



## CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council, held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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

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**99/16 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

**100/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bathurst and Cllr Vyse

**101/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest

**102/16 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Mant and seconded by Cllr Cassidy and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September be accepted as a true record

**103/16 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Correspondence received regarding parking outside The Larder was discussed, the Clerk to look at parking rules. It was suggested that we speak to the owner of The Larder,

**104/16 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE**

It was proposed by Cllr Cassidy and seconded by Cllr Flynn that the conclusion of the audit of the annual return including the certificate was approved and accepted by council. Cllr Laverack spoke of the mark and comments re the risk assessment which had now been approved & minuted in a previous meeting by council. It was proposed by Cllr Laverack and seconded by Cllr Flynn and resolved that Cllr Cassidy becomes a signatory on the Nat West Bank account.

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**105/16 MEETING DATE**

**It was agreed that the Clerk would explore other possible dates and Venues for the April Council and planning meetings as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in 2017 falls on Easter Monday.**

**106/16 REPORT FROM BOROUGH /COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

There was no report

**107/16 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

**1. OPEN SPACES REPORT**

Cllr Ingram updated Council that the car park at Queen Street had now been resurfaced. However, there are still several puddles. It was agreed that Cllr Flynn would contact the contractor. The verge opposite Queen Street was discussed, but before any restoration work can be carried out Colin Chambers needs to carry out a utility check.

It was decided that painted rocks could be placed there temporarily to try and preserve the grass which is constantly parked on. Cllr Ingram informed Council that the rubbish had been removed from Croft Close, however Croft Meadow still awaits rubbish clearance, and that Cllr Ingram's emails and phone calls to Chris Briancon not being returned. The Clerk is to contact Vanessa Johnson to chase the matter.

Cllr Ingram updated council on the Permitted bridleway, in that no more complaints had been received and that Colin Chambers had gone over it with a metal detector

Cllr Ingram has been chasing Colin Chambers regarding having two handicapped/Blue Badge bays marked in the church car park.

Herts Conservation Group joined with Friends of Chipperfield Common working on Pill Pond on the 25<sup>th</sup> September

The next Open Spaces meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Blackwells @ 2.30

Included on the agenda will be the Village Management Plan Review

**2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION**

There was nothing to report.

**3. POLICE REPORT**

Cllr Ingram informed Council there had been 6 incidents in October, including a burglary at Blackwells, and a theft from a motor vehicle. The occupant of a car parked on the Common was found to be in possession of cannabis. There were 3 other minor offences.

**4. HIGHWAYS**

Nothing to report

**5. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllr Bathurst's report had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting, informing council that the allotment invoices had gone out on time, and at the time of writing only 4 rents were overdue. Council were informed that several holders had left for a number of reasons, two new holders have now rented and an advert has been placed in Chip News for the remaining allotment plots. Cllr Bathurst's report informed Council that she had sold the old allotment gates on ebay and after commission £211.55 has been banked.

The hedges have now been trimmed and we await quotes for work to the overhanging ash tree.

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**108/16 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED EVENTS**

The fireworks event was discussed as having been a success. It was agreed that a meeting with the Cricket Club should still take place, also a letter sent to the organisers saying how well the event had gone.

Cllr Luff spoke of a proposed Village Day for 2017, and stated he is happy to lead a team of people and initiate a team committee. Cllr Laverack stated that Dacorum would need to give permission regarding the common and correct forms and procedures adhered to.

**109/16 DRIVESAFE SCHEME**

Cllr Luff updated Council that 4 x 2 hour sessions of drivesafe had taken place on Tower Hill, outside Frenches Farm. The location was chosen for the pilot as Tower Hill had the most traffic & most abuse of speed limit. Cllr Luff informed Council that the plan is to continue with other registered locations, and he is seeking advice and further information from Herts Crime Commissioners office as to what outcomes are expected and as to the effectiveness of the program. It was discussed that funding of moveable speed signs would be investigated, and pressure put on police & The County Council.

**The meeting closed at 8.50**

**110/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 following the planning meeting at approximately 7.45, to be held in the Small Hall, The Common WD4 9BS**

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