# **Chignal Parish Council**

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You are hereby summonsed to attend the Annual General Meeting and the Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Chignal Parish Council on Monday 9th May 2021 at **7**.30pm for transacting the following business. *w j adshead-grant, Clerk.* 

The Public and Press are cordially invited to be present. Members of the public are invited to address the Council at the Public Open Session.

## **AGENDA**

Governance	<u>AGENDA</u>
2022/404	Election of the Parish Council Chairman
2022/405	Signing of the Declaration of office by the Chairman.
2022/406	Election of the Vice-Chairman
2022/407	Chairman's Welcome
2022/408	Apologies for Absence
2022/409	Register of Declarations of Interests and any requests for dispensation
2022/410	Public Open Session for any matters that need to be drawn to the Parish Council's attention.  The item does not need to be on the current agenda.
2022/411	County and City Councillors' Reports
	<ul> <li>i. Essex County Councillor Report – Cllr Mike Steel</li> <li>ii. Chelmsford City Councillor Report - Cllr Nicolette Chambers</li> </ul>
2022/412	Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 14th March 2022
2022/413	Note the Orchard sub-Committee minutes of 27th April 2022
2022/414	Review and Adopt the Standing Orders – Clerk.
2022/415	Adopt the Financial regulations – Clerk.
2022/416	Reappoint the internal auditor – Maurice Howard.
2022/417	Review and approve the asset register – The Clerk.
2022/418	Review and approve the risk assessments – The Clerk.
2022/419 Committees.	To Review and approve the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Parish Council

- a. Orchard Committee. Members: Cllrs Lewis and Ballard
- b. Staffing Committee. Members: Cllr Nelson, Towns and Ballard

c. Planning Committee. Members: All members

#### 2022/420 Review and confirm representative areas of responsibility

- Little Hollows / Copperfield Liaison Currently Cllr Elwick
- Playing Field Currently Cllrs Elwick, Towns and Nelson
- Village Hall Liaison Currently Cllr Towns
- Community Engagement Cllrs Nelson and Stainton
- Community Safety Cllr Lewis
- Highways (include Hedges) Cllrs Ballard, Towns and Elwick
- Footpaths/Bridleways Cllrs Nelson and Towns
- Tree Warden Cllr Ballard
- Countryside Conservation / Climate Change
- Any additional suggestions?

2022/421 Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks. Community Action Suffolk and Royal Sun Alliance.

2022/422	Review of the Council's complaints procedure
2022/423	Review of the Council's policies, procedures, and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation
2022/424	Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media.
2022/425	Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures

#### **Planning**

## 2022/426 Planning Decisions:

Reference	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status</u>
18/00001/MAS	Land North of Warren House Roxwell Road Writtle Chelmsford Essex	Pending Decision
21/01545/OUT	Land North of Warren House Roxwell Road Writtle Chelmsford Essex	Pending Consideration
22/00044/FUL	14 Clover Drive Chelmsford Essex CM1 4FT	Application Permitted
22/00276/FUL	10 Dogrose Close Chignal Chelmsford CM1 4FN	Application Permitted
22/00079/FUL	Pieces Cottage Chignal St James Chelmsford Essex CM1 4UA	Application Permitted

## 2022/427 Planning Applications:

1) Proposed 400kV electricity transmission line: Public Consultation from 21 April to 16 June.

Webinar on **Tuesday 10 May at 2pm** covering proposals in Chelmsford and a public exhibition on **Tuesday 25 May 11am - 5.30pm** at Writtle Village Hall.

www.nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green

- 2) Chelmsford Local Plan Review: outcome of NW Parishes meeting on 3 May.
- 3) Chelmsford Parish Forum 17th May: attendance.
- 4) Barn conversions west of Beaumont Otes Cottage: update on enforcing conditions and new planning applications

#### **Finance**

2022/428 To confirm membership of the EALC and NALC for a year at a cost of £184.72

2022/429 To confirm membership of RCCE and pay the subscription in June when it falls due the estimate is £60.00.

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2022/430 Review the Accounts for 2021/2022 and the final position of the budget. An underspend of £318.73 was recorded at the end of the year and added to reserves

2022/431 Finance:

**Account Balances:** 

Cheque Account £ 9,671.57

Included in figures above:

50% of the Precept £4,000.05
 ECC Locality Fund £1000

Orchard Account £ 1,178

• Orchard sponsorship £120

# Saving Account £ 39,449.03

General Reserve £21,169.72
 Cil £18,279.31

Committed Cil Orchard MachineryCommunity Group Meetings£120

Total £ 50,298.66

To approve the following payments:

Date	Item	Payment Value	Budget Heading
Budget 2022-23			
10.05.2022	Cllr Lewis - CCTV project	£109.90	CILs
10.05.2022	James Botham	£1,095.00	IT & Web
10.05.2022	EALC and NALC fees	£184.72	EALC RCCE
10.05.2022	Mr S Middleditch - Orchard Tags	£89.49	Orchard
10.05.2022	RSA Insurance	£212.27	insurance
10.05.2022	HMRC PAYE - May	£37.60	salary
10.05.2022	Clerk Salary - May	£150.46	salary
10.05.2022	Bank Charges	£2.00	Bank charges
10.05.2022	Essex Pension fund - May	£145.73	salary
10.05.2022	Clerk Salary - April	£191.86	salary
10.05.2022	Essex Pension fund - April	£161.69	salary
10.05.2022	HMRC PAYE - April	£47.80	salary
		£2,428.52	

2022/432 Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the general power of competence.

The rate was £8.41 per elector in 2021-2022.

2022/433 Review of the Bi-monthly bank reconciliation

2022/434 To confirm and sign the Annual Governance Statement which forms section 1 of the Annual Return for Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards, and other smaller authorities in England for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

2022/435 To adopt the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 – Pre-Audit and to sign the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2022.

### 2022/436 The Parish Council certifies itself as exempt from a limited assurance review:

- The Authority was in existence before the 1<sup>st of</sup> April 2018
- There were no issues raised by the external auditor in the previous fiscal year
- The Gross income was £18,222 which is < than the £25,000 threshold
- The Gross Expenditure was £12,797 which is < than the £25,000 threshold

## 2022/437 Update on Clerks Annual Appraisal by the staffing committee

## **REPORTS AND UPDATES**

## 2022/438 Representatives' Reports: to discuss and debate any items.

- A) Litter Hollows / Copperfield Liaison Cllr Elwick
  - update on landscaping, completions and signage
- B) Playing Field Cllr Elwick and Cllr Towns
  - review draft artwork for notice board
- C) Village Hall Liaison Cllr Towns
- D) Community Engagement Cllr Nelson
  - Progress report on new website design and content.
  - Review printing and distribution of Chignal News.
- E) Community Safety Cllr Lewis
  - Security cameras: update on grant application and installation.
  - First aid training: update on course in the hall for residents to use the defibrillator etc.
- F) Highways (include Hedges) Cllr Towns
  - Village entry signs on Chignal Road: update on funding from LHP
  - Ride London: update on public meetings and road closures
- G) Footpaths/Bridleways Cllr Nelson and Cllr Towns
- H) Tree Warden Cllr Ballard

## 2022/439 Countryside Conservation

Wildlife Ponds: funding from Natural England for restoration and creation of clean water wildlife ponds capable of supporting great crested newts. <a href="www.fwageast.org.uk/ponds">www.fwageast.org.uk/ponds</a>

## 2022/440 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Update on Community Picnic in the Orchard on 5th June and events in Little Hollows.

#### 2022/441 Items for the next Agenda

## **Next meetings:**

Monday 11th July 2022 Monday 12th September 2022 Monday 14th November 2022