



The purpose of the consultation was to look into how the use of the children centres could be maximised and reach out more people. There had been some flooding in the area and Hertfordshire county council had worked together with the emergency services to alleviate the problems. Locally they have been flooding in Flaunden and a scheme to prevent it happening again was being looked into. Finally he urged the parish council to contact him if there were problems in the area. Councillor Adeleke reiterated at the parish council should get the district and county Councillor involved at an early stage. It was proposed that a meeting should be held in 6 to 8 weeks to see if problems have been resolved.

221/13

### **Reports from meetings with other organisations**

Councillor Bathurst had attended the Chipperfield horticultural society AGM. This meeting had been well attended considering the heavy rain falling that evening. The society is in good shape, with last year's 3 shows all well attended, and showing a profit despite it being a challenging growing season. 3 shows are planned for this year, along with a coach outing to The Beth Chatto Garden, a summer garden party, and 3 talks, including one by radio and TV gardener Matthew Wilson.

Richard Edwards retired as auditor, and was warmly thanked for his years of service, Chris Pinney agreed to take his place. The remaining officers and committee all agreed to remain in post. The formal business had been followed by cheese and wine.

She would also be attending the meeting of Chipperfield Care on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and brought to the attention of the parish council that the village hall committee were looking for of treasurer.

222/13

### **Clerks Report**

The clerk reported that a number of trees had come down during the recent high winds and they have been reported to Dacorum borough council. Councils noticeboard outside the small hall had also blown over and was now beyond reasonable repair. Quotations had been obtained however she had been holding on to the quotes until Dacorum had agreed on whether the parish council could take over the noticeboard the two brewers. She would chase this matter up but in the meantime order the to notice boards to replace the parish council ones.

223/13

### **Police Report**

Councillor Ingram introduced the police report for January. There had been 7 crimes reported during January these include:-  
Theft from Motor Vehicle 4  
The Street Chipperfield - Vehicle was left locked and secured, offenders smashed rear side driver's window and removed a briefcase. Offence happened overnight.  
The Street, Chipperfield. - Theft of front number plate from a vehicle, this offence occurred overnight.  
The Common, Chipperfield - Vehicle parked overnight in the street, offenders has raised the vehicle using a jack and has removed one wheel.  
Croft Meadows, Chipperfield - Theft of front number plate while vehicle

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parked in the drive, this offence occurred overnight.

Drugs/other 3

Croft Meadows, Chipperfield - Extensive damage to a property after offenders set up a cannabis factory within. 2 people stopped in connection with drugs.

Councillor Ingram reported that he had arranged a meeting with the PCSO and the Parish Council's warden.

Councillor Ingram had done a comparison exercise with the crime reports for this year and last year, The picture was very similar to last year with drug crimes continuing to rise.

224/13

**Chipperfield Project Group**

Following on from the project group attending the planning committee meeting it was clear that planning permission had been granted for the fence and hedge and that if the Parish Council wished for a wall there was a need to assist in helping the group raise funds to build the wall. The Clerk was asked to contact the group and enquire whether they would like the parish council to apply for grant funding on their behalf.

Clerk

It was agreed that more regular communication between the group and the Parish could be beneficial.

225/13

**Finance & General Purposes Report**

The Finance & General Purposes group had discussed the burial ground project and the new website. It was the intention for the website to go live on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Input was still awaited from councillors for biographies and working group descriptions.

Cllrs

226/13

**Monthly Accounts and Accounts for Payment**

The monthly statement of accounts paid and the bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 as attached, were discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Bathurst, seconded by Councillor Ingram and **RESOLVED** that the list of cheques be approved. It was proposed by Councillor Mant, seconded by Councillor Ingram and **RESOLVED** that the financial statement and bank reconciliation be approved

227/13

**Finger Posts**

This item was deferred to allow time for more quotations to be received.

228/13

**Internal and External Communications Policy**

This item was deferred to next month to make a small amendment.

229/13

**Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Reports were needed for inclusion in the annual report to go in Chipperfield News, the deadline was early April. The Clerk was asked to send around copies of last years reports to remind everyone of the format. The Police & Crime Commissioner was suggested as a guest speaker, the Clerk was asked to contact him ASAP to see if he was willing to attend. Local groups would be invited to attend to receive

Clerk

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they're grant cheques and give a talk about the groups and societies.

230/13

**Open Spaces Report**

A number of trees had come down during the recent high winds these had been reported to DBC. No further information had been received regarding Little Winch encroachment and no response had been received from Adriana Livingstone regarding access to the events hub. Councillor Adeleke would be taking the matter up on behalf of the Parish. It was reported that Colin Chambers would be trying to get a friends of the common working party set up in the next couple of months. It was agreed that the volunteers played an important role in obtaining the Green Flag award and it would be tragic to lose such a good resource.

231/13

**Events Working Group Report**

It was reported that a Quiz night was planned in the village hall in the near future.

232/13

**Allotments Report**

There had been a problem with the combination lock on the main gate and it was suspected that the lock may have been filled with glue, however it had been released using hot water and wd40. Councillor Laverack would take up the matter of the problem with the wooden gates with the contractor as a solution had not been found. It was agreed that no further Council funds would be forthcoming for the repairs and if necessary the gate would be just blocked off and taken out of use.

Cllr  
Laverack

Some of the marker posts had been damaged by vehicles and the Clerk was asked to instruct the Ranger to move them back away from the access ways. The work to the road had held up very well during the wet weather.

233/13

**Youth & Education Report**

Councillor Laverack had introduced Councillor Webby to the Head teacher of the school. He had presented the Victoria Walk prizes.

234/13

**Highways, Road Safety and Transport Report**

The roads were in a dreadful condition and large potholes were appearing. The Clerk was reporting them as they were seen. Councillor Roberts was going to set up a meeting with Highways. It was reported that the leak in Tower Hill had been finally repaired. The Clerk was asked to pursue the missing stop sign on the crossroads with highways further as it was a dangerous junction and there had recently been another accident.

The report on the road signs was deferred to allow samples to be received.

235/13

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

236/13

**Items for the Next Agenda**

It was reported the Councillor Ingram would be attending a meeting regarding

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the fireworks with the cricket club and the police and would report back to the next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 after the Planning Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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| Date       | Cheque | Name                                | Reason                       | Amount £       |
|------------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 20/01/2014 | 100174 | Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club | Firework grant               | 480.00         |
| 10/02/2014 | 100175 | Staples                             | Stationery                   | 34.97          |
| 10/02/2014 | 100176 | Taylors Tools (UK)Ltd               | Equipment Service and repair | 198.30         |
| 10/02/2014 | 100177 | Virgin Media Business               | Telephone & Broadband        | 50.70          |
| 10/02/2014 | 100178 | S R Goble                           | Payroll services             | 45.00          |
| 10/02/2014 | 100179 | Mrs J Dawes                         | February wages and expenses  | 903.85         |
| 10/02/2014 | 100180 | Mr P Sadler                         | February wages               | 487.50         |
| 10/02/2014 | 100181 | Mr A Orchard                        | February wages               | 154.53         |
| 10/02/2014 | 100182 | Post Office Ltd                     | Vehicle excise duty          | 220.00         |
|            |        |                                     | <b>Subtotal cheques</b>      | <b>2574.85</b> |
| 01/02/14   | DD     | Dacorum Borough Council             | Garage rent                  | 42.00          |
| 10/02/14   | DD     | Right Fuelcard                      | Fuel card charge             | 1.20           |
|            |        |                                     | <b>February Expenditure</b>  | <b>2618.05</b> |

Cheques 100174 to 100182  
signed by

H Laverack and S Mant

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**Bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Scottish Widows  | 77,000    |
| NatWest Reserves | 18427.35  |
| NatWest Current  | <u>0</u>  |
|                  | 95,427.35 |

Less Outstanding cheques

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| 100154 | 99.98   |
| 100159 | 55.00   |
| 100160 | 55.00   |
| 100161 | 172.43  |
| 100162 | 487.50  |
| 100164 | 208.80  |
| 100165 | 216.60  |
| 100166 | 1195.51 |
| 100167 | 423.37  |
| 100168 | 51.14   |
| 100169 | 187.00  |
| 100170 | 90      |
| 100171 | 25.98   |
| 100172 | 252.00  |
| 100174 | 480.00  |

**4000.31**

**Total Balance**

**91,427.04**

less Febrary Cheques -2618.05

Projectected forecast for end  
February 88,808.99

Current account balance at end of  
feb 15809.30  
estimated

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