



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 15th January 2018
in the **Small Hall The Common, Chipperfield**

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

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council
Cllr Barratt Borough Councillor

142/17 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building to be evacuated.

143/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Borough Cllr Riddick

144/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

145/17 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Flynn seconded by Cllr Laverack and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th November 2017 were a true reflection of the proceedings .

146/17 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk had received an email from a resident, thanking the Parish Council for their help with a boiler matter.

147/17 RESIGNATION OF Cllr MANT

Council noted the resignation of Cllr Mant . The Clerk to update Council of any correspondence received from DBC .

148/17 CO OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Cassidy that Tony Mc Guinness becomes a member of Chipperfield Parish Council.

Signed _____

Dated _____

149/17 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

1. Precept

The final precept budget papers were presented to Council for approval. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that: the precept for 2018/19 for a total demand of £43,202.55 be accepted and that the formal application be submitted to DBC.

2. Standing Orders

General **STANDING** orders (GSO) and Financial Standing Orders (FSO) were presented to Councillors. Councillors were informed there had not been any changes. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that both the GSO and FSO be adopted as applicable for 2018/19

3. Late acceptance of a Grant application

A late acceptance of a grant for the insurance for a proposed village day was accepted. It was agreed there should be an agenda item for the March meeting that Cllr McGuinness becomes the council contact with the Village day committee.

4. Safeguarding the common

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Flynn and **RESOLVED** that safeguarding the common with wooden posts goes ahead. The area opposite Queen Street to also be included. The percentage costs between DBC and CPC having been discussed and accepted.

5. Committees and Working groups

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Flynn and **RESOLVED** that Cllr McGuinness becomes a member of the planning committee, Highways and neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Cassidy becomes a member of Highways working group, Cllr Bathurst to become a member of F & GP and also a signatory for the Natwest account.

Cllr Luff will become a member of the personnel committee. All for the ensuing year.

COMMITTEES

<u>Planning</u>	Chairman	Geoff Bryant	<u>Personnel</u>	Chairman	Eamonn Flynn
	Vice Chairman	Eamonn Flynn		Vice Chairman	Wendy Bathurst
	Member	Kevan Cassidy		Member	Chris Luff
	Member	Tony Mc Guinness		Member	Harry Laverack

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
F & GP	Harry Laverack	Eamonn Flynn	Kevan Cassidy	Wendy Bathurst
Highways	Tony McGuinness	Eamonn Flynn	Kevan Cassidy	
Open Spaces	Wendy Bathurst			
Youth & education	Chris Luff	Kevan Cassidy		
Allotments	Wendy Bathurst			

150/17 REPORT FROM BOROUGH//COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Barratt spoke of the forthcoming taking over of Sportspace and how it had been put out for tender. It was understood there were currently two tenders.

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Dated _____

151/17 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Bathurst informed Council that FCC had met on the 16th December and worked in Manor Pond, and clearing damaged branches on the bridleway. Luke Johnson confirmed that the department was still a man short and very stretched. The position has been advertised. Cllr Bathurst informed Council that John Saunders had cut the hedge opposite the paper shop bordering Kings Lane, and as ever he had made a tidy job of it and managed not to hit the newly installed mirrors opposite Redcroft.

Cllr Bathurst also updated council on her attendance at the Chip News AGM on the 4th December. The news was not great, Sue Walker's computer had died and was declared unmendable, it had been suggested that an application be made to the Blackwells Trust for a donation, but there were sufficient funds to go ahead with the purchase. Things on the advertising front were not as good as last year, there is no longer a waiting list and not all spaces were filled. There were fewer inserts and no advance bookings for 2018 at all. Projected income for the coming year was down considerably. On the plus side the photo edition was very well received and printing costs had been held at last year's level. Cllr Bryant spoke of how the Chip News started in 1988, how it had not changed its format, in his opinion there was not enough news and it should be a mirror of the village.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Cllr Luff informed Council he had been looking into various ways to get funding, particularly for the school. It was discussed that when the school had applied for grants from the Parish Council and the required accounts were requested they were not submitted along with a grant form.

Cllr Luff had emailed the Clerk with his findings for various grants available, to be forwarded onto various local organisations.

3. POLICE REPORT

Councillors were updated with crime figure reports for Nov & Dec.

4. HIGHWAYS

There was no report

5. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst informed Council that all allotment rents were now paid

152/17 TO PROPOSE A DATE FOR THE APM

It was PROPOSED by the Clerk that the date for the APM would be the 10th May 2018. All were in favour of this date.

153/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The clerk to liaise with The Bovingdon Clerk regarding the proposed meeting on the 23rd or 24th January.

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Dated _____

154/17 DRIVESAFE

Cllr Laverack and Cllr Cassidy spoke of their observations for a location of a proposed Smiley Face speed sign . All were in favour that this should be located in Tower Hill. Cllr Luff spoke of his research in that changing the message frequently on the screen has proved to be more effective in reducing the speeding of vehicles.

155/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 19th March 2018 following the planning meeting at approximately 7.45, to be held in the Small Hall, The Common WD4 9BS

**Carole Butcher
Clerk to the Council**

**Clerk to the Council
The Village Hall,
The Common, wd4 9bs**

The meeting closed at 9.15

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