



## **CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2018  
in the **Parish Room The Common, Chipperfield**

*To Councillors: H Laverack - **Chairman**, - E Flynn – **Deputy Chairman**, W Bathurst, K Cassidy, C Luff  
G Bryant McGuinness CA Heaphy Councillor Roberts Councillor Barratt*

*In attendance* Mrs. U Kilich Clerk to the Council

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**86//18 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.

**87/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies to record.

**88/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest

**89/18 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 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were a true reflection of the proceedings.

**90/18 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Laverack reported on that correspondence has been received on Chipperfield Parish Council's storage space on Garden Scene development, CPC have not yet received detailed report on the subject, therefore CPC is unable to comment.

Salary review for the Ranger and Warden; Councillor Laverack reported that the Warden's salary was just below the minimum wage threshold, it was agreed at the F&GP meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September to increase the Warden's salary from £7.81 to £8.72. It was unanimously agreed for the increase to take place as of immediate effect.

**The Clerk to notify Community Action Dacorum (payroll provider) also to inform the Warden at the appraisal follow up with letter.**

- a. Email account for all councillors; Councillor Laverack informed all members that this item was on the agenda and was approved at a Council meeting.

**The Clerk to follow up with Peter Fleming on the subject.**

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- c. Election; in preparation for Election in 2019, the amount once received from Dacorum Borough Council will be Earmarked for Election.
- d. Little Wynch/Maxwell Hause; Councillor Laverack informed Council members that a meeting has been organised with Mark Brook to resolve the long-standing issue with Little Wynch/Maxwell Hause. Councillor Laverack proposed in getting expert witness to advise and guide CPC on the matter and to identify the administrative boundary. It was unanimously agreed to fund an expert witness.

**91/18 Open Space**

- a. Councillor Bathurst reported that lime tree on Tower Hill has now been taken down. The tree was in a very bad state which was reported around 2 years ago. During bad weather condition the job was reported as an emergency needing a cherry picker.
- b. Friends of Chipperfield Council had its first work part of the season on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and was well attended.
- c. Dog fouling is an ongoing problem, normal bins can be used to dispose, Councillor Bathurst does not want to see The Common littered with signs and bins. Councillor Heaphy feels frustrated that members of public do not clean up after their dogs. Councillor Heaphy would like to have a small section on Chip News on the subject.
- d. Councillor Heaphy reported on broken glass and rubbing at The Common as well as a tree with graffiti. Councillor Heaphy asked the Clerk to report it to the Warden and the Ranger to have it all cleared.

**The Clerk to act and have the rubbish and broken glass to be removed also to have the bins emptied on regular basis,**

- e. Noticeboards; Councillor Laverack informed the council members that this item had also been on the agenda previously and was agreed to purchase new noticeboards at a cost of £4,000. The noticeboards would be placed outside the school, Stanley News and the Two Brewers. DBC had agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of the Two Brewers noticeboard.

**The Clerk should follow through the decision on noticeboards.**

**92/18 Youth and Education**

Councillor Luff that due to flooding Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club are looking to play football outside Chipperfield.

Councillor Luff does not want the school to miss out on the grant for this year, Councillor Laverack informed the members that there is a legal issue where by CPC should not be awarding grant to another public authority. It was suggested that PTA should apply for the grant.

**Councillor Heaphy will submit the grant application on the school PTA group.**

**93/18 Police Report**

Councillor McGuinness informed the Council there was one burglary (dwelling), two burglary (other). Motor vehicle theft was on the increase 3 in August, however this was particularly high for Bovington PC. Councillor McGuinness said this is likely to rise during the month of September.

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**94/18 Highways Smiley Face**

Councillor McGuinness reported that the no date has been fixed for the installation of Speed Indicator Device (SID). Ringway is currently awaiting stats for each of the sites and a full schedule from the subcontractor for the countywide programme. Once Ringway have the report they will be able to make appropriate traffic management and road space arrangements, at which point there will be a date fixed for the installation.

Councillor McGuinness also informed of The Road Safety Fund being available for which he will make the application. In 2017 the grant was used to purchase SID's to eleven Parish Counties in Herts. Councillor McGuinness asked all to have a think on the location for the second unit.

**95/18 Planning**

Item covered under Planning Meeting by Councillor Bryant, nothing further to report.

**96/18 Allotments**

Councillor Bathurst informed the members that Allotment Rent demand have gone out. Councillor Bathurst thanked the Clerk for sending the demands out on time.

**97/18 Report from Borough/County Councillors**

Councillor Roberts informed the council members that Northamptonshire County Council is technically insolvent as couple more county councils have reported they are facing financial difficulties as well; Councillor Roberts was pleased to inform the members that Herts County Council is not one them. Councillor Roberts said the pavements have improved in general, however, if there are any pavements/roads or gullies that need attention to contact Councillor Roberts who will use the locality budget to make improvements, things are getting done with Herts Highways. Ringway contract has been negotiated as they are familiar with the roads and there is the continuity.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

**99/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 following the planning meeting at approximately 7.45, to be held in the Village Hall, The Common WD4 9BS**

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