



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 19th September 2016
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, and T Vyse*

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council

Cllr S Riddick, 2 members of the public

72/16 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

73/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Flynn

74/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

75/16 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Bathurst and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th July 2016 be accepted as a true record

76/16 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following items were discussed and are in hand

Nunfield flooding : cleaning of drain.

The Clerk informed council a resident had complained to the Two Brewers about broken glass /glasses left on the common. Chef and Brewer had replied apologising .

The Clerk also wrote to Chef and Brewer head office stating the council's concerns.

77/16 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

The Governance Statement was presented to Council, and **RESOLVED** as being accepted.

The Risk Assessment was presented to council by the Clerk, approval was proposed by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Mant and **RESOLVED** as being accepted.

It was proposed by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that a working group be set up to achieve a Neighbourhood plan.

Signed _____

Dated _____

78/16 REPORT FROM BOROUGH /COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Riddick informed Council of the progress on the extension of the burial ground. The working party will re apply to the Secretary of State in the next 2/3 weeks as the application had expired in September. Cllr Riddick enquired about the flooding, The Clerk spoke of her frustration with Nunfield and how Cllr Roberts had offered to chase this at the July meeting. The Clerk informed Council she hoped by going another route the repair/clean is imminent as yet another inspection had taken place.

79/16 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Ingram updated Council that the car park at Queen Street had now been resurfaced. It was questioned how long it would last. He reported the Croft Close rubbish as having been removed and discussed the ongoing Croft Meadow situation with Cllr Riddick

Cllr Bathurst informed Council and Cllr Ingram she had been asked to attend a meeting on the 22nd September with Colin Chambers and Chess Valley Bridleways Committee. This is to discuss the permitted bridleway and pieces of glass being found since it has been worked on. Cllr Ingram informed council nothing can be done regarding the camper van on the common, as no enforcement is possible.

Currently Cllr Roberts is looking to help regarding the cones for the firework event, it is unfortunate Ringway are able to loan the cones due to work commitments.

Cllr Ingram will chase Colin Chambers regarding the 2 proposed disabled parking bays on the church car park.

Cllr Ingram informed council that the annual walk on the 8th September was well supported by 48 participants. On the 25th September Herts Conservation Group will join Friends of Chipperfield Common to work on Pill Pond.

Cllr Ingram reminded council that Colin Chambers will be retiring in June 2017.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Cllr Vyse spoke of the report previously sent to Councillors, stating that after research it was decided that the youth council idea is too big to implement in a little community and the children too young.

Cllr Vyse spoke of the idea of talking to the school about setting up a regular meeting to discuss community opportunities and ideas. Cllr Luff had spoken to the football & cricket clubs and Rev Michelle at the Church, Cllr Luff also informed council that it was his understanding that the school governors would like something to happen. It was suggested a regular meeting (2 or 3 a year) for the Youth and Education Councillors to interact with the school children, Cllr Laverack spoke of the work carried out by Mary Nobbs in organising the annual Victorian Walk and prize giving in the school.

Funding was discussed, Cllr Laverack pointed out that this may be a problem as the concurrent that we receive with the precept is currently being reviewed by Dacorum. Cllr Bathurst spoke of the idea of the children having an allotment had met with problems in the past regarding the supervision of the children.

3. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Ingram informed council there had been a total of 6 crimes in July.

4. PLANNING

Nothing to report

5. HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report

6. ALLOTMENTS

It was proposed by Cllr Bathurst and seconded by Cllr Laverack not to increase the allotment rents on the 1st October 2016 however Council may well have to increase next years rent due to increases in the Rangers salary..

It was discussed that perhaps the Clerk and Cllr Bathurst need to be tougher with the holders with very unworked plots.

80/16 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED EVENTS

The fireworks event was discussed.Cllr Laverack spoke of the Common Management Plan, which is a joint document between CPC and Dacorum, He emphasised it clearly states in the Bylaws, no roundabouts.

Cllr Mant suggested that a meeting is held soon after the event with the Cricket club. He felt it was too late now and the Parish Council do not want to be seen as kill joys Cllr Bathurst added that if people have complaints this year to put them in writing rather than verbally.

The proposed date for Village Day 2017 is yet to be confirmed.

81/16 DRIVESAFE SCHEME

Cllr Luff updated Council that 2 sessions of drivesafe had taken place, the first session being in Tower Hill on the 25th August, this resulted in 431 cars passing through between 7.30 – 9.30. 117 of which were travelling over 35mph

One motorist was recorded driving at 58mph.It was suggested by Cllr Cassidy that perhaps the statistics could be put in the Chip News. Cllr Luff informed Council there are now 8 registered volunteers, and more sessions are to take place in October. The drivesafe location in Chapel Croft is yet to be determined.

The proposed banners outside the school were discussed with Cllr Laverack stating banners were not permitted in a conservation area..The parking outside the school was discussed,with perhaps a future pathway from the catholic church for the children to walk. Marshalling by parents was also mentioned. Cllr Luff is to present a costing for any requested funding.

Cllr Mant spoke of a proposal to buy VAS signs having received statistics and feedback from Sarratt and Kings Langley Parish Councils, and how the speeding had reduced when they were installed. Cllr Mant spoke of the 4 entry roads into Chipperfield therefore more signs being needed. The possibility of funding from the Police was discussed and will be looked into by Cllr mant the signs are in the region of £4000- £6000,.Cllr Ingram spoke of his dislike and in his opinion we should resist urbanization. Cllr Laverack suggested that residents are asked their views in the proposed neighbourhood plan. It was also suggested by Cllr Vyse that perhaps portable signs could be used. Cllr Mant will investigate further.

The proposal to move the 30 sign on the approach from Kings Langley further from the village was discussed, however Cllr Luff informed council whilst determining the drivesafe locations this stretch of road was agreed to be too dangerous, due to the bend with the possibility of motorists braking sharply and causing an accident.

The meeting closed at 9.25

82/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 21st November 2016 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**

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The Village Hall,The Common
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Signed _____

Dated _____

