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CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Chipperfield Parish Council held on 12th November 2024 at 7.45 at the Parish Rooms The Common Chipperfield WD4 9BS

Councillors Present: K Cassidy (Chair), E Flynn, G Bryant, W Bathurst, M Paton, L Hinton, P Foxall, and Heaphy-Jones

In attendance: Mrs U Kilich (Proper Officer). Borough and County Councillors Cllr S Riddick, R Roberts and seven members of the public.

37/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies of absence received from Borough Councillor P Walker and G Adeleke.

38/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest to record.

39/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 minutes time allowed.

None

40/24 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2024.

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

Unanimously agreed.

41/24 REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Richard Roberts in his capacity as a County Councillor provided the following updates:

- The West Herts Hospital Trust is undertaking the most significant project in Hertfordshire
- Plans are underway for a Solar Farm in Bovingdon, spanning 150 acres of land
- Devolution in Local Government in England is expected to impact town and parish councils
- The high demand for social care is placing significant pressure on reserve funding in

Herts

- Resurfacing work has been completed on The Common and the crossroads
- Approximately 17-18% of children have some form of additional needs putting a huge amount of pressure on the budget

Councillor Stewart Riddick in his capacity as a Borough Councillor provided the following updates:

- Planning application for Tuffs Farm will be discussed at Development Management Committee on 12th December 2024
- The local plan is now in consultation phase and it is open until 17th December 2024

42/24 CHAIRMANS REPORT & CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED

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- a. Footpath on Langley Road 7/10/2024
- b. SANG presentation by DBC – the full presentation can be found [here](#)
Following concerns were raised by members of the public and Councillors
 - A major concern was about the ponds being fenced off as proposed in the application to secretary of state.
 - Another major concern was the focus on what is seen as less immediate issues whilst having little or no action on signage within the common, pathways, pond clearance and invasive plant species.
 - The proposal of no activity on the pond until winter 2026 was extremely disappointing.
 - The brown signs pointing people to Chipperfield without adequate parking facilities
 - There is no infrastructure for public toilets
 - It was proposed that a Working Party be set up with CPC and DBC
 - The fencing may need regular maintenance and how would that be budgeted?
- c. A huge thanks to DBC for updating the two playgrounds in Chipperfield
- d. Dacorum Environmental Agenda and Minutes [click here](#)
- e. Local Plan Dacorum Borough Council 2041 [click here](#)
- f. School Consultation [click here](#)
- g. Phone box – a sufficient grant has been received.

43/24 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

- a. Cllr Cassidy proposes to approve the YTD Summary for October 2024
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Foxall to accept the YTD for October 2024. Unanimously agreed.
- b. Cllr Cassidy proposes to review the Budget for 2025/26 – the decision will be finalised in December 2024 once DBC inform parish/town councils of their decision on Warden and Concurrent Services.
- c. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss the Precept for 2025/26 – the precept cannot be determined until the Budget for 2025/26 has been accepted, the item will be discussed in December 2024.
- d. Cllr Cassidy proposes to discuss and award grant for 2025/26 – this item will be discussed in December 2024 once the Budget has been approved for 2025/26.

- e. Cllr Cassidy proposes to review and discuss for SRT contract for 2025/26
Resolved, proposed by Cllr Flynn, seconded by Cllr Hinton to cancel the contract with SRT for 2025/26. Unanimously agreed.
- f. To discuss succession plan – Cllr Cassidy will be stepping down in May 2025, so far Cllr P Foxall has expressed an interest in the Chairman role
- g. Possible heritage signage – to be discussed in December 2024

45/24 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

- 1. OPEN SPACES** – FOC common working on Thursday if anyone is free to attend.
Relationship with DBC looks promising.
- 2. YOUTH AND EDUCATION** – 2024 student count is somewhat down having an impact on school finances. The head is working hard promoting the school on social media in an attempt to increase the number of children joining the school. The school is currently fully staffed and the atmosphere and teaching appear to be getting great feedback from the parents. School fare is on 13th December 2024.
- 3. POLICE REPORT** – CPC receive numbers from the police which are a consolidated list of events in Chipperfield, Flaunden and Bovingdon so it is not possible to pick out the trends specific to Chipperfield. Cllr Cassidy suggested to invite the local PC to attend one of the Council meetings. Cllr Roberts informed members that the police budget is down by £4m after budgetary impact on NI so there is now very little chance of getting a PCSO.
- 4. HIGHWAYS** –Flooding issues between the school and Queen Street. The Clerk will write again to highways and DBC to see if the drains can be cleared and the vegetation that is holding the water be managed.
- 5. PLANNING** –A number of active planning applications is low in Chipperfield, however there are a number that have gone to pre-app but as yet not in the planning review pipeline. A contentious one will be the proposal on Kings Lane.
- 6. ALLOTMENT** – the clerk informed members that 97% of the rent has been collected. There are some vacant plots so interested parties should contact the Clerk.

46/24 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.

47/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 3rd December 2024 following the planning meeting @ 7.45 at The Blackwells The Common WD4 9BS.

The meeting concluded at 21.12