



Chilham Parish Council

December 2023

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Latest Council Meeting, 7th December 2023

It was a very festive atmosphere for our last meeting of 2023. We had only a handful of parishioners attend this month, but these are regular valued contributors to the meetings and we very much appreciate their continued attendance and care—thank you!

The meeting started with a one-minute silence in memory of Derrick Kennett who passed away recently. The whole council send its best wishes and condolences to Derrick's family and friends.

In the meeting on 7th December the council discussed:

- The Church Hill tree felling and the owners' plans for development (please get in touch with Ashford Borough Council directly if you have any questions: www.ashford.gov.uk/contact-us)
- Update of council working groups which are: communications and IT, events, planning, environment, amenities (playparks, public spaces, etc.), COSY and Chilham Square. Working Groups can involve non-councillors, so if there is an aspect of what we're doing that you'd like to get involved in, or if you have ideas for projects, get in touch: the more the merrier!
- Current planning applications
- Road safety on A252, A28 and at Bagham corner

The Minutes will shortly be available on the website.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 4th January at 7.00pm in Old Wives Lees Village Hall.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We want to take this opportunity to say a big Happy New Year to everyone in the Parish. May 2024 bring you all health and happiness. And if there is anything the Parish Council can do to help your health and happiness in 2024, please get in touch!

2023 was an action-packed year for the Parish Council, with some very long-standing and much valued councillors leaving and many new and returning faces coming on to the council.

It was the start of the COSY Youth Club in January 2023, so we are looking forward to celebrating a year of COSY in January. We want to acknowledge the hard work of everyone involved in it—both councillors and other volunteers—it has truly been a hugely successful initiative, thank you! Likewise, there have been many successful events in 2023, including the Easter Trail, the Coronation Celebrations, and the Christmas Extravaganza. Again, we want to thank the events team for all their hard work. Lots of hard work also goes on behind the scene: looking after all the public spaces, shelters, sports equipment, playgrounds and public toilets; clearing footpaths; interrogating planning applications; reporting potholes, water leaks and flytipping; and liaising with ABC and KCC. All of which the council will continue to do in 2024. Please get in touch with anything we can help with, or if you would like to volunteer or join a working group! Best wishes from all your Parish Councillors.