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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 12th March 2024 at 7.45 at the Blackwell, The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS

Councillors Present: E Flynn (Deputy Chair), G Bryant, W Bathurst, C Heaphy and M Paton.

*In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer), Borough Councillor's P Walker, and G Adeleke.
Four member of the public present.*

68/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

To accept and approve apologies for absence

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Paton to accept apologies of absence from Cllr Cassidy, Cllr P Foxall Cllr Hinton and Cllr Riddick for the reasons stated in the email.
Unanimously agreed.

69/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To accept and declare interest linked to any of the Resolutions.
There were no declarations of interest to record.

70/23 MINUTES

a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council 9th January 2024

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Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Bathurst to approve the Minutes of 9th January 2024 as a correct record and, as such be duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed

b. Matters arising from previous Minutes.

Suitable Natural Green Space (SANG), Ian Ross (Head of Neighbourhood Management), within the area Ian manages Clean Safe and Green, Parking and Cemeteries. Ian Ross made the following statement.

Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) delivery will commence as per the management plan agreed with Natural England, hopefully during the summer of 2024; this is linked to the recruitment of the SANG Delivery Officer, which will be the key post for project delivery at Chipperfield Common and Bunkers Park.

Pending recruitment of the officer, we are trying to make progress on the Apostles Pond; there is some funding within the SANG budget that can be used to fund resource and potentially towards works. It is likely works will now not take place until Autumn 2024/Winter 2025.

Some of the works proposed under the SANG programme will require Secretary of State approval – this will be an early task for the SANG Delivery Officer to work on. It can be a drawn-out process. The Parish Council will be made aware of the application and details within it prior to submission.

The surfacing of the car parks is now on hold pending further consideration following representation from residents.

Luke Johnson, our Trees and Woodlands Manager, regularly runs volunteer days with the Friends of Chipperfield Common – if anyone would like to get involved please let us know.

Playground refurbishments at Croft Meadow and Tower Hill are planned to be completed in time for the school summer holidays.

Overall, as a service we are looking to improve how we work with the Parish Council and local residents to enhance Chipperfield Common.

The advert for the SANG Delivery Officer is currently now live on the Council website with a closing date of 14 April.

Painting of the telephone box by the Caretaker of St Pauls School – CPC will get the paint.

71/23 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

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

Cllr Walker reported on the flooding on Nunfield, bollards were going to be installed to stop the parking. The agreement was that DBC will write to the residents and no bollards with no parking sign this is under review.

72/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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Items (a) to (e) have been circulated to Councillors by email and are included here for recording purposes.

- a. Coach Education Week. To view the full programme, [click here](#)
- b. Minutes from DEF 8th February 2024, [click here](#) to view
- c. Dacorum Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, [click here](#) to view
- d. Consultation on the Proposal to Change the Age Range of Maple Grove Primary School Hemel Hempstead, [click here](#) for more information

73/23 Public Participation 15 Minutes total (Max 3 minutes per Person)

Flooding and path, third time this has been done. The corner of Dunny Lane is pretty bad.

74/23 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

- a. Cllr Cassidy proposes to accept the YTD Summary report for February 2024
Resolved, in the absence of Cllr Cassidy, Cllr Flynn proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Paton to accept the YTD Summary for February 2024. Unanimously agreed.
- b. To discuss and resolve to appoint a cleaning company to clean CPC signs
Cllr Flynn informed members that this is not necessary as Vas cleans the signs in the village.
- c. To discuss and donate to Henry Smith Charity £600
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Bathurst and £600 to the Henry Smith Charity. Unanimously agreed.

- d. To discuss and resolve the number of dog bins in CPC and the location (Scatterdells Lane)
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Bryant to approve red poo bins around Chipperfield area. Unanimously agreed.
- e. To discuss and complete Insurance questionnaire
Cllr Flynn informed members that few questions have been put to Gallaghers (Insurance company).
- f. To discuss and approve SLCC membership £418
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Bryant to renew the SLCC membership. Unanimously approved.
- g. To discuss and approve the contract with eon for the village clock
Resolved proposed by Cllr Flynn seconded by Cllr Bryant to cancel the eon contract for the village clock and move to Scottish Power at reduced standing charge. Unanimously agreed.
- h. To discuss the possibility of acquiring new vehicle for the parish
Cllr Flynn proposed that CPC members start to think about acquiring another vehicle.
- i. To update members that the garage rent will be increased to £840 pa from £773 pa.
Cllr Flynn updated members on the rent for the garage.

75/23 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Bathurst – FCC only three people turned up, restored the dead hedge back. Another meeting will take place on 14th March in the hope more people will attend. Fof CC are trying to get more laurel out.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

St Pauls School is currently waiting for an Ofsted report, new library at the school and book vending machine. Parents/staff survey has gone out and the overall feedback has been positive.

3. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Flynn reported on the following between Chipperfield, Bovingdon and Flaunden.

4. HIGHWAYS

The flooding on Nunfield has been reported to Herts Highways.

5. PLANNING

Cllr Bryant reported that CPC has engaged with the applicant on the purchase of the Baptist Church.

The developer specialises in purchasing old buildings. The applicant will be carrying out a pre-app with Dacorum Borough Council, the applicant will retain much of the building as it is.

The Street is going to Development Management Committee on 21st March 2024, a member of the Council will represent CPC regarding the objection submitted to DBC.

6. ALLOTMENTS

There is only half plot vacant.

76/23 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.

HR issues – Vas has 12 days annual days remaining, it is proposed CPC pay for 12 days and reiterate that for next year holidays must be taken, only five days will be allowed to carry forward

with the Council's approval. It was also proposed that Vas may want to volunteer to help with the Friends of Chipperfield a way of using the annual leave.

77/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 9th April 2024 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.