

**CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30pm
on 14 April 2025**

Present:

Parish Cllr Steve Bailey (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Lorraine East
Parish Cllr Mike Poole
Amanda Sparkes, Clerk to the Council
Chenice Howard-Sparkes, Deputy Clerk

157. Chairman's Opening remarks

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to this extraordinary meeting.

The decision at the last meeting on 10 March 2025 was to stop doing the community herb planters and donate the boxes to the WI.

However as per our Standing Orders that "A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least two Councillors to be given to the Proper Officer" Cllr East and Cllr Chapman have since written to the Clerk asking for this decision to be revisited in light of new information.

158. TO REVISIT the decision taken at the 10 March 2025 Meeting of the Parish Council regarding the community herb boxes in light of new information:

Cllr East and her husband will commit to watering the herb boxes on a Monday and Friday.

The Clerk also spoke with the president of the WI – she had reported this to WI members at their meeting on 12 March 2025 and they were quite shocked, as they feel that the herb planters are well-used including by their own members. They also pointed out that the parish council made budget provision for replenishment of the herbs and this is taxpayers' money. They felt that they are still required and the WI has said its members will commit to watering them too.

Cllr East proposed and Cllr Poole seconded that the decision be reversed.

Cllr Bailey will now replenish the herbs as necessary and re-treat the soil.

159. Close of the meeting

The meeting closed at 7.36pm.

Dates of planned full parish council meetings: 12 May 2025, 14 July 2025, No meeting or surgery in August, 08 September 2025, 10 November 2025

Surgeries for residents - Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall in Chestfield Road to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor and/or the Clerk. Dates of surgeries for residents: 6.30pm – 7.30pm – 12 May, 09 June, 14 July, None in August, 08 September, 13 October, 10 November and 08 December 2025. Plus Wednesday 17 December 2025 - Christmas Carols event.