



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 15th May 2017
in the **Small Hall The Common, Chipperfield**

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

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council
County Councillors Cllr Stewart Riddick & Cllr Gboela Adeleke

9/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Flynn and seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that all were in favour that Cllr Laverack remains as Chairman for the ensuing council year.

10/17 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk and Cllr Laverack both signed the acceptance form

11/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that all were in favour that Cllr Flynn remains as Vice Chairman for the ensuing council year.

12/17 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

13/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted by Cllr Ingram, Cllr Bathurst & Cllr Mant

14/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

15/17 TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

It was proposed by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Flynn and **RESOLVED** that the committee members for both planning and Personnel remain the same for the ensuing council year.

PLANNING

Stephen Mant Chairman
Eamonn Flynn Vice Chairman
Peter Ingram
Kevan Cassidy

PERSONNEL

Stephen Mant Chairman
Eamonn Flynn Vice Chairman
Wendy Bathurst
Harry Laverack

Signed _____

Dated _____

16/17 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Cassidy and seconded by Cllr Laverack and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2017 be accepted as a true record

17/17 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence had been received regarding Common Ground. It was noted that following several written complaints from residents Dacorum were contacted and visited the site. Dacorum reported that the land that had been fenced is owned by the shop unit and is not Highways or DBC owned land. The fence erected is below the 1 metre height required for any fencing adjacent to a highway, therefore the recommendation from Dacorum was that Common Ground are not in breach of a planning control.

18/17 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

1. It was noted by Council that the Parish Funding had been received on the 13th April
TheTotal being £58,352.80 This is made up of the following:

Precept Demand	40,675.55
Council Tax Support Grant	913.44
Concurrent Services	10164.19
Wardens grant	6599.62
	£58,352.80

2. Year end accounts for 2016/17 were presented to Council, following the internal audit on the 11th May. It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Cassidy that the accounts be duly received and accepted.

19/17 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Riddick informed council that the permission to extend the graveyard had been granted on the 12th May. It was noted that the former Project group was now officially registered as a charity being the Chipperfield Burial Ground Trust. Cllr Laverack also informed Cllr Riddick and Cllr Adeleke that the trust were granted £1000 by the Parish Council in the annual grants.

Cllr Riddick informed council of a Dacorum housing problem regarding a council house in the village.

20/17 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1.OPEN SPACES REPORT

FCC had its final meeting with Colin Chamber on the 18th April. He did a small amount of pruning before leading the group on a tour of previous works. Tea and home made cake made by Cllr Bathurst was presented to Colin along with Mugs and coasters with photos of the woods. Cllr Bathurst stated how much Colin's cheerful enthusiasm would be missed, however he is threatening to come back as a volunteer.

A length of birds beak fencing has been replaced next to the Rookery at the top of Whippendell Hill

Signed _____

Dated _____

2 .YOUTH AND EDUCATION

There was no report, but it was discussed with Cllr Luff and Council what involvement the council could have with the school. It was suggested that the council talk with the children getting feedback and ideas, for example their opinions on the woods. Cllr Luff to present a proposal at the next meeting following his forthcoming meeting with the school.

3. POLICE REPORT

The Clerk informed Council there had been 8 crimes during March

4 . HIGHWAYS

There was no report

5 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk has arranged for one plot holder to move to a different plot so that his neighbour can have a full plot.This now leaves us with 5 half plots unlet.

21/17

TENNIS CLUB LEASE

It was proposed to Council that the Chairman and Clerk have a meeting with The Tennis Club to discuss the new lease.

It is to be noted by council that the Clerk wrote to the Secretary of State of which a copy and reply are to be kept on file by CPC.

22/17

DRIVESAFE

Following discussions regarding the speeding and smiley faces Cllr Luff has undertaken to obtain quotes for the signs, also any possible funding.

The meeting closed at 8.52

23/17

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 19th June 2017 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,
Chipperfield, WD4 9BS**

Signed _____

Dated _____

