



CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th May @ 7.45 pm following Planning Meeting in the **Blackwell 10 The Common, Chipperfield**

To Councillors: *H Laverack - **Chairman**, - E Flynn **Vice Chairman**, W Bathurst, G Bryant T McGuinness CA Heaphy and J Sayers.*

In attendance Mrs U Kilich Clerk to the Council. Councillor Sayers joined the meeting at 8.10 pm.

10/19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Flynn and seconded by Councillor McGuinness and **RESOLVED** that all were in favour that Councillor Laverack remains as Chairman for the ensuing year.

11/19 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

The Clerk and Councillor Laverack both signed the acceptance form.

12/19 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bryant and seconded by Councillor Laverack and **RESOLVED** that all were in favour that Councillor Flynn remains as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

13/19 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.

14/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Cassidy and Borough Councillors Adeleke, Riddick and Barratt sent their apologies.

15/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16/19 TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES

It was **PROPOSED** and all were in favour that committee members remain the same for the ensuing year.

PLANNING

Geoff Bryant Chairman
Eamonn Flynn Vice Chairman
Kevan Cassidy
Tony McGuinness
Harry Laverack Ex Officio

PERSONNEL

Eamonn Flynn Chairman
Wendy Bathurst
Jooles Sayers
Harry Laverack

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17/19 MINUTES

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bryant, seconded by Councillor Bathurst and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 be accepted as a true record.

18/19 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

To receive the Chairman’s report and note any correspondence received

1. HAPTC Bulletin (22nd March 2019)
2. Stop Stansted Expansion (29th March 2019)
3. Herts Pension Fund Valuation Forum (20th March 2019)
4. Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority (2nd April 2019)
5. CPRE Hertfordshire Awards for those caring about their Community (25 April 2019)
6. John Vigor (26th April 2019), Councillor Laverack informed members that he had received a complaint from John Vigor about the dust in the car park on the Common, whilst Councillor Laverack is aware of the issues, he pointed out that there are other issues that need DBC’s attention, like the car park on Queen Street which is now classed as a dangerous area. Councillor Laverack will be in contact with senior DBC managers in an attempt to “unlock” funds to help the parish.

19/19 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

1. Approval of Annual Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/19


It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Laverack, seconded by Councillor Bathurst and **RESOLVED** that the AGAR 2018/19 report be approved by Council and duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

- a. Financial Statement as at 31st March 2019, provided to all members and address any adverse variance.
- b. Audit 2018/19 Councillor Laverack informed members that the internal audit received this year was the best he had seen in sometime, the Clerk stated she had taken over the finance in a very good order from Mrs Butcher.
- c. Update of email address, it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the generic email address should be on the website for CPC, the Clerk will forward emails to the relevant Councillor/Committee.
- d. Increase in hours; It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Laverack, seconded by Councillor Bathurst and **RESOLVED** that the Ranger’s working hours will be increased by 1 hour per week, it was agreed that the work would be monitored. The six hours will be carried out on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays two hours each day.

2. PRECEPT; Notification of parish funding was confirmed as received on 12th April 2019. The total being £65,431

Precept Demand	£46,333
Council Tax Support Grant	£905
Concurrent Services	£11,394
<u>Wardens Grant</u>	<u>£6,799</u>
 Total for 2019/20	 <u>£65,431</u>

Total CIL amount received for 2018/19 was £8,741

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3. INSURANCE

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Bathurst, seconded by Councillor Flynn and **RESOLVED** that Chipperfield Parish Council remain with Came & Company insurers for the ensuing year, the policy being due for renewal on the 1st June 2019.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Review of Council's/and or staff subscriptions to other bodies. The Clerk recommends the Council continues to subscribe to HAPTC and SLCC. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Laverack and seconded by Councillor Flynn and **RESOLVED** that on the Clerk's recommendation that the council continue to subscribe to HAPTC and SLCC.

5. General Power of Competence

To agree by resolution that the Parish Council is entitled to use the above power, as set out in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. The Parish Council is entitled as it has;

- a. A two thirds electoral mandate
- b. A qualified Clerk (CiLCA)

6. Meeting Dates

Councillor Laverack informed members that the venue for future meetings was discussed at F&GP and it was felt that Blackwells is the best venue, whilst Parish Room would be the best suited the fact CPC cannot use the venue for all the meetings is an issue. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Laverack and seconded by Councillor Flynn and **RESOLVED** that all council and planning meetings will be held in Blackwells.

20/19 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no Borough/County Councillors present at the meeting.

21/19 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Councillor Bathurst reported that it is her understanding that Luke Johnson and his team are under pressure to meet targets and are under-resourced. The encroachment by The White House is still an ongoing issue, Councillor Heaphy suggested that she has an "informal" chat with the occupier to have the top rails removed. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Heaphy talks to her neighbour.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Nothing to report.

3. POLICE REPORT

Councillor McGuinness reported on the crime figures for March and April, Burglary 1, burglary other 2, theft of motor vehicle 1, theft from a motor vehicle 2, criminal damage 1 and other crimes 6, in total 13 crimes being reported.

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4. HIGHWAYS

Speeding on Chapel Croft installation of Speed Indicator Device, it is not feasible to have SID on Chapel Croft.

Speeding on Tower Hill is a problem even with Speed Indicator Device. Councillor McGuinness finds it frustrating that Herts Highways take forever to resolve issues, such as the drainage and the white lines opposite the Two Brewers. Councillor McGuinness thinks the way forward is via senior officers in Herts Highways.

5. Planning

Code of Practice Planning 2019 (12th March 2019 Mark Brooks)

Councillor Bryant informed members that at the Town and Parish Conference in November 2018, he asked for training for councillors. Dacorum Borough Council agreed to this and are in the process of issuing a date to Town/Parish Councils. Councillor Bryant feels that with the training and Code of Practice Planning, CPC Planning Committee will be better equipped in discussing planning applications.

Motorway Service Area

Councillor Bryant prepared **OBJECTION** letter to Three Rivers which was circulated to all members. It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Laverack and seconded by Councillor Flynn and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk emails the Case Officer at Three Rivers.

Planning Application 19/0646/OUT

Proposed Motorway Service Area (MSA) by Moto at M25 J20

Chipperfield Parish Council (CPC) strongly objects to this proposal and urges Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) to refuse this application.

CPC agrees and fully supports the objections of Kings Langley Parish Council and Kings Langley & District Residents Association. Furthermore, CPC adds the following additional grounds for refusal.

1. 'Right need, wrong location'

It is generally acknowledged that MSA provision is lacking for the north-west quadrant of the M25. DoT Circular 02/2013 refers to the Highways Agency recommendation that the maximum distance between MSA's should be 28 miles and/or travel time of 30 mins. Neither of these are currently achieved on this quadrant of the M25 nor will these be achieved under the subject application.

Examples:

- M4 Eastbound onto M25 Clockwise: Reading MSA to South Mimms MSA = 54 miles
This reduces to 44 miles to M25 J20
- M3 Eastbound onto M25 clockwise: Fleet MSA to South Mimms MSA = 50 miles
This reduces to 40 miles to M25 J20
- M25 clockwise: Cobham MSA to South Mimms MSA = 44 miles
This reduces to 34 miles to M25 J20

Based on typical average speeds on these 3 routes a travel time of 30 mins is unrealistic.

Conclusion – the proposed location is too close to the existing MSA at South Mimms therefore the logical location would be 22 to 27 miles counter clockwise from South Mimms and suggests that an 'on-line' (between junctions) location between M25 junctions 15 & 16 would be an appropriate location to the benefit of the strategic road network and the travelling public.

DoT Circular 02/2013 goes on to say, "In determining applications for new or improved sites, local authorities should not need to consider the merits of the spacing of sites **beyond conformity with the maximum and minimum spacing criteria** established for safety reasons."

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