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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 17th October 2023 @ 7.45 at the Blackwell, The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS

*Councillors Present: K Cassidy- **Chairman**, G Bryant, W Bathurst, C Heaphy, and P Foxall.*

In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer) Borough Councillor's P walker, and G Adeleke. There were also six members of the public present.

37/23 TO CO-OPT A COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Bryant to appoint Malcolm Patton for the new councillor. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Paton and the Clerk signed the Acceptance of Office form.

38/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

To accept and approve apologies for absence

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Cassidy, seconded by Cllr Foxall to accept apology of absence from Cllr Hinton and Cllr Flynn for the reasons stated in the email. Cllr Stewart Riddick also sent his apologies of absence.

39/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To accept and declare interest linked to any of the Resolutions.
There were no declarations of interest to record.

40/23 MINUTES

a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 5th September 2023.

RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Foxall, seconded by Cllr Bryant to accept the Minutes of 5th September 2023 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

b. Matters arising from previous Minutes
Nothing to report.

41/23 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillor (s)
Borough Councillor P Walker informed members that there are issues for the proposed car park. SANG is specific to area, £5k levy per dwelling. DBC will spend £16m over 8 years and that will include the staff as well as other maintenance. SANG has been imposed without any consultation.

BC Adeleke had nothing to report.

42/23 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

For any items you are not able to “click” please email the Clerk for information.

Items (a) to (e) have been circulated to Councillors by email and are included here for recording purposes.

- a. Polling Station relocation – The polling station will be relocated from the Small Hall
- b. Commemorative Bench on Chipperfield Common / Chipperfield Care – an application made for the Commemorative Bench in Chipperfield is now with DBC.
- c. Climate Adaptation Course for Parish and Town Councillors (Councillors only) – to inform the Clerk if any members are interested.
- d. Minutes of the Dacorum Environmental Forum quarterly meeting Sept 14th, 2023 – Minutes and Agenda circulated to all members.
- e. CVH Car park being used by residents – ongoing issue with residents using the CVH car park for their personal use. DBC are looking into the matter.
- f. Cricket car park – there are mixed views on the Cricket car park being resurfaced.
- g. Kings Langley one way system, consultation finishes on 31st October 2023
- h. There is an app park for night for Chipperfield, this has been brought to the attention of PC Dan Stevens and Cllr Richard Robert.
- i. Village Clock update - the chimes are out of sync.
- j. SANG – Cllr Cassidy has written to James Doe (DBC Officer) there is no response.

43/23 Public Participation 15 Minutes total (Max 3 minutes per Person)

A general complaint was raised by a member of the public supported by other attendees at the meeting. This was with regard their opinion that effectively the “mis-spending” of monies that could be better directed to *real* problems in the village, ie flooding, Apostles Pond and dangerous road surfaces and this spend was not discussed with the villagers.

The points raised were as follows:

1. The deeds of sale of the common to Hemel Hempstead RDC by the Blackwells states “The people of Chipperfield should be consulted in the uses to which The Common is put” . This should and must include the use of the common as an overflow zone for Ashridge (and the subsequent SANG designation of the common).
2. There is a lack of priorities in spending by DBC:
While it is accepted that the car park adjacent to the cricket pitch needed maintenance, but the several thousand likely spend opposite Queen Street and The Windmill would be far better spent on the waste land that is now the Apostles Pond and this feature has a history 1000 years and is supposed to be part of the new SANG!!
3. Regarding flooding which is persistent throughout the village but particularly bad in the following areas:
 - Flooding on Langley Road – it is only a matter of time before a major accident.
 - Flooding at the end of Nunfield. Recently a huge lake was formed of run off water and possibly sewage and this is a main route for parents and school children to get to St Paul’s school.
 - Flooding opposite the new burial ground
4. The lethal potholes (to cyclists) along routes like Tower Hill – they have been patched many times but never properly sorted.
5. We are becoming a suburb of Hemel Hempstead by small degrees. With development proceeding as it is and with features like the tarmac on previously unmade up surfaces Chipperfield is becoming more suburban.
6. Public Car Parks:
Opposite the Cricket pitch
Church car park
Two Brewers, and one for own use

Opposite Blackwells

Opposite Queen Street This was never a formal carpark when I moved here (1990) - it was a grassy glade suitable for picnics - the football club started using it for parking to the point where it deteriorated so badly that Type 1 was put down about the mid 1990s.

Beside The Windmill – was marked with a 'P' now gone.

Opposite The Windmill This was just grass until the Windmill users started parking there about the mid 1990s.

I just wished to list the available public car parks that we already have and especially that beside the Windmill since it may get forgotten that it is not part of the Windmill property.

Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)

Other members of the public present raised the complaint that the car park resurfacing at the common was not in keeping with the village look. Several other members informed CPC that the Minutes of previous meetings are not accessible on CPC's website, the Clerk will investigate.

44/23 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

- a. Cllr Cassidy to propose to accept the YTD Summary report for September 2023, bank reconciliation and management reports approved by F&GP Working Group.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Bathurst to accept the YTD summary for September 2023. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Cassidy proposed to increase the Precept by 7.5% for 2024/25
Item to be deferred until November 2023, the Clerk to send more information to members of the Council.
- c. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve £487 for the service of the Village Clock
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve £487 for the service of the Village Clock. Unanimously agreed.
- d. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve £1000 for scaffolding
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve the cost of £1000 for scaffolding for the service of the Village Clock. Unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve £700 for the allotment gate
Item to be deferred to November 2023, once CPC have discussed with Tennis Club.
- f. Proposal to repaint the telephone box – Item to be deferred to November once we have obtained quotes.
- g. Cllr Cassidy to update members receipt of £2100 CiL
Cllr Cassidy informed members that a CiL of £2100 has been received for 2023/34.
- h. Windmill Community proposal for nomination for listing as an Asset of Community Value
Cllr Cassidy proposed to see if CPC would put an application for ACV. All in favour.
- i. To consider the Community Grant for 2024/25 (file attached) and make recommendation.
Item to be deferred to November meeting with some clarification.

45/23 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Grass verges around the Croft – Cllr Bathurst reported that the damage is caused by the dust cart. Write letters around the Croft.

There will be Friends of Chipperfield meeting on 21st October 2023.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

The new Head of school has been in place from September, very positive vibe in the school. Also feedback from Harvest Festival are very good.

3. POLICE REPORT

Chipperfield there was a serious assault to a member locally. Increase in car theft in Bovingdon.

4. HIGHWAYS

Resurfacing of Windmill Hill – patch work for now, will be coming back soon.

5. PLANNING

Planning application of the Yard – Cllr Bryant informed members that the current application is for a single dwelling. Cllr Bryant has kept the Case Officer informed of CPC's desire to achieve a scheme to agreement of all parties and he has been fully supportive. Revised drawings need to be submitted. PC try and engage with the applicants before an application is submitted to DBC.

6. ALLOTMENTS

- Hedge trimming - Hugh Clifford has obtained a quote, which he will share with the Clerk.
- Mower – the mower is for the council to use, there would have to be risk assessment to be taken should anyone wish to use the mower. Members of the Council not in favour of anyone else using the mower apart from the Council staff. The Warden uses the mower at the allotment.

46/23 Exclusion of Press and Public; To **RESOLVE** that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, because it is likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution, arising from the nature of the business proceedings.

47/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the **28th of November 2023 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.**

The meeting concluded at 21.00