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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 18th February 2025 at 7.45 at the Blackwell The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS.

Councillors Present: E Flynn (Vice Chair), G Bryant, W Bathurst, M Paton, L Hinton, and P Foxall.

In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer), Cllr Richard Robert and Cllr Riddick.

68/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Foxall to accept the apologies for absence from Cllr Cassidy and Cllr Paton. Unanimously agreed. Apologies of absence also received from Cllr Walker and Cllr Adeleke.

69/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to record.

70/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 minutes time allowed.

No public participation.

71/24 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 7th January 2025

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Foxall that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman, unanimously agreed.

72/24 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

To receive a report from Borough/County Councillors

Cllr Riddick reported that the leader of the Council Cllr Adrian England has resigned.

County Councillor Richard Roberts reported the following:

The new Government has a priority to put directly elected Mayors in place, right across England, this is called devolution, but rules have been set. All District, Borough and County Councils are to be swept away and replaced with either one, two, three or four Unitary Councils. A one stop shops for all Council services. The mayor would do the high-level strategic role, Transport, Planning, Economy and business support and the Council or Councils would run all local services as they currently do in Bucks.

The two-tier system in Hertfordshire is not broken and any changes, like breaking up the 500 services the County runs and amalgamating the Boroughs, would be challenging and expensive. We have been given a mere few weeks to put our first thoughts into Government by March 21st and then work these up more fully by November. Hold onto your hats it could be a bumpy ride

73/24 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

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

- a. SANG update – Following a meeting with Steven Werrell, work on the Apostles Pond is scheduled for February 27th and 28th. An experienced team will lead the project, aiming

to complete approximately 70% of the planned work. Councillors Bathurst and Paton will be on-site and will provide updates in *Chip News*.

Signage will be installed to encourage visitors to keep debris out of the pond. Additional work is also planned, including maintenance on the Lime trees. The Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) initiative is progressing further at Bunkers Park, serving as a model for future improvements in Chipperfield.

Path resurfacing is planned from Queen Street car park to the area behind the Church, a well-used route. Additionally, the Friends of Chipperfield Common (FoC) recently had 10 members working on the glade. A comprehensive report on all ponds has been completed, ensuring that SANG funding is allocated effectively.

- a. Chip News AGM 4th March 2025 will take place.
- b. Dacorum Environmental Forum Minutes and Agenda. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- c. Public Consultation of the Dacorum Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure (LCWIP). [Click here](#) for more information.

74/24 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

- a. Cllr Flynn proposes to approve the YTD Summary for January 2025
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Bathurst, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve the YTS Summary for 2025.
- b. Cllr Flynn proposes to approve the bank reconciliation and payments summary for January 2025
Resolved, proposed to approve the bank reconciliation and payments summary for January 2025.
Unanimously agreed.
- c. Cllr Flynn proposes to update the bank mandate for Unity Trust and Scottish Widows with all the F&GP Councillors
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Foxall to update the bank mandate for Unity Trust and Scottish Widows with all the F&GP Council members. Unanimously agreed.
- d. Cllr Flynn proposes to accept the quote received from Smith of Derby for the chiming of the village clock
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve up to £6k. Unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr Flynn proposes to approve £600 for scaffolding
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve £600 for scaffolding.
Unanimously approved.
- f. Cllr Flynn proposes to approve £5k for installation of new posts around the village
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Foxall to approve £5k for installation of new posts around the village. Unanimously agreed. Possibly having a blue police speed sign may need to be installed.

75/24 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

- 1. OPEN SPACES – Please refer to SANG update.**
- 2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION – Nothing to report**
- 3. POLICE REPORT –** PCSO Humphreys conducted a survey in Chipperfield to gather public feedback on local concerns. The primary issue identified was traffic passing

through the village. In response, PCSOs aim to implement more speed monitoring, utilising sporadic ad-hoc speed cameras to address the problem. Additionally, PCSO Humphreys plans to establish a community clinic at Blackwells, providing residents with an opportunity to share their experiences and concerns.

4. HIGHWAYS – Nothing to report

5. PLANNING – Survey that took place in the village. Vision plan refurbishing the Small Hall, Village Hall and the School.

6. ALLOTMENT – Nothing to report.

76/24 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.

77/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting concluded at 21.06