

# CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the council meeting held on Thursday 11 October 2012 at 7.30 pm at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

**Present:**

Cllr J Herschel – Chairman	Cllr D Johncock
Cllr D Onslow	Cllr C Jordan
Cllr L Willis	Cllr J White
Cllr S Digby	Cllr J Bailey
Cllr C Dodds	Cllr J Johnson
Cllr J Gurney	Cllr M Patel
Cllr M Wilkes	Cllr B Sadler

Also present: Annabel Howard (Maidenhead Advertiser)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Forbes, Cllr Wood and Cllr Herron.

**2. Declarations of member's interests in agenda items**

There were none.

**3. Magpie Wood, Loudwater**

Members were advised that the original proposal to purchase both Lots was now not possible as Lot 1 had been purchased. The council still wished to protect the wood as a piece of recreational amenity land for the residents of the parish.

It was AGREED to continue with the proposed purchase of Lot 2 at a cost of £10,000 plus legal fees.

Further discussion followed regarding the purchaser of Lot 1 who is now resident in the wood, concerns were raised about her safety and also the lack of services to the site. Cllr Johncock advised that he would follow up members concerns with the relevant departments at Wycombe District Council and report back.

**4. Land to the South East of Flackwell Heath**

Members were asked to consider the proposal by Cllr Willis, chairman of the council's Leisure Facilities Committee and seconded by Cllr Jordan, vice chairman of the committee to endeavour to purchase or lease of a piece of land to the south east side of Flackwell Heath.

Following a recent presentation, at the Play and Recreation Facilities workshop, from Sarah-Jane Brion, Senior Green Space Officer, Wycombe District Council it was reiterated that this area of Flackwell Heath had been highlighted as being deficient in the provision of play facilities. A piece of land adjoining land already owned by the council was being looked at.

Tentative enquiries have been made through an agent as to the possible purchase or lease of a piece of land, however, there has been no update as yet. As not progress was being made the suggestion of a change of agent was discussed or even dealing with the owner

directly. Cllr Johncock, who had made previous enquiries regarding the land, advised that he would pass the information he had to the clerk.

It was AGREED that the council would continue in their endeavours to purchase or lease a piece of land to the south east side of Flackwell Heath.

**5. Woodland at Oakwood, Flackwell Heath**

Members were asked to receive a proposal from Cllr Bailey and seconded by Cllr Johncock, to consider the purchase of Lot 2 at the above location.

Cllr Bailey gave a report on the woodland, he was aware that interested parties had already made offers and that a covenant had been place on the site to prevent development. It was suggested that the woodland suited itself to the needs of older children, possibly with a rough BMX track and this would hopefully stop the unwanted use of Fennels Wood. It was NOTED that a public consultation would need to be undertaken before installing any facilities in the wood.

Members were advised that the on costs of the wood needed to be taken into consideration, also possible fencing costs. Tilhil, the forestry management company, would be asked to carry out a survey of the wood and this would bring to light any immediate and remedial work required.

The original proposal to consider the purchase of Lot 2 FELL.

A new proposal was put forward to consider the purchase of Lot 2 subject to the results of a survey.

It was AGREED that the council would proceed by putting in an offer of £30,000 on the woodland subject to a satisfactory survey provided by Tilhil. Costs for the fencing would also be obtained.

**6. Petition: Straight Bit Recreation Ground**

Members were asked to NOTE that a petition had been formally received by the chairman of the council asking that the playground at Straight Bit not be removed.

The Chairman thanked all present and the meeting closed at 8.45pm