

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the council meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2012 at 7.30 pm at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present: Cllr J Herschel – Chairman
Cllr I Forbes – Vice Charman
Cllr L Willis
Cllr S Digby
Cllr C Dodds
Cllr J Gurney
Cllr M Wilkes

Cllr D Johncock
Cllr D Onslow
Cllr C Jordan
Cllr J White
Cllr S Herron
Cllr J Bailey
Cllr J Johnson

Also Present: Mr G Christie

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr K Wood, Cllr M Patel, Cllr B Sadler and County Cllr M Appleyard.

2. Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct

Agenda item 12 Accounts for Payment:

Cllr I Forbes – Direct debit payments to Thames Water: personal but not prejudicial

3. Council Minutes

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 10 April 2012 were proposed by Cllr Digby and seconded by Cllr Johnson a vote was taken and the minutes were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed. Cllr Johncock voted against.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2012 were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

4. Amenity Land Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 was received and noted

5. Leisure Facilities Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 24 May 2012 was received and noted.

Cllr Willis advised that the issue relating to Item 3, Straight Bit Recreation Ground, would be covered later in the meeting and asked for it to be noted that, as any works were unbudgeted for this year, they be funded from the reserve.

6. Works, Services and Planning Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 June 2012 was received and noted.

Amendment: Item 4.2 should read Cllr Onslow raised the proposal for the installation of speed indicator devices following a NAG meeting.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2012 was received and noted.

Item 4.3 it was agreed that the chairman of the council duly sign the approved Annual Return and Financial Statement as recommended by the committee.

8. New Code of Conduct for Parish Councils

Advice received from NALC has been to approve a new model Code of Conduct. Cllr Johncock reported that, at the present time, Wycombe District Council had concerns over this version and it may need further amendment. There is a training session on 11 July covering the Code of Conduct.

It was AGREED by vote to adopt the NALC Code of Conduct on the understanding that amendments could be made at a later date.

9. Propositions

9.1 Community Orchards

Cllr White gave a presentation on community orchards.

It was AGREED that a working party be set up to look into the feasibility of setting up the orchards. The membership would be 4 members and the following were appointed Cllr Johnson, Cllr Gurney, Cllr Bailey and Cllr White. The working party would report back to the Leisure Facilities Committee. Cllr White to call the first meeting.

9.2 Derehams Park

The Clerk gave an updated report on the works to the pavilion and negotiations taking place for the use of facilities at Derehams Park, letters will be sent to all interested parties.

The water mains pipe has now been replaced and the water bills will, in future, be sent directly to the council offices. Further negotiations by Loudwater Football Club with Thames Water will be required to deal with the large outstanding bill.

9.3 Outsourcing the CWPC Grass Cutting Task

The council heard the proposal by Cllr Johncock to set up a working party to examine the possibility of outsourcing the grass cutting task. After discussion a vote was taken and the proposition FELL. Cllr Herschel abstained.

9.4 Straight Bit

Cllr Willis reported on the current situation at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground and took questions from members. The Clerk was also asked to report and take questions from members. The following options were discussed at length

- 1 Do nothing
- 2 Remove all items of teenage facilities
- 3 Remove part of the facility and leave rest
- 4 Remove all items and relocate pieces of the facility after consultation

It was RESOLVED that;

The council needed to remove all the teenage facilities (skate park, kickwall, basketball hoop and youth shelter) and, after consultation, reposition some items of the facility either at Straight Bit Recreation Ground or elsewhere in the parish. This action would be subject to further advice from our insurers so as not to prejudice any future claims against the council.

10. Questions by Members of the Council

There were none.

11. Public Participation

There were none.

12. Accounts for Payment

Cllr Forbes declared a personal interest, as an employee of the company, in the direct debit payments to Thames Water.

It was RESOLVED that;

The accounts for payment, cheque numbers 7539 to 7548, direct debits to Thames Water, BT, Unicom, Orange and Shell UK be approved for payment and the cheques duly signed.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Signed Dated

