

CHAFFCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Chaffcombe Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Those present:	Apologies	In Attendance
Mrs M Butler (Chair)	Mr Tony Gray (PPLO)	3 Members of the public
Mrs G Wills (Vice Chair)	Mrs S Osborne (Somerset	
Mr R Bale	Councillor)	
Mr D Bracher	Mrs V Keitch (Somerset	
Mr S Robinson	Councillor)	
Mrs S Morley (Clerk)	PCSO Wesley Ashbrook	

2. **Public Voice** - there were no issues raised by the public.

3. **Report by Somerset Councillor** – Cllr Osborne sent her apologies.

4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Chaffcombe Parish Council held on Mon 20/05/24

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

5. Planning Applications

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new garden room.

Location: The Paddocks Tolleys Lane Chaffcombe Chard Somerset TA20 4AA

Application Number: 24/01266/HOU

Chaffcombe Parish Council considered the above application and had no objections to the proposal.

6. Highway matters

6.1 New passing place at the top of Knapps Lane

The Golf Club have agreed to put the gates for the new storage building at the top of Knapps Lane further back so as to provide a much needed passing place.

6.2 Extra passing places

A resident has asked if it would be possible to provide another passing place at this section of Knapps Lane because it can be difficult if a motorist is caught at the S bend of the road. And whether the entrance to the gateway at the bend could be improved to make it easier during wet weather.

6.3 Money donated for work on the drains in Knapps Lane

Several years ago £1,000 was donated for flood relief work on the drains in Knapps Lane. So far only £200 has been spent to reinforce a gulley to improve drainage. The donor has requested the money be returned to him because it has not been spent. Councillors agreed to return the £800.

6.4 Temporary barrier at the bridge

The Clerk was asked to chase Highways again to see when the work will be done.

ACTION – The Clerk

7. Footpaths

Chaffcombe's PPLO will not be walking the footpaths for a while. The stile at Walscombe Cottages has been reported to Somerset Council Rights of Way.

8. Flooding

Cllr Bracher reported that the attenuation pond was completed a couple of months ago and the current systems all seem to be working well. It has yet to be tested with a lot of water.

9. LCN Meetings

Cllr Bracher went to the recent LCN meeting which was arranged for people in the water catchment area to discuss flooding. Chaffcombe is more forward on this matter because of the relationship with FWAG and the completion of the attenuation pond. The meeting concentrated on resilience and response to emergencies. In the Donyatt area they are very concerned about the river and problems up-stream. Cllr Bracher agreed to be the key contact for flooding in this part of Somerset.

10. Accounts payments and receipts

10.1 Internet banking has been approved and is ready to go.

10.2 The following payments were approved:

Salary & admin expenses	-	£161.74
PAYE	-	£ 37.60
SALC Subscription	-	£ 68.91
Website	-	£ 47.37
Return of donation	-	£ 800.00

11. Matters and Items to Report

11.1 Orchard Plot Brambles

The Clerk was asked to book the contractor to cut the brambles at the Orchard Plot in November.

ACTION – The Clerk

11.2 Grass in the Pound

This was left long because of a barn owl (longer grass means more mice). It is being cut now.

11.3 Orchard Plot maintenance

There are two more volunteers helping with the maintenance of the Orchard Plot.

12. Date of next ordinary meeting of Chaffcombe Parish Council

The next Ordinary meeting of Chaffcombe Parish Council - Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.30 p.m.
at Chaffcombe Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 7.50 p.m.

Mary Butler - Chair Chaffcombe Parish Council