



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 20th November 2017
in the **Small Hall The Common, Chipperfield**

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

In attendance Mrs C Butcher Clerk to the Council
Cllr Barratt Borough Councillor Cllr Riddick Borough Councillor
2 members of the public

113/17 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.

114/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

115/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest

116/17 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 18th September 2017 were a true reflection of the proceedings

117/17 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllr Laverack informed Council there had been 3 letters of correspondence received. One from a resident regarding parking and the volume of traffic on
* Langley Road on the night of the Fireworks. The resident also wrote to the organisers who replied and noted the problem for future events.

There had been several letters of correspondence exchanged between a resident from a neighbouring Parish and Cllr Laverack. regarding the travellers. The resident had questioned Cllr Laverack's article in Chip News and why the travellers had not been prosecuted. Cllr Laverack quoted an extract from National Communities act
There is no general power to arrest for breach of a by-law, and the procedure for handling breaches is specified in the by-laws. Information on this is usually given towards the end of the by-laws. In the case of local authority by-laws, the limit on enforcement powers which the Department for Communities and Local Government will accept is to give the police and local authority officers the power to remove the person from the site.

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Dated _____

Correspondence had been received from a resident from a neighbouring Parish regarding supposedly cars from the Landrover Garage parking consistently on the common. Cllr Laverack informed Council that there had not been any complaints recently from our residents and the Landrover Garage now had a mini bus in operation as a shuttle service for staff parking off site. This was discussed in March at a meeting between the garage and the Parish Council, and in June the mini bus was in use. A further meeting in December with the Landrover Garage is scheduled.

118/17 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

The conclusion of the audit of the annual return including the certificate was presented to Council. It was **proposed** by Cllr Laverack, seconded by Cllr Flynn that this be **accepted** by Council.

A request for a late acceptance for a proposed grant was discussed and agreed by Council in principal, however more detailed information was needed. The Clerk to request the information from the applicant.

119/17 REPORT FROM BOROUGH//COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Riddick spoke of a planning application discussed at the DBC monthly committee meeting, The application had been objected to by CPC, however it was approved by DBC on the grounds of it being seen as very exceptional circumstances

Cllr Riddick informed Council of two other issues. One regarding a former council property in the village & a domestic occurrence in Queen Street.

120/17 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES REPORT

Cllr Bathurst informed Council that once again Chipperfield had been awarded the Green Flag, which was duly raised by the Mayor David Collins when he visited the Parish on the 31st October. Cllr Bathurst spoke of the work of Friends of Chipperfield Common, and that the group had now met twice under 'new management' of Luke Johnson and has a full programme for the coming year. The Friends have concentrated on the Pill Pond, clearing scrub to create an area of open water.

Cllr Bathurst spoke of the recent issues with the path parallel to Whippendell Hill, and how we have Cllr Richard Roberts to thank for his help in confirming that there will be no change to the status of the path ie: it can be used by all including horse riders.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Cllr Luff spoke of a new teacher at St Pauls, being from New Zealand and qualified in woodland education.

Cllr Luff informed Council that there were now 12 Junior teams in the football club two of whom are girls teams. They had struggled with sponsorship, however locals had now bought shirts for them.

3. POLICE REPORT

Councillors were updated with crime figure reports for Sept & Oct

There were a total of 6 crimes in September & 4 in October. Cllr Luff informed Council that Phil Waine now runs Herts Neighbourhood watch.

4. HIGHWAYS

There was no report

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5. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Bathurst informed Council there were currently 6 half plots available
It was noted that the Clerk is still continuing to chase 2 holders for outstanding rent.Cllr Bathurst had covered a plot which had become vacant and also broken up a heavy cast iron bath which had been the cause of complaints over a number of years.

121/17 EVENTS

The recent Chipperfield fireworks was seen to have been a success with only one
* complaint regarding parking being received. When more details were received it appears the motorist was parked on the Landrover Garage forecourt when they were blocked in.

122/17 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The clerk to liaise with The Bovington Clerk for a suitable date. It was agreed Cllr Bryant would be taking the lead.

123/17 ADOPTION OF PHONE BOX

The future usage of the phone box was discussed now it has been officially adopted.
The Clerk to gather suggestions from the community.

124/17 DRIVESAFE

Cllr Luff informed Council that John Vigor of Chipperfield had taken over with
The Drivesafe scheme liaising with Bovington.Statistics of the Smiley face signs were discussed, Sarratt had proved to be successful, and Kings Langley not so good.
Cllr Luff had spoken to a contact at Watford Borough Council and gained information on the portable smiley faces.Cllr Luff will obtain some costings of these.It was noted that Cllrs Laverack and Cllr Cassidy would explore possible locations for the smiley faces.

125/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 15th January 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**

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The Village Hall,
The Common, wd4 9bs**

The meeting closed at 8.55

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