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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 28th November 2023 @ 7.45 at the Blackwell, The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS

Councillors Present: E Flynn (Deputy Chair), G Bryant, W Bathurst, C Heaphy, L Hinton, P Foxhall and M Paton.

In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer), Borough Councillor S Riddick. There were also four members of the public present.

48/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Foxhall, seconded by Cllr Bryant to accept the apologies of absence received from Cllr Cassidy for the reason stated in the email. Unanimously agreed.

49/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To accept and declare interest linked to any of the Resolutions.

Cllr Hinton declared interest in item 54/23 e grant application for the Junior Football Club, Juicebox Live Development & Training CIC and Chipperfield Events CIS. Cllr Hinton abstained from decision making on the two grant applications.

50/23 MINUTES

- a. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council 17th October and Allotment Committee Minutes of 3rd October 2023.
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Foxhall, seconded by Cllr Bryant to approve the Minutes of 17th October 2023 as a correct record and, as such be duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Matters arising from previous Minutes.
Nothing to report

51/23 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillor (s)

Cllr Riddick reported on the following:

- a. The Yard, the Case Officer had contacted Cllr Riddick on The Yard and have come to mutual acceptable outcome.
- b. A buyer for the Chapel approached Cllr Riddick, he subsequently asked the buyer to contact Cllr Bryant for further discussion.

52/23 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. Car parking an issue both by the VH and just outside
- b. Village Clock is on time with chime, Remembrance Day was a success.
- c. New Consultation on the Dacorum Local Plan (2024-2040) – REVISED STRATEGY FOR GROWTH. For more information, please [click here](#)
- d. School Admissions Consultation 2025/26 – Neighbouring LAs, District & Borough Councils and Diocesan Representatives. For more information, please [click here](#)
- e. Hertfordshire Growth Board Visions & Missions Survey Launch. For more information, please [click here](#)

53/23 Public Participation 15 Minutes total (Max 3 minutes per Person)

The members of the public present wanted to discuss DBC’s approach to SANG.

54/23 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE

- a. Cllr Flynn to propose to accept the YTD Summary report for October 2023, bank reconciliation and management reports approved by F&GP Working Group.
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Hinton to accept YTD Summary and bank reconciliation. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Flynn proposed to increase the Precept to £62,623 this being 7.5% increase for 2024/25
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Hinton to accept the Precept at £62,623 this being 7.5% increase. Unanimously agreed.
- c. Cllr Flynn proposes to accept the Budget for 2024/25
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bryant, seconded by Cllr Foxall to accept the Budget for 2024/25.
- d. Cllr Flynn proposes to accept the quote for painting the telephone box at £580 inclusive of VAT and paint.
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Foxall, seconded by Cllr Paton to accept the quote for painting the telephone box. Unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr Flynn proposes to consider and approve the Community Grant for 2024/25
Resolved proposed by Cllr Foxall, seconded by Cllr Bryant to accept the Grant for 2024/25, the total amount approved £4350.00. Unanimously agreed. The terms of the grant will include the grant process and conditions.
- f. Cllr Flynn proposes to accept the quote from SRT for Summer planting by the Memorial.
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve the SRT quote for summer planting by the Memorial. Unanimously agreed.
- g. Cllr Flynn to update on SANG and Apostles Pond
What is the communication protocol between CPC and DBC on the on the work that is going on in the village.
RESOLVED, after lengthy discussion between CPC members and members of the public, it was agreed that a further meeting between CPC and DBC is necessary to address concerns of the village. The Clerk will organise a meeting between CPC and members of the public.

- h. Proposal for double yellow lines by Osteria Restaurant (both sides of the road)
Defer the item to January 2024 start communication with Richard Roberts.
- i. Cllr Flynn proposes to accept the quote for David Nobbs gate £450 plus VAT.
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr to use Cllr Flynn's barrier at no cost.
- j. Cllr Flynn proposes to approve £300 for the hire of the Village Hall
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bryant seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve the £300 for the hire of the Village Hall. Unanimously agreed.

55/23 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

1. OPEN SPACES

Cllr Bathurst informed members that the attendance for the Friends of Chipperfield Common, has been poor of late. A lot of laurel has been taken down. The Trees and Woodlands Officers are experimenting with new equipment which has not been a huge success, any new equipment purchased will be allocated from the SANG budget. Cllr Bathurst attended the DBC Climate Change meeting which was interesting.

Cllr Heaphy-Jones reported that Nunfield has an ongoing issue of flooding, this should be reported on Herts Highways Fault. The fingerpost by the Kia garage needs attention/replacing, Cllr Heaphy-Jones will look into this. The electric charging point is not working, this will be reported to the developer.

2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Nothing to report

3. POLICE REPORT

Cllr Flynn reported on the latest crime report, the figures are for Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield. Theft from motor vehicle 3, assault 5, serious assault 1, theft from shop 2, other theft 3 and prison related crime 2.

4. HIGHWAYS

The sign that is down by the Kia garage has been reported.

5. PLANNING

The Baptist Church: Cllr Bryant and Cassidy arranged a meeting with the potential buyer, Cllr Bryant emphasised on CPC's parking requirements. If this proceeds it will be a positive outcome. Chapel Croft, development of 6 dwellings to rear of Osteria, it would appear that some infringement to the approved plans in respect to the landscaping of the rear, on that basis CPC have made contact with Planning Enforcement, Cllr Riddick is aware of this.

The Yard: the Case Officer has spoken to Cllr Bryant, stating that the Conservation Team have commented on the revised application, not on a positive note.

6. ALLOTMENTS

Rats on the allotment due to food scraps being left behind – Cllr Heaphy and the Clerk inspected the allotment and found nothing.

56/23 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.

- a. Salary increases for the Clerk and the Warden as per NALC. Resolved proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Bathurst. Unanimously agreed.

57/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the **9 January 2024 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.**

Meeting concluded at 21.03