



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Chipperfield Parish Council
held at The Village, The Common, Chipperfield on
Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30pm**

Present Councillor H Laverack – Chairman, E Flynn – Deputy Chairman, W Bathurst, P Ingram,
S Mant, T Vyse
Also present Mrs C Butcher – Assistant to the Clerk and 49 attendees
Herts County Councillor Richard Roberts

The meeting started at 7.30pm prompt

11/15 Introduction by the Chairman

Councillor Laverack opened the meeting requesting everyone joined him in an applause for the late David Nobbs for his invaluable service as a Parish Councillor for 31 years.

12/15 Presentation of unaudited accounts

Councillor Laverack presented unaudited accounts for the year 2014/2015

13/15 Committees and Working Group Activities

The chairman of the committees and working group leaders appraised parishioners of their activities throughout the year and planned work for the coming year.

14/15 Presentation of Grant Cheques

Grant cheques were presented to the following local organisations:

The Village Hall

The Cricket Club

Corinthians Youth Football Club

St Pauls Church

Chipperfield Project Group

Chipperfield Corinthians

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Each organisation representative who received a grant explained how the grant would be used and thanked the Council for their consideration.

Councillor Laverack informed the meeting that when considering grants great emphasis was placed on benefit to the youth of the village. He thanked all organisations for their time and effort that they give which keeps Chipperfield a thriving active community.

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Guest Speaker

The guest speaker, County Councillor Richards, spoke about the latest government initiatives and political landscape for the future. He appraised the parishioners of the work and activities of schools throughout the county. He also informed the meeting of the works carried out and future planned works by highways.

Cllr Roberts invited parishioners to raise any village concerns

Q It was suggested by a parishioner that a one way system be established in Chapel Croft to preserve the verges.

A Cllr Roberts stated that when this was suggested in Bovingdon 70 parishioners turned up at the meeting opposing the idea and that he thought that this would also happen in Chipperfield. It was also pointed out that the large lorries are mainly due to the two garden centres which brings business into the village.

Councillor Roberts announced that the VA speed sign situated in Dunny Lane was going to be scrapped but that it is low priority to the Highways department and anyone wishing to remove it is welcomed.

Parking following the fireworks will be similar to last year, the cone system having worked well.

This presentation was followed by:

A talk by Patrick Beynon, our neighbourhood watch representative.

Patrick informed everyone that unfortunately the crime figures had increased from 38 to 51 in the last year and emphasised everyone to remain vigilant. Neighbourhood watch leaflets were left to be given out by the Clerk.

The Royal Oak:

Q - Villagers felt that the Royal Oak had become an eyesore.

A Cllr Flynn informed the parishioners that the container is allowed to be there on a temporary basis within the plans as were an extension, kitchen and toilets. Landscaping was also included. It was advised that the large pile of wood by the backdoor had since been removed.

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Extensions in Scatterdells Lane:

Q - Some residents were concerned about the large number of extensions being built in Scatterdells Lane.

A - Cllr Flynn advised that under permitted development legalisation planning permission is not required for extensions within the parameters of permitted development and that the Parish Council do not have a say in these circumstances. The final authority for all planning application lay with Dacorum planning department though they do take concerns of the parish into consideration and that on the whole very few plans are approved against the wishes of the Parish Council.
Cllr Flynn assured parishioners that Green Belt would not not be built on. Cllr Roberts added there were no plans to build on the Green Belt until 2020.

Little Winch

Q– Residents asked for an update on the encroachment problem at Little Winch.

A - Cllr Laverack informed everyone that the matter is in the hands of the legal department of Dacorum who have appointed a surveyor to determine the boundary. It is thought that the problem should reach an early conclusion.

The Garden Scene Development:

Q - Parishioners asked for information on the Garden Scene development.

A – Cllr Laverack said that whilst the Parish Council had had discussions with the appointed architectures this was still at the discussion stage and that no formal plans had been submitted. In the discussions with the architects the Parish Council had raised concerns of residential parking spaces and facilities for the general store and post office. All these issue have been taken into account and have appeared in subsequent plans.
Cllr Roberts advised parishioners to demand a high quality development.

The meeting closed at 9.10