



Minutes of the meeting of the ANNUAL Chipperfield Parish Meeting, held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 held in the Parish
Rooms The Common, Chipperfield WD4 9BS

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

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

1. CHAIRMANS 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.

Councillor Laverack spoke of the Concurrent costs , the possible increase in Council Tax in the following year, also that pensions will have to be offered to all staff as a legal requirement. He spoke of the new memorial gate for the late David Nobbs ,purchased after the Council were very kindly given a donation from The Blackwells Trust, of which they are very grateful.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mant and Cllr Luff

3. 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 Youth team

Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket Club

Chipperfield Village Hall

Chipperfield Community Library

Dacorum Community Trust

St Pauls Church Graveyard Maintenance

Chipperfield Project Group

Grants were also awarded to the British Legion and prizes for the Victorian Walk

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cllr Laverack asked Parishioners to check the minutes from the APM 2015

It was then **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Flynn and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th May 2015 be accepted as a true record.

5. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Ingram spoke of the prestigious Green Flag being retained ,this was launched in 1996

The site is managed to a high standard by both our warden and ranger and Colin Chambers being The Woodland Officer for Dacorum

Cllr Ingram informed everyone that Friends of Chipperfield Common had received an award from DBC and this was very much a joint effort between DBC and Chipperfield. Parishioners were informed that footpath 5 had been completed and in the case of dog fouling extra bins would be purchased. Fly tipping on the Croft Estate was in the hands of enforcement.

Cllr Laverack informed parishioners that a survey of Little Winch boundary was to be carried out. The meeting being between Dacorum and the specialist surveyors was due to take place on the 8th June. It was hoped the area would then be able to be staked out.

6. PERSONNEL

Cllr Cassidy informed Parishioners that the village defibrillator was situated on the wall of the Two Brewers and training sessions had taken place in January.

7. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Cllr Vyse spoke of Cllr Luff being involved with the PTA, and Cllr Cassidy being involved with the school. Parishioners were informed it was the intention to offer support to these groups. Cllr Vyse spoke of the Book swap having replaced the Mobile Library.

8. 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.

9. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Ingram spoke of how lucky we were to have Bhardi our PCSO, there had been a slight increase in crime figures with neighbourhood watch being no tv licences and malicious calls on social media. Cllr Ingram spoke of the lack of parking . To create more parking would mean taking verges and we were trying to resist urbanization. Parishioners were informed that the Fireworks had been a successful event , although there were concerns about the parking in The Street and the non existence of police. There would be an effort to get more police presence in 2016

10. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst informed Parishioners that all allotments were currently let, and one that was let free for a year was looking great. Cllr Bathurst informed parishioners she was obtaining quotes for the new allotment gate.

11. DRIVESAFE SCHEME

Cllr Laverack stated that the trip to Hemel Hempstead police station had proved too much for volunteers, with the added time .The whole process had now been simplified, with Chipperfield sharing the equipment with Bovingdon,.The locations of Dunny Lane, Tower Hill, The Common and Windmill Hill had now been passed as suitable locations.

12. Cllr Laverack introduced working groups. Cllr Flynn informed parishioners there was not any news on the Garden Scene development. Cllr Flynn also spoke of the application from Longfield on Langley Road had been refused by committee at Dacorum.

13. **GUEST SPEAKER John Morris Chiltern Woodlands Officer**

John spoke of his work as Chiltern Woodlands Officer and how the Chilterns had existed as woodland for 400 years. He spoke of the increasing demand for logs & prices rising. He explained the Keepers of Time policy 2005 still being current and included the protection of ancient trees.

John spoke of the diseases affecting trees. Ash is affected by Ash Die Back, this originated in Poland and there is no cure, Ash timber is of considerable value.

The Horse Chestnut can be affected by Leaf Miner. John spoke of how the Grey squirrels strip the bark and the increased number of Fallow, Muntjac and Roe deer

The Glis Glis, being the edible dormouse were spoken about and how they have spread over recent years and are an endangered species.

FORUM

1. The speeding in Tower Hill was discussed and the ongoing Drivesafe Scheme. Cllr Laverack spoke of the need for more volunteers,
2. Mobile phone reception
The problem of the bad signal in the village was discussed. Cllr Bathurst stating that masts were not good. Stephen Morrill spoke of a school sub station.
3. The annual fireworks were discussed with a resident suggesting an earlier starting time of 6.30. A member of the Cricket Club spoke in how successful the fireworks had been, and enjoyed by many. It was unfortunate due to the weather that the field next to Orchard Cottage was unable to be used.
4. A resident requested that the missing arm on the Two Brewers signpost be replaced.
5. A resident spoke of the parking restrictions outside the newsagents. Cllr Laverack spoke of the need for this to ensure the passing trade continues.
6. Parking in the village and verges was discussed, white lines suggested and also the need for disabled parking in the village, with suggestions two bays be marked on the church car park.



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