



CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

Date: Tuesday 20th May 2025
Time: 19:00
Place: Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall
Present: Cllr. Paul Miller (Chairman) Cllr. Ruth Kellaway Cllr. Marian Adams (from 19:45)
Apologies: Cllr. Sue Fuller, Cllr. Richard Green, Cllr. Nigel Rose.
Also present: Acting Inspector Jassal, Janet Walker & Dee Lincoln – Home Instead.
Amanda Owen (Clerk), Ellen Harmon (Assistant Clerk), Phil Walker (Rapid Response Warden) & no members of the public.

1 – Introduction.

Councillor Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Noting Councillor attendance, the Parish Assembly minutes to be approved at next full Council meeting.

2 - Chairs Report.

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Chineham Parish Council has had a routine year in that we have continued our activities and, in addition improved our administrative environment.

I will cover, Planning, Recreation including allotment administration and maintenance, Grants and finance.

Planning.

The Parish Council is a consultee to all planning applications within the Parish and applications of Major Development that impact our community. The Planning Committee meets twice a month and routinely addresses householder and Tree (TPO) application and provide comment to the Borough Planning department for final decision making.

The recent increase in major Applications in this part of Basingstoke is a cause of concern to the Parish Council because of the obvious lack of infrastructure to support the continuous increase in housing. Traffic congestion on the A33 and the increase in traffic accidents is of particular concern as is the pressure on our community facilities, schools, healthcare and sewage works. These issues feature in all of our consultee comments but unfortunately never seem to be adequately addressed.

Recreation

Allotment site maintenance continues on the pathways and fencing and the administration of the turnover of allotment holders provides the Assistant Clerk with plenty to do. There is always a waiting list, as there is everywhere, but we try to keep the allotments full at all times.

We now have a comprehensive asset register of Parish fittings, that include benches and bus stop shelters, and we have Mr Phil Walker our RRW to thank for that.

We have provided several new benches around the parish and repaired others due to weathering over time or material degradation.

We also provide a supply of spring bulbs every year both for planting and for distribution at the Four Lanes Fete each June. The small orchard of apple trees continues to flourish receiving TLC from Parish councillors.

Grants

Throughout the year we receive Grant applications from organisations that support Chineham residents. The Parish Council examines these applications on a case-by-case basis and determines the appropriate Grant if the case is justified.

Finance

Traditionally, the Chineham Parish Council has been prudent in its financial housekeeping, and we have that ever present as we live through this era of financial pressures on us all. We have over several years, maintained our Parish precept without increases yet have sufficient reserves if required. Our annual audits have not raised any issues.

Our accounts and financial statements are discussed at every monthly Parish Council meeting when members of the public are very welcome to attend that, or any committee meeting.

I would finish on one issue that we will have to address in the coming year and that is the proposed changes in Local Government Reorganisation. This is in its early stages and soon as we are made aware of the future of Parish Councils, we will advise our residents and any impact on us.

3 - Report from PC Jassal.

Sergeant Jassal addressed the meeting advising that he has been policing for nearly 20 years policing and that he currently covers Oakridge, Popley and Chineham areas.

Upon taking on Chineham, approximately a year ago Chineham shopping centre initially caused concern. After work conducted by PC Holly Buddin and himself, a positive impact has been seen and crime is less. Especially for Boots where they were targets of organised crime groups and general theft. Sgt Jassal advised that offenders have been prosecuted and so have some repeat offenders. Generally, after going through the judicial system they tend to move area. Sgt Jassal advised that he is proud of what Police have achieved at Chineham Shopping centre, with the help of useful tools, primarily the ANPR camera near M&S and Boots.

The McDonalds and area around it is monitored for ASB, but nothing has been noted. If residents feel this has changed, feedback is welcomed.

Speeding is also a common problem but speed gun operations are regularly taking place, another two are planned over the next 4 weeks. It is hopeful that speed gun presence will catch those speeding but will also have a positive impact due to a visual deterrent.

The Police are expecting an ASB increase over summer due to longer days, the crime trend also increases. If anything appears to be out of the ordinary, or you are a victim of theft please notify the Police who will take the relevant action and patrols can be increased.

A member present asked if many problems had been reported with regards to Pubs in Chineham.

Sgt Jassal advised they haven't been made aware of any problems, but please do make him aware of any issues. The Police have dedicated Licensing colleagues can visit the pubs in question to recap requirements with the Pubs. Sgt Jassal noted that anyone who is causing an uncomfortable atmosphere / conducting themselves in a manner that causes alarm to others can also be reported.

Sgt Jassal closed his speech by advising that although the team is running at a minimum, they want to know what is causing residents alarm and always, always report findings and concerns where the team will do their absolute best.

Presentation from Janet Walker and Dee Lincoln, Home Instead.

Janet Walker & Dee Lincoln from Home Instead provided a presentation with regards the following:



Scams Awareness

Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Friends Against Scams
and National Trading Standards in Partnership with
Home Instead Basingstoke
Tel: 01256 840660
www.homeinstead.co.uk/basingstoke

Key Facts

- Scams cost the UK economy £5-10 billion a year and can have devastating effects on those who are targeted.
- Although anyone can be a scam casualty, the average age of targets identified from victim lists and seized by the National Trading Standards Scams Team is 76.
- Victims might not always admit to, or even be aware that they have been scammed.
- Only 5% of older victims report the crime (Age UK)
- Scams & Fraud now account for **more than 40% of all crimes** but only 1 - 2% of **police resources** are allocated to it.



The Criminals

They start off appearing to be legitimate, helpful, friendly and charming.
If resisted, they become persuasive, persistent, threatening and intimidating.

Why do we respond?

Taken in by potential savings on a time sensitive offer, or valuable incentives to seal the deal.

The Main Types of Scams

1. POSTAL

May be addressed to you personally

Inheritance You have been left a substantial sum of money from a distant relative, complete the enclosed form and return to sender with the required solicitor's fee

Advance Fee / Lottery You are the guaranteed winner of £150,000.
Please confirm by calling (prime rate number) or send your £25 administration fee in the return envelope.

Health Suffering from (age related illness)? We have the solution in our super strength revitalising tablets. Just one per day keeps (example illness) away. Sign up now for 6 months' supply at half price to look and feel half your age! Offer expires in 7 days.

Catalogues Your happiness will be complete with these low priced, high quality (gifts, clothes, floor mops) Subscribe today for £50 voucher off your first purchase

Clairvoyant/Psychic Your happiness and good fortune is gaining ground and it seems that nothing can stop it. Apply today for your personal horoscope and receive this gold (coloured) lucky charm free, to help turn your greatest hopes into reality.

Think Jessica! charity (daughter Marilyn Baldwin MBE)

TIPS:

- Register FREE with Mail Preference Service
<https://www.mpsonline.org.uk>
- Destroy post, erase your name and address (shred paperwork, black felt pen etc)

2. TELEPHONE

Usually don't address you by name

Tech Support "Good day to you Madam. We have detected a fault on your computer, please turn on and download this (remote sharing access) app so that we can perform required checks and fix the fault"

White Goods Cover Insure your fridge, freezer, cooker & washing machine. Just one annual payment covers any repairs or replacement.

Pension Scams Free review of your pension with promises of better returns. Persuasion to transfer or release funds from your pension pot to repay debts or have a holiday. Likely this contact will be unexpected and uninvited.

Impersonation Someone pretends to be the police, your bank, HMRC or a business who will try to convince you to divulge your personal details, or to send money to settle debts

SMS "Hello mum, I've lost my phone, so am using this old one until I find it. Please save this number so that you know it's me" "Hello Mum I can't find my phone anywhere. I'm going to have to buy a new one would you please send £500 to (bank account details) I will pay you back"

Email / SMS Most impersonated brands Amazon, DHL, EVRI, DHL and Royal Mail. You may receive a message inviting you to click on a dodgy link to reorganise delivery or pay a surplus fee so that scammers can steal your bank details.

Scam Recovery Fraud Criminals make contact and advise that the money you lost previously to fraudsters has been traced and can be recovered & returned to you.

TIPS:

- A handy phone sticker may remind you to be alert
- Register FREE with Telephone Preference Service
<https://tpsonline.org.uk>
 - Forward Scam texts to 7726
- Forward scam emails to report@phishing.gov.uk
 - Call blockers are available to purchase

3. DOORSTEP

Unknown, friendly callers offering services or goods

Rogue Traders "We are working on your neighbour's house and noticed that your (roof, guttering, driveway, garden) need attention. I'll do you a good deal seeing as I'm already in the area" Once they start, the original quote escalates alarmingly due to unforeseen problems, and the initially friendly tradesman becomes a persistent and intimidating scoundrel.

Distraction Burglary "I've come to check your plumbing" "May I please use your toilet?" There may be more than one person - one goes to the kitchen and keeps you talking, while another goes to the bathroom via your lounge, bedroom etc. sussing the place out. Were you expecting visitors? Do they have verifiable ID? Check that your property is secure after they've gone. A furtively unlocked window or door may allow them access later on.

Fake Products Caller is claiming to sell food hampers, designer clothes, latest gadgets or services etc. at knock down prices. Reality is, these are likely to be counterfeit, of inferior quality and potentially dangerous. To extract your deposit, the kind person may even offer to escort you to the bank to withdraw sufficient cash.

Charity Collections A person or team turn up at your door, smiling and rattling their money boxes for a good cause. It might all look innocent, but are they really who they say they are? Do they have an ID?

You can and should, call their local office to check

You receive an innocent looking charity collection sack asking for your old clothes, bric-a-brac etc. "leave it on your doorstep, we will collect on (day)" A quick rummage through your donations will show a criminal if you have quality clothing & items worth stealing.

TIPS:

- Set up a password system with utility companies
- Install a (dummy) security camera or a sticker warning that CCTV in operation
- Remember, it's your door - you don't have to open it!
- If you must open the door, it is preferable to keep your chain on until your callers have been authenticated.
- Don't leave your door ajar while you go get your purse. Why? Don't forget, it's OK to say "No"

4. ONLINE

The invisible threat

Romance, friendship Online you can be anyone, use assumed names, another person's profile photo. They build up a rapport until suddenly, your new best friend's mother / father / child is sick and needs lifesaving surgery which is expensive. "Can you please loan me some money to help?"

Subscriptions Manipulative mis advertising, encouraging enrolment for a free or reduced price trial of (??) Credit card details are then used for continuing periodic, unauthorised purchases

Fake Products & Investments Appearing to be endorsed by celebrities. These are often photographs and verbiage which the celebrity is unaware of. When you ordered that nice new chair, the price, photograph and description did not indicate that it was a scale model for a doll's house.

Social Media Click the link & complete the quiz....What type of person are you? How far away do you live from where you were born? How many countries have you visited? Seemingly innocuous "fun" questions but you give lots of personal information away, which can be used to build up a profile or amalgamated with your details that are already on a Victim's list.

Scam Delivery An unexpected parcel arrives on your doorstep. It may or may not have your name on it, but the senders' details are clearly shown.

As an upstanding citizen you call the sender to advise of their error (performance demonstration). Spot the red flags that will harvest your personal details while you are "doing the right thing"

Phishing If you were not expecting this email, press the link below to unsubscribe. Once you click on a dodgy link, you may end up on a website which can download a virus on to your computer or steal bank details and other personal info.

TIPS:

- If you are an email user or online shopper, you might want to
 - Sign up for the latest scam alerts from Which?
<https://signup.which.co.uk/wlp-scamalert-newsletter?utm>
 - Use strong passwords and take steps to protect them.
- Speak to your bank and cancel unauthorised subscription payments.
 - Forward emails to report@phishing.gov.uk
- Contact Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 www.actionfraud.police.uk
- Contact Citizen's Advice 0808 278 78929 www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- To authenticate a website www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite

5. OUT AND ABOUT

Keep your handbag closed and in sight

Cash Machines / Banks Elderly people generally prefer to use cash. When withdrawing, be aware of your surroundings and try not to be distracted. Keep your PIN number separate from your card.

Switch Service Providers Great stories will be told to have you sign up for cheaper energy. Of course, they'll need all your details to switch your accounts over.

Charity Donations & Lottery Tickets The current trend has switched from a one off Cash payment, to monthly subscriptions. Whilst some beneficiaries are genuine, many are not. Once they have your bank account details they can use your money for whatever they want. A nice overseas holiday, new car...

Cycle of Scams Criminals target a Victim - Victim responds - Personal details added to Victim list - Victim receives more scams and so on.

Consequences of Being a Victim Increased debts, damaged relationships, poor mental, physical or emotional health, repeat victimisation, loss of self-confidence, some people have tried to take their own lives due to embarrassment and worry.

Those who don't understand may exclaim "How could you Fall for it"? Does being scammed have less impact than being burgled?

Contact us

If you feel that your loved one is lonely or in need of support, Home Instead may be able to offer the perfect solution. Through home care visits we can help to keep them safe at home and at less risk from fraud.

We offer a variety of bespoke care packages including companionship, personal care, live-in care and much more.



Please call us to discuss how we can help 01256 840660

Let's Move...

From Home Instead Basingstoke

Fun and Social, Seated Mobility Exercise Sessions to music played from bygone eras! The classes are designed for seniors, mobility challenged, sensory deprived etc.

The first class is free - £6 per session thereafter

Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall

Tuesday 2pm - 3pm

Followed by Tea & Natter 3pm-3.30pm

Silchester Village Hall

Wednesday Morning 10.30am - 11.30pm

(Note: No tea & natter)

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE - CLASS NUMBERS ARE RESTRICTED FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE AND A SMILE!

For more info or to book a place,
Call 07818 437959

Email: community@basingstoke.homeinstead.co.uk

Free Pop-Up Work Shops

for Group Meetings of 6 or more

Delivered to you by Home Instead Basingstoke

- ☐ Introduction to Home Instead
- ☐ Seated Mobility Exercise
- ☐ Scam and Fraud Awareness
- ☐ Relaxation Class
- ☐ Stay Nourished
- ☐ Making Homes Safer
- ☐ Preventing Senior Hospitalisation

These Pop-up Presentations are delivered by appointment FREE of charge by Home Instead Basingstoke at your group location.

Please email to enquire about a FREE session.
community@basingstoke.homeinstead.co.uk

Let's Sing...for Memories



Milestones Museum @ 2pm - 3.30pm

Every 3rd Wednesday in the month

Except school holidays

This event gives **FREE** entry into the Milestones Museum.

The class is provided **FREE** of charge by Home Instead Basingstoke.

Please register via email with your name and number of tickets required.

Email [**community@basingstoke.homeinstead.co.uk**](mailto:community@basingstoke.homeinstead.co.uk)

4 - Questions & Answers

No further questions were received, therefore the meeting closed at 20:05.