

CHINNOR PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT: Cllr's Ashdown, Dixon, Edwards, Gray, **Mackenzie**, Minter, Portnall, Sarai, Webb and Wright.

Staff: Liz Folley and Sue Atkins

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** held on Monday 17th February 2025 at 7.00pm in the Main Function Room, Community Pavilion, Station Road.

Clerk informed the members that due to a technical error the agenda had not been posted on the website within the stated timeframe as specified in The Local Government Act 1972. However, notice of all council meetings with the times and place are displayed in all the Public Notice Boards. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the meeting should proceed.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr Minter
Also noted from D.Cllr Ali Gordon Creed
2. **Declarations of Interest** –Nothing Declared
3. **Public Questions** – 2 members of public present no questions raised.
4. **County and District Council Reports**
Reports were previously circulated on receipt and are available on the website
Cllr Nigel Champken-Woods stated that he would chase the officers regarding the Thame Road Parking situation. Nigel stated that he is retiring and will not attend any more parish council meetings. He will be available on email until the May elections. The chair thanked Nigel for all of his work.
The greenway from Haddenham to Thame has been agreed and may be of interest to Chinnor
Cllr Sadler confirmed that the County Council elections will be taking place in May.
5. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
IT WAS RESOLVED that, the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th January 2025 were accepted and signed by the chair
6. **Minutes of Committees:** the Minutes of the following meetings were noted
 - a) HR Committee 27.01.25
 - b) Planning Committee 10.02.25
7. **Proposals/Reports from Committees & Councillors**
 - 7.1 Report on SODC grant application from Cllr Dixon. 3k has been awarded towards the clearance of land at Greenwood Avenue Further quotes are required.
 - 7.2 Update on Skatepark proposals from Cllr Gray. 6 tenders have been received however the suggested build has come out much smaller than expected. Therefore, the tenders have been asked what would be available for a 220k budget which is 70k extra. Tenders to be reviewed
IT WAS RESOLVED that the maximum budget for the skate park project is increased to 220k with an aim to attract grants.
 - 7.3 To agree a quote for works at St Andrews Play Area. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that further quotes are required.
Members informed that an email has been received from a resident requesting that council consider the change of use in this area to an allotment to support

families to grow their own food. Notice has been given to SOHA, allotment plots are available at the Station Road site and therefore no further consideration would be given for alternative use at Upper Fields.

7.4 To agree a quote for the tree works at White's Field, the expected quotes have not arrived so unable to give this matter consideration at this time.

7.5 To consider Ecology Quotes for the planning application at Old Kiln Lakes
IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the quote from Cherry Field Ecology at the cost of £2717

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 The Big Lunch – information regarding how it works & could be used for a VE Day celebration. A discussion took place, and it was agreed to see if another organisation is interested in a joint effort to facilitate.

8.2 August Bank Holiday events update – it was noted that the council is waiting for confirmation from the Beer Festival Committee regarding their usage.

Date of Next Meeting: 17th March 2025

Chair.....Date.....