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## **CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 at 7.45 at the Blackwell The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS.

*Councillors Present: P Foxall (Chair), G Bryant, W Bathurst, M Paton, M Flynn, and K Cassidy.*

*In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer) and one member of the public.*

### **14/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn to approve the apologies for absence Cllr Hinton and Cllr Heapy-Jones. Unanimously agreed. Apologies also received from Borough Councillors P Walker and S Riddick.

### **15/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest to record.

### **16/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 minutes time allowed.**

### **17/26 MINUTES**

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and Allotment Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Paton seconded by Cllr Bathurst to approve the minutes of Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Unanimously agreed.  
Resolved proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Paton to approve the Allotment Minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026 as a true and accurate representation of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.
- b. To discuss any matters arising from previous meetings  
There were no matters arising from the previous meetings.

### **18/26 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

- a. To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors
- b. Impact on Chipperfield of latest Government Planning Policy  
Discussion held on local government reorganisation and potential impact on parish councils, including possible reduction or restructuring of planning responsibilities and uncertainty regarding future governance structures.  
Concerns raised regarding reduced influence of district councillors and potential merger scenarios affecting parish boundaries.

## **19/26 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED**

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- a. Update on filming in Chipperfield

A meeting with the location manager was held on 23 June 2026, during which Cllr Foxall presented CPC's requirements regarding the upcoming film production.

The filming company has issued notices to residents, which have been circulated to those directly affected. Parking arrangements have been agreed, with the village green designated for parking and S. Werrell confirming capacity to accommodate parking needs.

It was noted that the District Council (DBC) will provide sign-off upon completion of the project, and it was also agreed that Chipperfield Parish Council (via the Chair Cllr Foxall) also be included in the final sign-off process.

Regarding equipment, generators will be placed with the cooperation of neighbouring residents, who have volunteered to accommodate them within their gardens.

Any damage to the lane or surrounding infrastructure will be the responsibility of the filming company to reinstate.

Overall, the update confirms arrangements for an early July filming event on the Common, including parking on grassland, generator placement, resident coordination, and agreed post-production reinstatement and sign-off procedures.

- b. Cannisters found on the Common which have been removed – item resolved.
- c. Update on connectivity in the parish  
Ongoing issues with broadband/fibre connectivity noted. Residents encouraged to request fibre installation where feasible.
- d. Feasibility and cost of using planning consultants for complex applications  
Discussion on potential use of external planning consultants for complex planning objections. Proposal to explore costs and feasibility further with the consultant after a potential meeting.
- e. Dacorum Environmental Forum Minutes from 14th May 2026 – for information.
- f. Local Government Reorganisation Presentation (Council only) PowerPoint shared with the councillors.

## **20/26 CLERKS REPORT (verbal)**

- a. To update and discuss the current action report - the Clerk informed members of any outstanding items that need attention.
- b. Latest news from Dacorum Borough Council – shared with Councillors.

## **21/26 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

- a. Cllr Foxall proposes to approve the YTD Summary for May 2026  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the YTD Summary for May 2026. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Foxall to approve the Receipts and Payment Summary for May 2026  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the Receipts and Payments for May 2026. Unanimously agreed.

- c. Cllr Foxall proposes to approve the Bank Reconciliation as of May 2026  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the Bank Reconciliation for May 2026. Unanimously agreed.
- d. Cllr Foxall proposes to approve the cost for treating hornet's nest on the allotment, for single treatment of £40  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Cassidy seconded by Cllr Paton to approve cost for treating the hornet's nest at the allotment. Unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr Foxall proposes to use the second Unity Trust bank account for the sole purpose of Allotment Deposit account.  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Flynn to use the second Unity Trust bank account for the Allotment Deposit account. Unanimously agreed.
- f. Cllr Foxall proposes to amend Section 2 Box 11 as a "Yes" instead of "No". This is a new requirement following implementation of Assertion 10. The box was incorrectly completed. Both the Chair and the Clerk to initial the changes.  
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Flynn to amend Section 2 Box 11 as a "Yes". Unanimously agreed. The Chair and the Clerk initialled the changes.

## **22/26 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES**

### **1. OPEN SPACES**

Update provided on reptile mats installation and Friends of Chipperfield Common activities. Dog waste bin replacements underway. Community picnic reported as successful.

### **2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION – Sunday school fayre will be taking place.**

### **3. POLICE REPORT – Nothing to report**

### **4. HIGHWAYS – Speed Indicator Devices will be installed between July and October 2026.**

### **5. PLANNING – Reported in Planning Committee Meeting.**

### **6. ALLOTMENT –**

Update from Allotment AGM Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

a. it was suggested that CPC review of allotment rules recommended due to inconsistencies across multiple documents. Proposal to consolidate into a single updated policy document.

b. Feedback proposed to CTC and CCFC re boundaries and allotments

d. Update on Tennis Court proposal – Cllr Foxall reminded the Tennis Club of the need to keep the allotment area tidy. The Tennis Club is also required to undertake a bat survey as part of the planning application, due to the installation and use of floodlights.

It was confirmed that plot 24B will be taken over by the Tennis Club in due course.

f. Freedom of Information Requests – CPC answered an FOI request submitted.

e. Latest forecast indicates a full allotment rental increase in 26/27 to £78 p.a..- This will be on the agenda for September 2026 for discussion and approval.

**23/26 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.

**24/26 Future Agenda Items**

- a. To approve allotment related policies.
- b. To approve rent increase to £78 p.a.
- c. To consider to reinstate the Allotment AGM Refreshments

**25/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on the 15 September 2026 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.**

**The meeting concluded at 20.27.**