0.00	171.37