



Minutes of the meeting of the ANNUAL Parishioners Meeting, held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. **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

Cllr Laverack welcomed resident to the meeting. He introduced Councillors and staff.

The structure of the council was explained, and the areas of responsibility. He spoke of the Importance of the planning committee. The other committee being personnel.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none

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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be accepted as a true reflection of the proceedings.

4. **ACCOUNTS**

Cllr Laverack explained that precept money is funding from the Borough for The Parish running costs for the forthcoming year, as is the concurrent funding.

He spoke of pensions, and how it was now in force that staff members had to be

be offered the right to join a pension scheme. He spoke of 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 we were to start 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.**

**OPEN SPACES REPORT**

Cllr Bathurst informed Parishioners that once again the common had been awarded the Green Flag. She thanked Andy Orchard the Common Ranger, Peter Sadler the Village warden, Colin Chambers, The Dacorum Woodland Officer and Friends of Chipperfield Common for their efforts. FCC once again had a busy year and had been joined by Friends of Bunkers Park and Dacorum Chilterns Conservation volunteers on projects in the Apostles pond and a the Pill Pond. The Pill Pond has been greatly improved and now has open water which has attracted more birds, including Ducks and a heron.

Cllr Bathurst spoke of the problem of fly tipping /encroachment in Croft Meadow having been resolved and white stones being placed on the verge by Queen Street car park as a temporary measure to stop cars eroding it. Cllr Bathurst updated Parishioners on the proposed disabled signs on the car park, These were being chased. Cllr Bathurst wished Colin Chambers a long a happy retirement when he retires in June, and hoped that the PC and FCC would be able to build the same rapport with his successor.

**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 line at the Kia crossroads was still being chased as urgent.

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## **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.

## **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

## **6. 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.

## **7. 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. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 village protection, the village clock,
2. A resident asked when the Landrover garage moves what say CPC would 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 PC 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.

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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 Borough Council
  
4. A resident spoke of the original planning of the Croft Estate in 1970/1971  
Stating that plans were still available to view at Dacorum.
  
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 recent large building erected behind the Kia garage.  
It was confirmed by Cllr Mant that the planning application had in fact been passed by Dacorum 3 or 4 years ago.
  
8. Residents asked about the recent structure erected at the front of Common Ground. The Clerk had received several complaints, and the Borough contacted.  
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 the boundary problem at Little Winch.  
Cllr Laverack informed parishioners that the matter was now in the hands of the legal department at Dacorum.



**Clerk to the Council**

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