



## CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 in the Small Hall, The Common, Chipperfield at 7.45 pm.

Present: Cllr H Laverack (Chairman)  
Cllr E Flynn (Deputy Chairman)  
Cllr W Bathurst  
Cllr P Ingram  
Cllr K Cassidy  
Cllr C Luff

In Attendance: Mrs. C Butcher, Clerk to the Council  
Herts. County Cllr r Roberts  
5 members of the public

**165/15 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.

**166/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mant & Cllr Vyse

**167/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**168/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Laverack and **resolved** that the Minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be accepted as a true record of proceedings.

**169/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**

There were none.

**170/15 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE**

Details of the proposed allocation of grants for 2016/17 were presented to The Council. It was proposed by Cllr Flynn seconded by Cllr Ingram and it was resolved that the grant allocation be accepted.

Signed.....Dated.....

**171/15A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Richard Roberts that there is to be a large spend next year on the pavements from Chipperfield to Bovingdon to enable pedestrians to walk all the way between the two villages.

The major funding this year has been Bucks Hill, Langley Road and Whippendell Bottom. He informed Council that highways had been maintained and that he would provide £500 for hedge cutting.

He informed Council that the community funding budget had been cut by £10,000 down to £5,000 for 2016/17 for the benefit of all the villages.

**171/15 PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT CHAPEL CROFT**

The parking restriction a Chapel Croft was discussed at length with both the owner of the general store and the owner of Common Ground presenting their case.

The owner of Common Ground requested that the parking restriction at Chapel Croft be increased from 20 minutes to one hour in order her customers sufficient time to use the café. The owner declared that she had a petition for the change that contained 110 signatures.

The owner of the General Store wanted the 20 minute since he believed that if vehicles parked for one hour it would block all the spaces preventing his customers, who need parking for a short period, to visit his shop.

It was declared that more time for the Council to consider the application to increase the parking restriction was necessary but in the meanwhile the Council was happy to receive any petitions in support of their case.

**172/15 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS**

**1. OPEN SPACES**

Cllr Bathurst stated that more work was needed on the management plan. Cllr Bathurst stated that Mr Misselbrook had done an excellent job on the footpaths funded by the P3 grant. Cllr Bathurst stated that here is some overdue work to be done on the common but is having some difficulty in chasing the Woodland Officer Colin Chambers. Cllr Ingram undertook to follow this up with Colin Chambers.

The car park opposite Queen Street remains in a poor state. Our normal contractor does not want to quote for the repair of the car park since it will not last very long. It was agreed that we should look at a more permanent solution and that other groundwork contractors should be consulted.

There was still some concern that the oak tree on the corner of the Spice Village car park is not protected and could be in danger by any future development by the property owner. The Clerk is to contact DBC regarding a TPO to be placed on the tree.

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**2. YOUTH & EDUCATION**

Cllr Laverack that the recent Mayoral visit was a success and in particular the Mayor had stated that of all the thirteen schools visit to date St Pauls school was the best.

Cllr Luff has been discussing the drivesafe scheme with the school. Cllr Luff informed Council that the school were going to a sports stadium at the end of May when they hope to break a record.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

Cllr Ingram voiced his concern that there has been some change in the way that the police are reporting crimes in Chipperfield with crimes in Flaunden being merged into Chipperfield. Cllr Ingram had discussed this with Bardhi (our PCSO) who would provide corrected figures unofficially. Cllr Roberts stated that it was up to the police to provide accurate figures and in the format suitable to the Council and its parishioners.

**4. PLANNING**

The change of name from The Boot to The Paddock was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would have further discussion with enforcement to ensure that it is compliant with the listed building regulations.

**5. HIGHWAYS**

It was agreed that these are being maintained but more work was necessary particularly where serious flooding occurs in Langley Road.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

At this point the time allocated for Council meetings had expired. It was proposed by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Flynn and duly **resolved** that the meeting continued for one hour in order to complete the remaining business.

**REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS CONTINUED**

**6. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Bathurst informed the council that all allotments were now let and that the allocation of a plot free of charge has been a success in that the plot is now restored to a workable state. Cllr Bathurst is awaiting a quote from Carl Clarke regarding the David Nobbs memorial gate.

**173/15**

**DRIVESAFE SCHEME**

Cllr Luff updated council on the drivesafe scheme, including the need to complete the security vetting forms and the Facebook page. Bardhi has contacted the neighbourhood watch members which is hoped may bring in more volunteers. Cllr Luff is also liaising with his counterpart in Bovingdon for which feedback is good.

Signed.....Dated.....

**174/15**            **CORRESPONDENCE**  
One letter of complaint has been received regarding dog fouling and speeding in the village. A letter of acknowledgement has been sent.

**175/15**            **COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**  
An update of committees and working groups was distributed. It was discussed that events be included in the open spaces working group.

**176/15**            **EVENTS**  
Funding for the QE 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to be held in the church rooms and the purchase of commemorative medals for each of St Pauls children. It was proposed by Cllr Laverack seconded by Cllr Flynn and was duly **resolved** that the sum of £200 be provided for the event in the church rooms and the purchase of commemorative medals for St Pauls school children with a proviso that there were no plans for the school to purchase the same commemorative medals. A commemorative seat and commemorative tree was also discussed.  
It was proposed that the Council should explore the possibility of joining the school event to fund a wider village event. Cllr Roberts stated that he would prove £500 if such an event occurred.

**177/15**            **NEW DOG BINS**  
Owing to the increase in dog walkers the purchase of additional bins and funding of subsequent collections were discussed. This was agreed in principle and that sites for the new bins be identified.

**178/15**            **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETING FOR 2016/17**  
It was proposed by Cllr Laverack seconded by Cllr Flynn and it was duly resolved that the dates for the meeting be the same as 2015/16.

**179/15**            **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
  
The next meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 following the Planning Committee meeting at approximately 7.45 in The Small Hall, The Common, WD4 9BS

**The meeting closed at 9:52**

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