

# Chirton & Conock Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting

held at The Old School, Chirton

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.15pm

*Susannah Lampard, Clerk to the Council: [clerk@Chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@Chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk)*

The public and press were invited to attend this meeting via notice boards and on Chirton PC Website <https://www.chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk>

**Present:** Phillippa Radford-Howes, Chair (PRH), Tim Burgess (Vice-Chair (TB), Gerald Lanfear (GL), Jennifer Kinch (JK), Emma Braithwaite (EB).

**Attendees:** Susannah Lampard (Clerk)  
Sharon Prance (RFO).  
Paul Oatway (Cllr P.O)  
1 Member of the Parish

- 127 Chair opens the meeting and welcomes Councillors and attendees.
- 128 Apologies for absence – Caroline Allsop (CA),
- 129 Receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensation - none received.
- 130 Proposal for Co-option of new Parish Councillors. The question of a new Councillor to be agreed at next meeting due to absence.
- 131 Receive and approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The prepared Minutes of Parish Council Meeting were confirmed as a true representation of the meeting held and signed by the Chair.
- 132 **Planning Applications**
- Footprint of development at Manor Farm  
PO spoke about an initial site meeting with the owner regarding his intentions around the farm yard. The chair cited our NDP and expressed concerns on behalf of the community that further potential development of the village to the rear of Manor Farm, would not be supported, in order that the character of the village is preserved and of particular concern is the lack of infrastructure to service further development and an increased potential risk for flooding. It has also been noted that a fence-line, when added exceeds the original footprint of the cowsheds.
  - Discussion of previous meeting; minutes of PC Objection submitted re. PL/2025/05865 Manor Farm, 17 The Street, Chirton, Devizes, SN10 3QS  
Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling, conversion of existing barn into single dwelling, and sub-division & extension of 'Owls Barn' to create two separate dwellings; with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space & access arrangements. Removal of existing structures/walls. PO was invited to talk on the subject of the PC's submission of objections. Cllr PO has recently been approached to assist with the development of the 3 dwellings, which has been acknowledged but not acted upon. The heat pump application is also felt to be inappropriate.
  - Any Late Planning Applications. None
- 133 Paul Oatway Local Authority updates.  
The new administration and their policies are cause for his concern, for example the possible introduction of wind turbines around Wiltshire. A sustainable re-wilding plan around Swindon which Cllr Oatway hopes includes engagement with the local farming community. Waste and household recycling may be reduced to a three weekly service and the introduction of food waste also three weekly, he sees as a problem especially in summer. Also for access to the recycling centres, we may be told to book online only. 2 re-cycling centres Purton and Compton Bassett

were due to be closed without consultation. Devolution is back on the agenda, the strategy is linked with Police reform and boundaries and the area to be named The Heart of Wessex will link us with Dorset, Somerset, Bournemouth and Poole and an overarching Mayors Office for the region.

- EB requested any further information on the historic cart-track/Bridleway at Conock and the aim to gain designation to use this to ride a horse to Chirton; having been granted permission by Conock Manor who own part of the bridleway, owners should be aware of their liabilities. PO will arrange with Cllr E.B to discuss further.

134 Representations from Members of the Public, for any items not listed.  
Matters Arising/Outstanding from previous Meetings

- LHFIFG – TB will attend the next meeting. Matter of road markings - MS Agenda
- Dog waste bin emptying schedule and inventory of numbered bins. – TB was able to meet with the provider to assign numbers for the bins and gain firm agreement that bins are emptied fortnightly.
- School traffic and behaviour towards villagers has become an even worse issue unfortunately for School on top of their commitments to teaching and running the school.
- Thanks to local Andrew Miller – who has been out and cleared grits in the village and shovelling out ditches in Small Street.

135 FINANCE

- a) Approve Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation statements January 2026
  - i) Community account - £3,254.26
  - ii) Savings account - £28,465.33
- b) Approve Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation statement January 2026
  - i) Parish Hall Account - £11,01.40
- c) New Invoices to be agreed

Supplier	Description	Net	Vat	Total
Tactical Facilities	Dog bins - January	£ 29.25	£5.85	£ 35.10
Staff	Jan 26 Wages	£ 261.94		£ 340.06
Lloyds	Bank charges	£ 4.25		£ 4.25
IONOS	Website Feb 26	£ 20.50	£4.10	£ 24.60
Plusnet	Bband - repay SL	£ 13.00		£ 13.00
Chirton Primary	Use of School Hall	£ 500.00		£500.00

HMRC	M11 PAYE	£ 40.60		£ 40.60
Combine Bus	Bus Hire Repay TB	£ 15.00		£ 15.00
		<b>£884.54</b>	<b>£9.95</b>	<b>£ 972.61</b>

d) Proposed: TB, Seconded: PRH, Agreed.

e) Budget & EMRs - 44% of budget spent to end January 26tAgree distribution of Charity funds £450

- Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution - £100
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance - £150
- 2 families in the village to be asked for a chosen charity donation in memory of Sheila Davies and Glad Alderson.

Proposed: TB, Seconded: PRH, Agreed.

f) Quotations

- for Benches – SL
- GL – to cut back hedges on footpath to Village Hall.

136 NPD - WC response as to appropriate approach by the PC to:

- Confirm whether the adopted Wiltshire Local Plan position has changed since our Local Plan was made in 2018
- Whether Wiltshire Council agrees to use the material updates modification process.
- Proportional approach by the PC to update 7 of 9 Policies that are no longer fully aligned with current policy, to be circulated and reviewed as fit for purpose and re-adopted.
- Extra Steering Group Committee Meeting is proposed for 3rd March 2026 - TB and CA to invite members.

137 The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

138 Chair Closes Meeting at 20:56

Susannah Lampard

Clerk to The Parish Council Chirton & Conock

Agreed and Signed:..... Dated: .....

Phillippa Radford-Howes - Chair