



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on Monday 18th April 2016 in the Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield at 7.45 pm.

Present: Cllr H Laverack (Chairman)
Cllr E Flynn (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr S Mant
Cllr W Bathhurst
Cllr K Cassidy
Cllr C Luff
Cllr T Vyse

In Attendance: Mrs. C Butcher, Clerk to the Council
2 members of the public

188/15 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.

189/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Ingram

190/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

191/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Bathurst and **resolved** that the Minutes of 21st March 2016 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

192/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were none.

Signed.....H.Laverack.....Dated.....16/5/16.....

193/15 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE

Notification of Parish funding was confirmed as received on the 10th April.
The total being £47,983.84

Cllr Laverack informed council of the new forms sent out by DBC to all the Parishes regarding the funding of concurrent services starting next year..Each Parish has had to submit detailed forms of expenditure and this may well affect grants in the future as Chipperfield were the only Parish to give grants from the concurrent services funding

194/15 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

There was no report.

195/15 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Bathurst informed council she had not been able to confirm a date with Colin Chambers for the small job on the common. The parking of the Camper van on the common was discussed and decided that the council does not have the power to do anything as this is common land.It was suggested we invite the person who complained into the office to explain that Colin Chambers is looking closer at the bylaws to try and find a solution. Cllr Laverack confirmed he and the Clerk would be meeting with a ground Worker on the 25 April to obtain a quote for the car park at the Queen Street end of the common, it was agreed to obtain 2 other quotes.The Clerk to organise.Cllr Laverack informed council that a specialist survey had been carried out on Little Winch and we are awaiting results by the end of the week.

2. YOUTH & EDUCATION

Cllr Vyse spoke of the Schools success in the Rock Challenge, asking if she could go, also enquiring if the Parish Council could grant any money for Coach travel, Cllr Laverack informed council that it would not be possible as the grant money had already been finalised.

Cllr Luff informed council he did not yet know the exact details of the proposed world record breaking which the school will be involved in

Cllr Luff confirmed he had heard back from the school and it was suggested the council join with the school if an event is to take place.It was agreed the Clerk would check with the School regarding the commemorative medals that Council had agreed to fund. If the school are not ordering then the Clerk to go ahead and order the medals to be given to the schoolchildren

3. POLICE REPORT

Nothing to report

4. PLANNING

Nothing to report

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5. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Flynn informed council he had reported a sinking manhole on the crossroads by the Kia garage, he gave the Clerk the confirmation of the report he had received to follow up.

6. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst confirmed that all allotments are let. Cllr Laverack mentioned the position regarding the Tennis club which needs to be addressed with the Secretary of State.

196/15

DRIVESAFE SCHEME

Cllr Luff updated council that clearance of forms was still going through, and is hoping for more volunteers to register. The speed signs that are in Sarratt and Kings Langley were discussed and Cllr Mant asked if we could start a process for these, costs were mentioned.

197/15

PARKING

The parking restriction at Chapel Croft was discussed, The council having received petitions from both the General Stores and Common Ground, The General Stores petition contained a far higher number of signatures and were all villagers. Common Ground's petition having been signed by many outsiders. The Councillors voted, and it was resolved that the Parish Council could not support the restrictions being changed.

198/15

STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL ORDERS

Cllr Laverack informed council there were adjustments to be made to the Standing Orders following the internal audit. Cllr Laverack and the Clerk are to make the necessary changes and present them at the next council meeting when they will be put forward for adoption.

199/15

NEW NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk presented her quotes, obtained last year with prices being honoured. The Clerk informed council that Cllr Roberts had agreed to fund £ 500 and DBC 50% of the board to be situated by the Two Brewers. Council agreed a ceiling amount of £ 4000 total to be adhered to. It was proposed by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Flynn that the Clerk should go ahead with the process due to long lead times.

Signed.....



Dated.....

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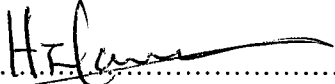
The Clerks Contract was discussed, Cllr Laverack highlighting the fact that now the office is in the village and open to the public it has been necessary to increase the Clerks hours. This was proposed and resolved by Cllr Flynn and seconded by Cllr Laverack

Cllr Mant informed council that by law the Parish Council now has to offer a pension scheme to an employee earning over £10,000 pa and other employees to be written to and offered a pension. Cllr Mant informed council of his findings of the various options and his conversation with the Abbots Langley Clerk confirming that the majority of council employees are in the proposed government scheme and had been for several years. It was proposed by Cllr Mant, seconded by Cllr Laverack and resolved for the Clerk to join the government pension scheme, and the other 2 employees to be offered this.

201/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday 16th May 2016 following the Planning Committee meeting at approximately 7.45, to be held in The Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield WD4 9BS

The meeting closed at 9.35

Signed.....  Dated..... 16/5/16