



Minutes of the meeting of the ANNUAL Chipperfield Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 held in the Parish
Rooms The Common, Chipperfield WD4 9BS

*To Councillors: H Laverack - Chairman, - E Flynn – Deputy Chairman, W Bathurst, K Cassidy, C Luff
S Mant*

*In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council , Peter Sadler (Warden) Andy Orchard (Ranger)
24 members of the public*

Guest Speaker Colin Chambers Dacorum Woodland Officer

1. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or buildings evacuation

Councillor Laverack welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced Councillors.
The structure of the council was explained, and staff introduced.
Various slides were shown to residents.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Ingram

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cllr Laverack asked Parishioners to check the minutes from the APM 2016
It was then **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Flynn and **RESOLVED** that
the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2016 be accepted as a true reflection
of the proceedings.

4. **ACCOUNTS**

Cllr Laverack explained how precept money, being funding from the Borough for
The Parish and the concurrent funding He spoke of pensions, how it was now in force
and staff members had to be offered a pension scheme. He spoke of the CIL payments
being 'Community Infrastructure Levy' 'A percentage of this levy is paid to a Parish for
certain building developments.

Cllr Laverack spoke of the possibility of Chipperfield having a neighbourhood plan,
It was explained that this is a long process, the average time being 2 years, it is also costly.
The benefits are the CIL payments would increase from 15% to 25%. The village would also
have more of a say with future developments. It is a legal document unlike the Village Design
Statement but Chipperfield believe that the Village Design Statement would very much be
to the advantage if starting the process of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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5. **GRANT CHEQUES**

Grant cheques were presented to local organisations, with recipients saying a few words on how their grant money would be used.

The following organisations received grants

Chipperfield Football Club £4000

Chipperfield Village Hall £1500

**Chipperfield Burial Ground Trust
(previously the Chipperfield Project Group) £1000**

St Pauls Church Graveyard Maintenance £1500

A further £705 was granted to the British Legion, St Pauls School, being money for prizes for the Victorian walk and the Cricket Club for insurance to cover the annual fireworks display

6. **OPEN SPACES REPORT**

Cllr Bathurst spoke of the good work that Friends of Chipperfield Common had carried out, and how the Parish had again been awarded The Green Flag. She thanked Colin Chambers for all his help in the past and wished him well in his retirement.

7. **HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Flynn spoke of proposed speed signs, also the ongoing problem of pot holes, and the dangerous one on the Kia garage crossroads having only just been repaired. Residents were informed that the reinstating of white lines at the Kia crossroads was still being chased, also the disabled signs on the church car park.

8. **POLICE REPORT**

Cllr Laverack spoke of the increase in crime figures, explaining to residents of the cutbacks and that our PCSO Bardi now has to travel to Chipperfield by bus, and also covers Bovingdon, Bourne End and Flaunden. Bardi attended the meeting and was invited by Cllr Laverack to say a few words

9. **ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Bathurst told residents that for the first time there were several vacant allotments due to a number of reasons, including bad health and house moves. It was hoped these would soon be rented. There had been two adverts placed in Chip News in Dec 2016 and March 2017

10. **DRIVESAFE SCHEME**

Cllr Luff spoke of the continuing speeding problem in the village, how he had spent time with Bovingdon Drivesafe, Cllr Luff had spoken to David Lloyd being the Police Commissioner and how a core team of 8-10 volunteers were needed. Cllr Luff informed residents that in one session of 2-3 hours, of 600 cars 35% were speeding. He believed it was not a success and the next stage was to use some data. There was a positive show of hands for smiley faces, and Cllr Luff spoke of the possibility of a portable one. Cllr Richard Roberts would contribute some funding.

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11. **GUEST SPEAKER Colin Chambers Dacorum Woodland Officer**

Colin told residents he had been the Woodland Officer for 9 years and was due to retire in June . He spoke of the work of Friends of Chipperfield Common, who meet 6-8 times annually He informed residents during his 9 years in Chipperfield he has managed to maintain the footpaths, major paths have been cleared 4 metres each side. Colin spoke of Memorial Tree requests. He spoke of the 4 ponds, being Apostles, Manor, Pill and Shepherds. Apostles Pond being the most well known , unfortunately four Lime trees have died , however there are some young apostles. There are also some young limes at Manor Pond. Acid grassland at Pill Pond and Shepherds Pond had recently been worked on by Friends of Chipperfield Common. Colin spoke of the Green Flag now being in the 11th year. He spoke of the requests for memorial benches on the common and they were not in the Dacorum policy. An exception had been made two years ago for a child memorial.

FORUM

1. A resident asked about reserves and earmarked reserves .Cllr Laverack explained that funds were held in earmarked reserves for various, including Village protection and the village clock which the Parish Council has a duty to maintain.
2. A resident asked when the Landrover garage moves what say would CPC have regarding future development of the site, and do the village have a say?
It was pointed out that Chipperfield are only consultees and the final decision is made by Dacorum, however the developers of the future Garden Scene development had met with Chipperfield and taken on board the comments regarding insufficient parking. It was confirmed that the store at Garden Scene would not be closing when the development takes place
3. A resident spoke of the gated development on Kings Lane being ‘ footballers houses’ and would it be possible not to have any more gated developments in the village.
It was pointed out that a Chipperfield planning committee are consultees only and the final decision is made by Dacorum
4. A resident spoke of the original planning of the Croft Estate in 1970/1971 ‘
5. A resident asked about a mobile phone mast as the reception was bad in the village. Cllr Flynn informed residents he had spoken to an expert and the cost of a mast would be in the region of £500,000
6. A resident suggested that all householders are given a copy of the Village Design Statement, and a copy should perhaps be on the Parish Council Website.
The Clerk will undertake to put a copy of the VDS on the website.
7. A resident commented on the large building behind the Kia garage. It was confirmed by Cllr Mant that the planning application had been passed 3 or 4 years ago.
8. Residents asked about the outcome of the structure on the frontage of Common Ground several complaints had been received by The Clerk, Cllr Mant informed parishioners that Dacorum enforcement had visited the site and Common Ground were within their rights as the land does belong to them, also the structure was within the one metre height restriction,
9. A resident asked about the progress with Little Wynch. Cllr Laverack informed parishioners that the matter was now in the hands of the legal department at Dacorum.



Clerk to the Council

**Chipperfield Parish Council
The Village Hall, wd4 9bs**

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