CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting of the Council



Date: Monday 13th October 2025

Time: 7:45pm

Place: Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Paul Miller (Chair) Cllr. Marian Adams (Vice Chair) Cllr. Nigel Rose

Cllr. Olumide Oratokhai Cllr. Tom Brine Cllr. Ruth Kellaway

Apologies: Cllr. Neha Sompura, Cllr. Richard Green, Cllr. Sue Fuller, Borough Councillor Jonathan Jenkin. Also present: Amanda Owen (Clerk), Ellen Harmon (Assistant Clerk), Phil Walker (Rapid Response Warden),

Borough Councillor Jenny Vaux & one member of the public.

Councillor Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Sompura, Councillor Green and Councillor Fuller. Apologies were also noted from Borough Councill Jenkin.

2. To receive declarations of interest relevant to items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were received.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 9th June & Monday 8th September

The minutes of the full council meeting held on Monday 9th June & Monday 8th September were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Public Participation.

None.

5. To receive reports from:

Borough & County Councillors | CVHMC Liaison | RRW

Borough Councillor Vaux provided an overview of the following:

Food Waste:

- Mixed reviews on the service sofa from residents.
- Reports have been received that bins have not been emptied.
- It has been noted that not all bins were placed out for collection.
- Waste has to be placed in bags within the bin or it will not be collected.

Local Government Reorganisation:

- September 2025 two submissions were submitted to Government.
- Government consultation is due in November with the final decision being announced in March 2026.

M3:

- Junction 6 roundabout closure for four nights, starting 20th October.

Festival of Light:

- Diwali Parade is taking place Friday 17th October at 18:00.

CVHMC Liaison

The CVHMC Liaison advised that a leak has been found in the club area. Following investigation from a Contractor it is likely roof works will need to be undertaken. All other maintenance projects have been placed on hold.

RRW

The Rapid Response report can be found at **APPENDIX A**.

FINANCE

6. To agree the purchase of two laptops for the Clerk & Assistant Clerk.

It was **AGREED** to purchase two ASUS Vivobook S16 (Copilot PC) laptops at a cost of £1198.00 and associated shipping fees.

Proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Adams.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

The Clerk is to research extended warranty options and antivirus.

Signed

7. To agree the purchase of eight remembrance poppies at a cost of £40.00.

It was **AGREED** to purchase eight remembrance poppies at a cost of £40.00.

Proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Brine.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

8. To note the conclusion of the external audit.

The conclusion of the external audit was **NOTED**. Councillor Miller thanked the Clerk for her work.

9. To note the current financial situation.

The current financial situation and the bank reconciliation were noted with the bank balance at 30th September 2025 being £118,026.17. The bank reconciliation can be found at **APPENDIX B**.

Following review of the financial situation, it was proposed by Councillor Kellaway that interest received from the CCLA was reinvested in to the CCLA account. This motion was seconded by Councillor Miller. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

10. To authorise any requests for payment.

It was **AGREED** to authorise the October payment requests as listed below.

Proposed by Councillor Oratokhai, seconded by Councillor Rose.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

October Payment Requests						
From	Item	Invoice Number	Amount			
Staff	Salary	October	£814.92			
Staff	Salary	October	£966.46			
Staff	Salary	October	£190.07			
Staff	Printing Expenses		£23.60			
HMRC	Tax & NI		£491.73			
Aviva	Pension		£146.30			
Aviva	Pension		£33.00			
Gallagher	Insurance 2025 / 2026	548261206	£1,766.05			
BDO	Limited Assurance Review - Year Ending March 2025	INV-00734239	£378.00			
Vision ICT	Email & Website hosting Dec 2025 to Nov 2026	Inv 1724	£377.22			
Source For Business	Allotment Water - Apr to Sep 2025	5051836701	£28.93			
		Total	£5,216.28			

RECREATION

11. To receive an update from the Chair of the Recreation working group.

In the absence of the Recreation working group chair, the Assistant Clerk provided the following update:

- Bench refurbishments are almost complete.
- One allotment plot remaining which is being offered to those on the waiting list.

12. To agree the quote from the Lengthsman for Bus Shelter repairs & noticeboard glass replacement.

It was **AGREED** to accept the quote from the Lengthsman for bus shelter repairs at a cost of £780.00 from the Lengthsman budget.

Proposed by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Brine.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

The quote for the noticeboard glass replacement is pending so will be discussed at a further meeting.

PLANNING

13. To receive an update from the Chair of the Planning Committee.

Councillor Miller advised that all applications are routine within Chineham. An extra site has been highlighted to the west of Upper Cufaude Farm. Councillor Miller has spoken with the Agent and a meeting is required at Borough Council level.

14. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8th & 22nd September 2025.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8th & 22nd September were signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Signed

	ADMINISTRATION	
15.	To adopt the IT Policy.	
	It was AGREED to adopt the IT Policy.	
	Proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Oratokhai.	
	All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.	
16.	To agree the date of the next meeting as Monday 10 th November.	
	The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 10 th November.	

There being no other be	usiness. the	meeting clos-	ed at 20:36.
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APPENDIX A CPC RRW Report

September 2025

• 9(5) Abandoned shopping trolleys reported.

Locations include:

Binfileds Woods

Reading Road

Long Lane

St Josephs Crescent

Reading Road footpath

Maynards Wood footpath

- Printed and posted multiple noticeboard updates.
- Reported faulty street lighting on Thornhill Way to Enerveo.
- Reported faulty street lighting on Puttenham Road to Enerveo.
- Reported state of community orchard to clerk.
- Liaised with clerk wrt abandoned tree cuttings on Reading Rd
- Reported broken fence near Lillymill Chine via FixMyStreet
- Reported broken boardwalk at Park Pale via FixMyStreet
- Visited site of potential annexation and provided photos as requested.
- Reported subsidence on Renown Way footpath to HCC.
- Reported illegible information board at Tollhouse Meadow to B&DBC.
- Reported abandoned tree cuttings on Sorrells Close footpath to B&DBC.
- Reported vegetation obstructing Guinea Court footpath to B&DBC as requested.
- Reported abandoned tree cuttings on Thornhill Way to B&DBC.
- Reported allotment water meter reading to clerk.
- Reported fly-posting near Four Lanes School to HCC.
- Conducted bus shelter survey.

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APPENDIX B

Date: 01/10/2025

Time: 11:32 User: AMANDA Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/09/2025 for Cashbook 3 - Lloyds Treasurer Account Bank Statement Account Name (s) **Statement Date** Page **Balances** 30/09/2025 58,026.17 Lloyds Treasurer Account 58,026.17 **Unpresented Payments (Minus) Amount** 0.00 0.00 58,026.17 Unpresented Receipts (Plus) 0.00 0.00 58,026.17 Balance per Cash Book is :-58,026.17 0.00 Difference is :-Date: 06/10/2025 Chineham Parish Council Page 1 Time: 10:02 User: AMANDA Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/09/2025 for Cashbook 4 - Public Sector Deposit Fund Bank Statement Account Name (s) Statement Date Page Balances Public Sector Deposit Fund 30/09/2025 60,000.00 60,000.00 **Unpresented Payments (Minus)** Amount 0.00 0.00 60,000.00 Unpresented Receipts (Plus) 0.00 0.00 60,000.00 Balance per Cash Book is :-60,000.00 0.00 Difference is :-

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