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# CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Extraordinary Minutes** of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.45 at the Blackwells The Common Chipperfield WD4

Councillors Present: K Cassidy (Chair), G Bryant, M Paton, W Bathurst and P Foxall.

In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer) Cllr P Walker, and six members of the public.

## EOM/12/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Resolved proposed by Cllr Paton, seconded by Cllr Foxall to accept apologies of absence from Cllr Hinton and Cllr Flynn. Unanimously agreed.

#### EOM/13/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda. There was nothing to report.

## EOM/14/82 Public Participation 15 Minutes total (Max 3 minutes per Person)

#### **EOM/15/24 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

- a. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss and make decision on request from Chip News for a financial contribution for monthly PC update and content for inclusion over 10 editions per annum of Chip News.
  - It was resolved, as proposed by Councillor Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Foxall, to prepare a response from Council to reply to CN email saying the council was disinclined to make a regular financial contribution solely for content as council were of the opinion that CN should be funded from advertising revenue and not content contributors. Should a grant request be received the proposal could be considered in line with other grant applications with if the request is submitted with associated financial information. The resolution was passed unanimously.
- b. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss Village Survey commissioned by Cllr Bryant on behalf of CPC.
  - Councillor Cassidy explained that the purpose of the survey is to improve the utilisation of space by enhancing the connection between the School, the Small Hall, and the Village Hall. As the project is still in its early stages, advancing to

the next level will require the establishment of a Working Group comprising representatives from the Council, the School, the Village Hall, and the Small Hall. Councillor Bryant will take the lead in initiating the Working Group.

c. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss the Village Clock and potential damage caused to the property caused by the erection of the scaffolding. Council also further discussed the possibility of conversion of the clock sounding system to an electronic system. Cllr Cassidy and the Clerk reported back on their visit with Cllr Flynn and the property owner to the Reading Church (6<sup>th</sup> March) where the electronic system is fitted commenting on the sound being of acceptable quality should we decide to change our current sounding system. However, the system's expense required further discussion after sight of the property owners deeds. It was resolved to further investigate the deeds and liability associated with the house and clock support structure. In the interim it was unanimously resolved that, upon the occupants' return from their holiday, Councillor Cassidy will investigate the extent of the damage caused by the erection of the scaffolding. Once assessed, appropriate measures will be taken to resolve the issue with the contractor and CPC.

## **EOM/16/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.

The meeting concluded at 20.26.