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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 17th January 2023 @ 7.45 at the Blackwells The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS

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

Also present Mrs U Kilich Proper Officer and two members of the public.

57/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

To accept and approve apologies for absence

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Bryant seconded by Cllr Flynn to accept apologies of absence from Cllr McGuinness. Unanimously agreed.

Apologies of absence also received from County Councillor Richard Roberts, Borough Councillor Stewart Riddick, Graham Barrett and Gbola Adeleke.

58/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To accept and declare interest linked to any of the Resolutions.

There were no declaration of interest to record

59/22 MINUTES

a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 22nd November 2022.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Hinton to approve the Minutes of 22nd November 2022 as a correct 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.

60/22 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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

Nothing to report.

61/22 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

To receive the Chairman's report and note any correspondence received.

- a. PKF Littlejohn appointed as external auditors for the next 5 years
- b. Webinar – Hertfordshire's response to the Cost of Living and Strategic Migration
- c. Update on climate adaptation and resilience in Hertfordshire 12/12/22
- d. HAPTC Study Tour 2023 (circulated)

- e. HAPTC Consultation Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2023/24
- f. Consultation on Pre-submission draft of Bovingdon Neighbourhood Plan

62/22 Public Participation 15 Minutes total (Max 3 minutes per Person)

The two members of the public attending the meeting were both interested in item 63/22 (d) relating to Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG).

RESOLVED, to set up a Working Group for SANG. The working party would report to Full Council on items discussed and to propose and decisions. It was suggested the working group would consist of 8 members a mixture of Cllrs and members of the public. The SANG Working Group would include Cllr Bathurst, Cllr Miller, Cllr Hinton, Cllr Cassidy, and Cllrs Bryant & Flynn would be on reserves. Residents of Kings Langley & District Residents Association expressed their interest to be on the Working Group and Cllr Cassidy would invite those members of the public that have previously expressed their interest to join.

63/22 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

- a. Cllr Cassidy to propose to accept the YTD Summary report as set out in the attached papers.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn to accept the YTD Summary. Unanimously agreed.

- b. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve the budget for the Parish for 2023/24 as set out in the attached papers

This is an amended version based on the number of dwellings used to calculate the precept and the addition of potential election costs were not originally taken into account in the Budget 2023/24 which was approved on 22nd November 2022 hence the proposal of this revision to the Budget 2023/24.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Bryant to approve the Budget for 2023/24 as circulated to members. Unanimously agreed.

- c. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve the proposed Precept for 2023/24 as set out in the attached papers.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn to accept the proposed Precept for 2023/24 for submission to DBC. Unanimously agreed.

- d. Cllr Cassidy proposes appoint council members and representatives for SANG
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy to appoint the following members on SANG Working Group: discussed earlier.

- e. Cllr Cassidy to update members on Castle Water billing
Cllr Cassidy informed members that there is a credit of £32.79 on the account, however, the Clerk has raised this with Castle Water to ensure the billing is correct. The bill to be reviewed to ensure it is not estimated.

- f. Cllr Cassidy proposes to appoint council member on F&GP Working Group
RESOLVED by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Bathurst to appoint Cllr Hinton on F&GP Working Group. Unanimously agreed.

- g. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve the renewal quotation for mowing and hedge trimming at the allotments.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Miller to accept the quote circulated to council members on 12th January 2023. Unanimously agreed.

- h. A member to attend the Village Hall meeting on 23rd January 2023 at 7.30 pm
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn that Cllr Bryant would attend the next CVH Meeting on 23 January 2023.

- i. An update on the village store room
Cllr Cassidy informed members that the solicitors actioned on CPC behalf and Oakford Homes have exchanged emails and meter reading has been exchanged.
- j. An update on the insurance for the van
Cllr Cassidy informed members that the insurance for the van has been renewed with A Plan, it is recommended that CPC seeks quotes from other providers.
- k. A member of the public to contribute towards War Memorial hedge
Cllr Cassidy informed members that a member of the public has approached to contribute toward the War Memorial Hedge. CPC appreciated this gesture in memory of the contributor's relatives.
- l. An update on the parks in Chipperfield
Nothing to report on the refurbishment of the play areas on the Croft Estate or behind the Boot public house.

64/22 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Two meetings have been held by Friends of Chipperfield Common. Cllr Bathurst informed members that SANG funding would not cover current projects, i.e., the ponds. It was noted and appreciated that a member of the group was voluntarily doing litter picking around Chipperfield.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Cllr Heaphy informed members that the school has appointed a new teacher who has fitted in very well.

3. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Cassidy reported the crime figures received for December 2022 were an amalgamation of those for Bovingdon, Chipperfield and Flaunden so no figures specific to Chipperfield were available. The consolidated figures were Burglary dwelling 2, robbery 1, theft of motor vehicle 1, theft from motor vehicle 2, assault 9. Cllr Cassidy also informed members that there was a robbery reported at the Two Brewers.

4. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Roberts emailed to highlight some of the roads around Chipperfield were being resurfaced.

5. PLANNING

Cllr Bryant commented that CPC have had a success in conjunction with DBC where applications to which CPC have objected have been refused by DBC.

6. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

65/22 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.

66/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 21st of February 2023 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwell The Common WD4 9BS.

Meeting concluded at 20.46