



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on Monday 12th January 2015 in the Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield at 8.10 pm.

Present: Councillor Harry Laverack– Chairman
Councillor Wendy Bathurst
Councillor Peter Ingram
Councillor Guy Kempston
Councillor Stephen Mant

In Attendance: Mrs Jan Dawes - Clerk to the Council

156/14 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.

157/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Flynn, Nobbs and Webby

158/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

159/14 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Ingram, seconded by Councillor Mant and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2014 be signed as a true record.

160/14 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Laverack urged everyone to look at the items on the action sheets and come up with target dates.

161/14 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Roberts updated the Council on the progress of Hertfordshire County Council. He reported that the mobile library service would be stopping but books will be delivered by the Meals on Wheels service. Library buildings will in future be manned solely by volunteers.

162/14 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Councillors Kempston and Bathurst had attended the Chipperfield News AGM. Everything was running smoothly and no grant was needed from the Parish Council. Disappointment had been expressed that the Parish Council had chosen to start its own website up rather than remaining on the village site.

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163/14 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks report was noted.

164/14 POLICE REPORT

The Police report was noted. 5 events had taken place during December. Councillor Ingram reported the Summary of Police Reports for the year 2014

The December Monthly Crime Sheets ends another 12 months of monitoring events and keeping the Village as safe as possible. When viewing the year as a whole the result is that we had a total of 53 crime events logged compared with 38 in the same period in 2013. Certainly not going in the right direction but maybe influenced by better reporting than simply more actual crime.

The highest increases by category were in Burglary (Other) 17 (3 in 2013) and Other Crimes (now including robbery) 15 (15 in 2013). In 2013 the Police counted Drugs with other crimes but that is now a separate section with only 4 incidents in 2014. Other Crimes is now a catch-all for anything that does not fit into the alternative categories. (see this months sheet)

All figures should be read in context and perhaps the best is our neighbours Bovingdon. They were recorded with a total of 119 crimes to our 53 and 53 of those were also in Other Crimes. They also had 19 in Criminal Damage to our 6. On the negative side Chipperfield had 17 in Burglary Other (not dwellings) compared to Bovingdon 11 – possibly because of a higher value of kit in Chippfields’ sheds and garages!!

Overall not a bad year in my view but we must continue be watchful and vigilant as a community and hope, as I believe, that membership of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme contributes to this result.

165/14 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES REPORT

Councillor Laverack reported that plans were being drawn up to get quotes on the Office in the Village Hall, a meeting will be held to discuss moving the project forward.

166/14 PRECEPT SETTING MEETING

It was proposed by Councillor Laverack, seconded by Councillor Mant and **RESOLVED** that the budget be accepted and a request for payment be made to Dacorum Borough Council for £46,773 comprising

Precept	£29,350
Concurrent	£11,050
Warden	£ 6,373

167/14 OUTSTANDING TASKS

Feed back was requested to be sent to Councillor Laverack with target dates. Councillor Kempston left at 8.30 pm

168/14 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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The monthly statement of accounts and the cheques paid during November and December were approved. The Council had a health balance at the moment but this would be needed for the new office.

169/14 OPEN SPACES GROUP

A meeting will be held with DBC next week for the group, Councillor Kempston had indicated that he would like to remain as lead member. Councillor Ingram would step in when needed.

170/14 UPDATE ON LITTLE WINCH

Councillor Laverack had written to Adele Stapletons replacement and asked for an update on the situation.

171/14 EVENTS WORKING GROUP

There was no report.

172/14 ALLOTMENTS GROUP

Allotment software had been upgraded and invoices would be sent out shortly. Councillor Bathurst had approached Mark Jarman for a quote on a new gate for the football field.

173/14 HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP

It was agreed to postpone replacing any bus shelters until the outcome of the bus consultation had been made available.

174/14 TO RECEIVE THE RESIGNATION OF Councillor Nobbs

The resignation of David Nobbs was received with great sadness. He was thanked for his 31 years on the Council.

175/14 NOMINATION OF MR DAVID NOBBS AS ADVISER TO CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL.

It was proposed by Councillor Laverack, seconded by Councillor Mant and **RESOLVED**

1. To appoint Mr. David Nobbs as an adviser to the Council. All relevant emails are to be copied to the adviser and councillors may seek his advice on any council business.
2. The said adviser to be an active member of the Planning Committee. All planning applications to be passed through the adviser who will submit appropriate comments to all planning applications.
3. The adviser may terminate this commitment to the council at any time.

176/14 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

177/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th February 2015 immediately after the Planning Committee in the Small Hall The Common Chipperfield.

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The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Actions arising from previous meetings

Minute	Action Due	Who by	Date due:	Completed
132/14	Include outstanding actions in minutes	Clerk	15/12/14	5/11/14
134/14	Discuss situation re Little Winch	H Laverack	15/12/14	
134/14	Buffet for Green Flag	Clerk	14/11/14	4/11/14
138/14	Meeting with Cricket Club	Clerk	15/12/14	28/11/14

List of outstanding actions

	Activity	Nominat ion	Progress	Target Date
Parish Clerk	Dog attack	Police	ongoing	
	Dog warden training			
	Chainsaw training			
	Councillors email addresses			
	Wendy Complaint	HL	complete	complete
F & GP	Traffic speed control	JD/HL	progressing	
	Defibrillator	JD/ PI	progressing	
	Village charter			
	Village hall project	F&GP + WB	progressing	
	Press release policy			
Highways	Change of bus time table			
	Bus shelters			
	Village signs	JD	ordered awaiting supply and fit	
	Village sign refurb	PG		
Planning	Blackwells finger sign			
	Cricket club request for sign			
	Neighbourhood plan			
Open Spaces	Annual walk		complete	
	Little Winch	HL + OS	ongoing	
	Clearance of fallen trees			
	Green Flag ceremony	PI		14/11/14
	Additional post at Blackwells car park			

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Allotments	gate lock	JD		
	Gate removal	WB		
	Repair of football field gate	WB		

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