



# *CHISELDON PARISH COUNCIL*

## **MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at the Chiseldon House Hotel, New Road, Chiseldon, 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Kearsey, Turley, Stevens, Jefferies, Hinton, Sunners, Rawlings, Quidwai and 2 members of the public.

**Chairmans welcome:** From the Chairman Ian Kearsey.

Welcome to the attendees, thanks to those who provided reports for tonight, and opened the floor to questions/comments from the electors of the parish.

### **Electors Comments/Questions:**

There were not specific comments from the public however both members present said they felt the Parish Council were doing a good job in the area.

### **Community reports:**

The reports for the Chiseldon Local History Group and the Washpool Area Restoration Group will be loaded onto the councils website for the public to view.

### **Council reports:**

Cllr Kearsey read out the Chairmans report.

The Finance Committee and EGPA Committee reports were noted.

Reports are available on the councils website. [www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk](http://www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk)

Monthly finance reports are available on the councils website.

### **Financial Overview:**

The precept increased in 25/26 to £173,000 from £160,000 which was an 8% increase.

There is currently £168,000 in the fund for a new Rec hall.

Our CIL funds need to be spent within 5 years. £12,500 was allocated for a new roof for the Rec hall.

The council is also looking at the path to Hodson and Burderop as a potential use of CIL funds. The potential plan is to clear the first section and add a new path at the second section.

The CCLA account has £200,000 in it as it provides a higher rate of interest than the Unity bank account.

Sansum and Co. will shortly be doing our internal audit and then the documents will be sent to PKF Littlejohn for the external audit.

The RFO Nina Hempstock was thanked for all her work on the councils finances.

Cllr Sunners provided a community safety report. This detailed NHW trying to get other local PC's to start of Neighbourhood Watch groups as many of the 300 councils in Wiltshire are small and rural in nature. The advantages of NHW are the links to local policing.

PCs need to engage in communications, engagement and problem solving.

Community Speed Watch also plays an important part by reminding local drivers and commuters of the speeds on local roads.

The issue at the Butts Business Park with quad bikes was noted. There is nothing to prevent access to quad bikes and scramblers accessing the path from Chiseldon to Coate Water.

The 5 defibrillators in the area were noted. Does the PC want to provide any more training on the use of these? Can the council look at Burderop Park and Draycot Foliat.

The Clerk will contact our supplier as both of these areas do not have a commercial electricity supply (from a local business) where we can attach the device to. The Clerk will ask the supplier for advice.

The meeting closed at 19.25