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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 21st February 2023 @ 7.45 at the Blackwells The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS

*Councillors Present: K Cassidy- **Chairman**, E Flynn **Vice Chairman**, G Bryant, T McGuinness, J Miller, W Bathurst and L Hinton.*

In attendance: one member of the public, and County Councillor Richard Roberts and Borough Councillor Adeleke

67/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

To accept and approve apologies for absence
There were no apologies of absence to record.

68/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To accept and declare interest linked to any of the Resolutions.
There were no declarations of interest to record.

69/22 MINUTES

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2023.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Hinton to approve the Minutes of 17th January 2023, as a true and accurate record, and as such, be duly signed by the Chair.
Unanimously agreed.
- b. Matters arising from previous Minutes
There were no matters arising from previous Minutes.

Cllr Cassidy welcomed Dan Stevens from Herts Police who reported on the following;

- a. The combined crime figures for Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Flaunden does not help each parish, however, it is a time consuming exercise which is not a cost effective use of police time.
- b. It was emphasised that any suspicious activities must be reported to the police to take the necessary action. PC Stevens highlighted that Crimestoppers reporting web site was a great way for people to report crimes anonymously <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>
- c. County Councillor Roberts and Borough Councillor Adeleke will liaise with David Lloyd Police and Crime Commissioner to see if a PCSO can be reinstated to cover Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Flaunden

70/22 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillor (s)

Report from County Councillor Richard Roberts:

- Herts County Council overspent by £23m
- The budget for 2023/23 will result in 4.99% increase in council tax for a band D property from 2022/23.
- Despite budget constraints Herts has managed to keep most of the vital services such as day care services, youth services and libraries.
- There will be works at the service roundabout at junction 20 of the M25 by to replace the tarmac, estimated cost £600k.
- Herts County Council will oppose the expansion plans for ULEZ as it will impact businesses and commuters who live outside the M25.
- Voters will now need to present an ID when voting in future national and local elections.

Report from Borough Councillor Aeleeke:

- Grant application for Kings Coronation is open.
- There is a support grant available to members of the public due to cost of living crisis, the application will be means tested.
- DBC have recently implemented charges for the green bins, DBC being one of the last council to impose the charges. It is reported that around 43% people do not use the green bins

71/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

For any items you are not able to “click” please email the Clerk for information.

- a. An invitation 20's Plenty for Herts Zoom for Town and Parish Councillors 09/01/2023. Cllr Bryant proposed to bring the item back for April to support the 20 mph.
[Click here](#)
- b. Countryside Management Service - land management for biodiversity 24/01/2023
in support of Hertfordshire County Council's Sustainable Hertfordshire Strategy
- c. Members News 03/02/203
Update and the latest information regarding the upcoming election in May 2023 from Dacorum Borough Council.
- d. LGA Webinar 9th February 2023 from 2pm to 3pm
The Webinar is open to council members. Panellists from the Department of Levelling Up, Communities and Housing Election Team and the Electoral Commission Communications Team will brief attendees on the new photographic voter identification requirements and the Commission's awareness-raising campaign launched earlier this month.
- e. National Lottery Grants Application:
The National Lottery Community Fund is supporting communities across the UK to come together to mark the Coronation. Funding of up to £10,000 is available for Coronation related events and activities via the National Lottery Awards for All programme. [Click here](#)
- f. Coronation Street Parties – to apply for road/pavement closures [click here](#)

- g. Agenda and Minutes for Dacorum Environmental Forum Meeting on Thursday, Feb 9th 2023. To access Agenda and Minutes [click here](#)
- h. Changes to VAT on sports fees and procurement thresholds effective immediately
- i. Three Rivers Local Plan Consultation
- j. Enforcement issues with Martlett
Dacorum Borough Council's Enforcement Team has been involved in the development of the Martlett.
- k. Chipperfield Baptist Church to be closed and sold off
- l. HAPTC Armed Forces Covenant 14/02/2022

72/22 Public Participation 15 Minutes total (Max 3 minutes per Person)

Nothing to report.

73/22 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

- a. Cllr Cassidy to proposes to accept the YTD Summary report as set out in the attached papers. RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn to approve the YTD Summary report for January 2023. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss and take plan of action for the destroyed grass verges
The grass verge on the Croft Estate, Herts Highways. Cllr Roberts will follow up with the initial complaint being lodged. Cllr McGuinness will continue to display notices on any grass that are parked on grass verge.
- c. Cllr Cassidy to update members on SANG following meeting on 7th February 2023
Cllr Cassidy reported that a meeting took place on 20th February 2023 SANG Working Group to prepare a response from Chipperfield to DBC. The response will include the lack of consultation. There will be a follow up meeting on Monday 27th February 2023. The proposal will be put to FC for final decision.
- d. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss and nominate a member of the public for the Outstanding Service Award to Chipperfield. The nominee will remain anonymous until May 2023 meeting.
- e. To nominate a council member to attend Chipperfield Village Hall Meeting on 17th April 2023
Cllr Bryant volunteered to attend the meeting on 17th April 2023.
- f. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve SLCC membership at £470
RESOLVED proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Flynn. Unanimously agreed.
- g. Internal audit to take place on 12th April 2023
The Clerk will be working with the Internal Auditor on 12th April 2023.

74/22 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Report from Cllr Bathurst, clearing path down Windmill Hill was carried out. Top of the Hill outside Mill House the ivy was cut right back and some trees damaged. Luke Johnson has taken photos. Cllr Cassidy has been in talks with Luke Johnson regarding the pond, Luke Johnson will be meeting with Wildlife Middlesex Trust and will report back.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Nothing to report

3. POLICE REPORT

Covered by Dan Stevens

4. HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report

5. PLANNING

Nothing to report

6. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report

75/22 Exclusion of Press and Public; To **RESOLVE** that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution, arising from the nature of the business proceedings.

76/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 4th April 2023 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwell The Common WD4 9BS.

Meeting concluded at 21.1