



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 19th June 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*

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council
County Councillor R. Roberts & Dacorum Borough Cllr S.Riddick
1 member of the public

32/17 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.

33/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Luff.

34/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

35/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2017 be accepted as a true record.

36/17 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence was received

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

37/17 Section 1 (Annual governance statement 2016/17) of the Annual return was approved by Council and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

38/17 Section 2 (Accounting statement 2016/17) of Annual return was approved by Council and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

39/17 It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Mant & **RESOLVED** that the annual internal audit report was approved by Council

40/17 It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Bathurst and **RESOLVED** that as from 1st October 2017 allotment rents may be paid on line. Cash and cheques will still be accepted.

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- (ii) The proposal for the warden's van to be kept at his property was withdrawn.
- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn that the CPC financial reserves be realigned to meet the needs of The Council and comply with recommendations put forward *by the internal auditor.*

41/17 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Roberts informed Council the bad news is there will be less money available, the good news, front line services are to be as efficient as possible. He spoke of challenging times ahead, there had been a reconfigured childrens programme, and a big programme in the next 6-12 months for a children's centre. Locally there is a £5000 community project and £90,000 for highways. Cllr Roberts informed council the Croft Estate pavements are due to be worked on. He informed council that there is currently a proposal to bring the governance of police and fire services under one roof. The admin at County Hall had remained the same.

Cllr Bathurst talked of the increase in fly tipping, due to the costs at local tips. Cllr Roberts and Cllr Riddick both agreeing that this is a national problem. Cllr Roberts requested the monthly crime figures received by the Clerk are forwarded to him, The Nunfield drain problem and white lines at the Kia crossroads were discussed. Both jobs have been chased multiple times. Cllr Roberts will liaise with Peter Wright of Highways to hopefully complete this long outstanding work.

Cllr Riddick informed council that the Chairman of Bovingdon Parish Council, Cllr Graham Barrett was now a Borough Councillor. Cllr Riddick confirmed that council was aware that the planning permission had been granted for the graveyard extension.

42/17 RESIGNATION OF CLLR INGRAM

Council were informed that Cllr Ingram's resignation had been received and accepted by the Chairman on the 12th June and that the process of advertising commenced on the 13th June 2017

43/17 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Bathurst informed Council she had managed to have a short last minute meeting with Colin Chambers. Following Colin's retirement, Luke the tree officer will lead the office and Mark, formerly a chain saw worker had been promoted to the office. It is very much hoped the Friends of Chipperfield Common will continue.

An overhanging tree on Windmill Hill is to be added to a to do list as Colin had thought no immediate risk.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

There was no report

3. POLICE REPORT

It was reported there had been an increase in crime in the parish during April

4. HIGHWAYS

There was no report

5. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst informed Council there were now 4 half plots available, with 2 full plots being vacated in September. Cllr Laverack was thanked for fitting the new tap and ordering the new tap tops. Council were informed weed suppressant mat had been bought and used to cover vacant plots. Mr Brankin, an allotment holder had kindly helped Cllr Bathurst with the covering of the vacant plots. Rents due in October were discussed prior to the AGM on the 26th June. The Clerk is to try and organise removal of the large heavy item in a path way between allotments. It was suggested by Cllr Roberts that the school maybe take an allotment. Cllr Roberts was informed that the idea had been looked into previously but due to safety regulations regarding the children this was not possible.

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44/17 **DRIVESAFE**
There was nothing to report

The meeting closed at 8.34

45/17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will be held on the 17th July 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

Clerk to the Council
The Village Hall,
The Common,
Chipperfield, WD4 9BS

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