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Minutes of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 31st March 2026 at 7.45 at The Parish Room The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS.

Councillors Present: K Cassidy, G Bryant, CA Heaphy, and W Bathurst,

In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer), Cllr R Robert, Cllr P Walker and two members of the public.

96/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the apologies for absence from Cllr Foxall, Cllr Paton, Cllr Hinton and Cllr Flynn.

Unanimously agreed. Apologies for absence also received from Cllr Riddick.

97/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declarations of interest to record.

98/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 minutes time allowed.

99/25 MINUTES

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 17th February 2026 and EOM 10th March 2026
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Bryant to approve the minutes of 17th February 2026 and EOM from 10th March 2026. Unanimously agreed.
- b. To discuss any matters arising from previous meetings
Nothing to report.

100/25 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors

County Councillor R Roberts reported the following:

- Hertfordshire County Council has set budget for 2026/27 at an increase of 5%.
- In the 2025/26 draft budget, the Council stated that it was facing “unprecedented financial pressure” due to rising demand for services, increased costs, and reduced government funding.
- The Council’s plan is to reduce internal costs and achieve efficiencies totalling £42 million.
- Bucks Hill is scheduled to be resurfaced.
- Local Government Reorganisation is due to be finalised by 28th June 2026. Several models are under consideration, including proposals for two, three, or

four unitary authorities. These options comprise different combinations of district and borough areas for each proposed new authority.

101/25 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

For any items you cannot “click” please email the Clerk for information.

- a. DMC and DBC Consultation (Council only)
- b. Town and Parish Council update (Council only)
- c. Have your say on Post-16 supported [transport policy](#) changes
- d. Dacorum Environmental [Minutes](#)
- e. Simon Martin 27/02/2026 Enter Competition for outstanding village
- f. Apostle Pond 4/03/2026 request for better signage (email passed to SANG Officer)
- g. Library opening hours [consultation](#), 6 March-5 May 2026 (06.03.2026)
- h. [Wild about Dacorum](#) (17/03/2026)
- i. Severe damage to the verge at the junction of Croft Meadow (DBC have been sent the email with copy to CPC)
- j. HAPTC response to MHCLG - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) [Consultation](#) February 2026
- k. The Council shall propose a recipient for the Outstanding Service to the Village Award.

102/25 CLERKS REPORT (verbal)

- a. To update and discuss the current action report
The Clerk reported on the items outstanding, the Fingerposts will be dispatched after Easter, the application for CPC credit card is pending.
- b. Latest news from Dacorum Borough Council
Further update on Local Government Reorganisation.

103/25 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

- a. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve the YTD Summary for February 2026
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the YTD Summary for February 2026. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Cassidy to approve the Receipts and Payment Summary for February 2026
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the Receipts and Payments for February 2026. Unanimously agreed.
- c. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve the Bank Reconciliation as of February 2026
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Cassidy to approve the Bank Reconciliation for February 2026. Unanimously agreed.
- a. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss and agree on the two following road safety items:
 - i. Road Safety Grant Funding for two new SIDs and related maintenance costs.
 - ii. The proposal to charge warranty of existing SIDs to the Parish Council going forward.Resolved, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Heaphy-Jones to approve the two items i and ii relating to Speed Indicator Device. Unanimously agreed.

104/25 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

1. OPEN SPACES

SANG update - A working party at Chipperfield Common has been carrying out clearance of brambles along the path. The next session is expected to focus on further bramble removal. A proposal has been issued for tender to resurface the path, and a safety report on the trees has indicated that remedial work is required. This work is due to commence shortly. The nest will be protected during the works. On Thursday evening, the Dacorum Conservation Team will be holding an event aimed at recruiting additional volunteers.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION – Nothing to report

3. POLICE REPORT – No update being received from Police and Crime Commissioner.

4. HIGHWAYS – As reported earlier, the grant application for two Speed Indicator Devices to be submitted.

5. PLANNING – There are major developments around Kings Langley and Bovingdon.

6. ALLOTMENT

- Request for beehive at the allotment – Resolved proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Bathurst not to have the beehive. Unanimously agreed.
- Request for picket fencing around plot 6ab within the boundary of the allotment 6ab
- Request for chickens on plot 6ab – Cllr Bathurst reported that the applicant may need to apply to DEFRA.

105/25 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.

106/25 Future Agenda Items

- a. Clock Chime quotation
- b. Audit Report
- c. Insurance renewal

107/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 21 April 2026 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.

The meeting concluded at 20.29