



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 18th September 2017
in the **Small Hall The Common, Chipperfield**

To Councillors: *H Laverack - Chairman, - E Flynn – Deputy Chairman, W Bathurst, K Cassidy, C Luff
S Mant G Bryant*

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council
Cllr Barratt Borough Councillor Cllr Riddick Borough Councillor
Cllr Roberts County Councillor

82/17 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building to be evacuated.

83/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mant, Cllr Bathurst & Cllr Bryant

84/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

85/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Flynn seconded by Cllr Laverack and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July were a true reflection of the proceedings

86/17 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence had been received asking if prosecutions were pending following the travellers on the common.

Correspondence had been received from a resident requesting that lines are reinstated opposite the Two Brewers. Cars frequently park on the corner of the junction making it dangerous for both pedestrians crossing from Kings Lane and motorists approaching from Bucks Hill.

87/17 NEW COUNCILLOR

It was noted by Council that Cllr Bryant signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office on the 24th July 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Laverack, and seconded by Cllr Flynn that Cllr Bryant becomes a member of the Planning Committee.

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88/17 TRAVELLERS

The safeguarding of the common was discussed Cllr Riddick informed council of the Section 61 process which was used to remove the travellers.He spoke of his communication with Nick Brown of Dacorum and the Secretary of State, also costs involved. and the complexity of the situation.

Cllr Laverack spoke of CPCs proposal that Chipperfield Oak posts be installed , safeguarding the Common but still allowing access for prams/ wheelchairs etc.

Cllr Laverack emphasised the concerns of residents from correspondence that had been received. and it was understood that some residents would be prepared to contribute to funding to safeguard the common. Cllr Barratt proposed that he contacts Simon Coultas from DBC and he visits the Common,,meeting with Chipperfield Councillors to discuss the options.

A date and time to be confirmed asap. Cllr Barratt will liaise with The Clerk

89/17 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Roberts spoke of the travellers and how the last visit had been 2003. He said he was responsible for working with residents.

He informed council of the decline of children going into care, resulting in less court costs.

Childrens centres were being brought together creating a Hub in Dacorum for 0 – 11 year olds All very positive for young people.

Cllr Roberts spoke of the changes to gritting routes, there were few changes in Chipperfield however every school will now be gritted.He spoke of the good work carried out by Highways and requested that if there were any specific areas that the Parish would like to be improved could he be informed prior to budgets.

90/17 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy that allotments rents for the forthcoming year would not increase.

Cllr Laverack informed Council that the audit report had been received on the 18th September without any further issues.

The conclusion of the audit to be presented and accepted by council at the 20th November full Council meeting.

91/17 RISK ASSESSMENT

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy that the risk assessment be **ACCEPTED** by Council

92/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Laverack spoke of pushing forward with the Neighbourhood Plan with Cllr Bryant leading this. Cllr Laverack spoke of Cllr Bryant’s work and involvement with the Chipperfield Design Statement . Cllr Barratt was keen for a joint venture with Bovingdon and would ask that the Bovingdon Clerk liaises with the Chipperfield Clerk.

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93/17 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Please see agenda item 94/17

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

There was no report

3. POLICE REPORT

Councillors were updated with crime figure reports for July and August
There were a total of 5 crimes in July and 10 in August

4. HIGHWAYS

There was no report

5. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst had informed council it had been suggested at the Allotment AGM by a holder that rents are reduced for the plots in the shady area nearest the road. Council agreed that as there were to be no increases in rent for the forthcoming year then these plots would remain the same rent as others, it was deemed not practical or necessary to have varying rates on the allotments. It was noted that whilst another plot had been let there were still vacant plots.

94/17 PATH WHIPPENDELL HILL

Cllr Roberts spoke of his recent communication with a resident regarding the path and its usage by horses. The Clerk first received correspondence on the 23rd June and the resident complaint on the 10th July.

The matter had been with HCC legal department for several weeks, awaiting an outcome. Cllr Roberts stated that it was imperative that horses continued to use the path as the road is far too dangerous. Cllr Roberts will be following up this matter with Highways directly. Cllr Roberts added he was prepared to use his locality budget to improve the path.

95/17 DRIVESAFE

There was no report

The meeting closed at 8.47

96/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 20th November 2017 following the planning meeting at approximately 7.45, to be held in the Small Hall, The Common WD4 9BS

**Carole Butcher
Clerk to the Council**

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The Village Hall,
The Common, wd4 9bs**

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