



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 20th March 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
Cllr Richard Roberts
Cllr Stewart Riddick

One member of the public

156/16 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

157/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received & accepted from , Cllr Flynn and Cllr Mant
It was **Proposed** by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Cassidy that Council accept the reason for absence given by Cllr Ingram & **Resolve** that he should continue as a Councillor should he reach six months of absence.

158/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

159/16 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Laverack & seconded by Cllr Cassidy that the value of the precept demanded be put in the minutes before signing.

160/16 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. The Clerk informed Council there had been a high number of complaints due to the Land Rover garage parking 18 vehicles on the common on the 5th / 6th March. The general parking of the landrover garage vehicles was discussed at length. Cllr Laverack informed council that the Clerk would again be speaking to the Franchise Manager to arrange a meeting with Councillors and discuss options and suggestions as to the way forward. The common was now clearer, however these vehicles of which many belong to the 60/70 employees continue to park in several roads in the village causing great inconvenience to many.

161/16 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

Grants Details of the **Proposed** allocation of grants for 2017/18 were presented to Council .It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Laverack and it was **Resolved** that the grant allocation be accepted.

Signed _____

Date _____

Transfer of Funds

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cassidy and seconded by Cllr Bathurst and **Resolved** that £7000 be transferred from the general reserve being the Scottish Widows account. The additional costing having been agreed with the F& GP working group.

Note Following this transaction it may be necessary to readjust the allocation of reserves to be advised by the F & GP group in due course

Village Hall Lease

Negotiations with the Village Hall have concluded. It was **Proposed** by Cllr Bathurst and seconded by Cllr Laverack and **Resolved** that the council accepts the terms of the agreement and enters into a lease agreement for a period of 49 years at an annual rent of £500 with a rent review every five years.

Tennis Club Lease

The Tennis Club Lease expires on the 17th April 2017 and needs to be considered for renewal. The lease was scrutinized and it was discovered that the requirement of obtaining the Secretary of States permission to use allotments for any other purpose other than cultivation was not obtained. Permission is currently being sought.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Laverack that a new lease be agreed and further **Proposed** that a one – month rolling lease be granted until the Secretary of States permission has been received. Following such permission new terms of a lease with The Tennis Club be determined by Council.

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REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Roberts informed Council that the erosion of verges in Langley Road was in his Locality budget and the work would be carried out this year. He informed council that work to two areas of hedges would be carried out being at the crossroads by the Kia Garage and the area between the Wyvale garden centre to Boundary Cottages.

Cllr Roberts gave Council an overview on other issues including a suggested one way system in Vicarage Lane Kings Langley, as there are 3 schools with a total of 2000 children. He added he is not certain the one way system would be a good idea. He informed council that government had funded 11 million for child care and how adult care is in a better position than six months ago.

Speeding in the village was discussed with Cllr Roberts agreeing to part fund a portable smiley face camera, these are in the region of £6000 to buy but it has been proved to be the most effective deterrent to curb the speeding. The camera would be moved approximately every 2 weeks. Locations were discussed.

Cllr Riddick asked if the fly tipping had been removed from Croft Meadow, this was confirmed by the Clerk that it had.

Cllr Riddick spoke of the developments on the churchyard extension. The application had been supported by CPC planning committee at the planning meeting that evening.

Cllr Riddick informed council that the population in Herts was estimated to grow by 100,000 over the next ten years, and that the government are leaning heavily on County and Borough councils to find sites for future development. Cllr Riddick stated that the Borough would rather find sites than be told.

Signed _____

Date _____

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CHIP CARE RERESENTATIVE

Cllr Luff has agreed to be the council representative for Chip Care.Cllr Bathurst has agreed to attend the AGM on the 21st March as the representative of the council.

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COUNCIL MEETING VENUE CHANGE

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Laverack,seconded by Cllr Bathurst that if a suitable evening and time becomes available in the Village Hall the meetings should be held there.
this is also providing that the council's costs do not increase by changing venues.

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CLERKS PLACE OF WORK

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Laverack seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **Resolved** that the Clerk may work from home on a flexible basis.

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REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Bathurst informed council that both the Clerk and herself had continued to remind Colin Chambers about the disabled signs for the car park and the tree trunks for the Queen Street verge, but with no result. It was **Proposed** by Cllr Laverack seconded by Cllr Bathurst and **Resolved** that council should look to fitting the disabled signs themselves. Cllr Bathurst Informed council FCC spent another successful morning in Apostles pond.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Cllr Laverack informed council that the Mayor and Mayoress had visited the school as part of the Parish Visit on the 7th February.

3. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Laverack informed council there had been two crimes in the village during February, One being a handbag theft from a bedroom in the Two Brewers and the second a vehicle being broken into on the common. Cllr Laverack did inform council that overall crime had increased.

4. HIGHWAYS

There was nothing to report

5. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst informed council that despite advertising there were still 6 half Plots vacant on the allotment field . A half plot has just been taken last week. It has been too wet for the tree work to be carried out without causing damage. The Clerk has agreed the quote with the contractor and Cllr Bathurst has spoken to him about possibly using the trunks for the verge opposite Queen Street should they come down in big enough lengths

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EVENTS

Cllr Luff informed Council that the Chipfest originally planned for the 15th July had now been cancelled, due to the extent of work involved. It is hoped it will be rescheduled next year.

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DRIVESAFE

Cllr Luff updated council that Drivesafe would resume in April. The volunteer response however had been disappointing.

Signed _____

Date _____

The meeting closed at 9.15

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 18th April 2017 following the planning meeting at approximately 7.45, to be held in The Parish Rooms The Common WD4 9BS]

**PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING IS ON A TUESDAY AND IN THE PARISH ROOMS
This is due to the normal Monday meeting falling on Easter Monday**

**Carole Butcher
Clerk to the Council**

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The Village Hall, The Common
Chipperfield, WD4 9BS**

Signed _____

Dated _____