

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 6 November 2012
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present:	Cllr J Herschel – Chairman	Cllr D Johncock
	Cllr I Forbes – Vice Chairman	Cllr D Onslow
	Cllr L Willis	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr J White	Cllr M Patel
	Cllr S Herron	Cllr B Sadler
	Cllr J Gurney	Cllr J Bailey
	Cllr M Wilkes	Cllr K Wood

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr C Dodds and Cllr S Digby.

2. Declarations of interest in agenda items

There were none.

3. Council minutes

Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2012 were considered, Cllr Johncock queried item 9.4 and this was clarified by Cllr Forbes and Cllr Herschel. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Forbes and seconded by Cllr Onslow and were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Thursday, 6 September were considered, an amendment was required as Cllr K Wood and Cllr M Patel had been omitted from the list of councillors present. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Bailey and were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Thursday 11 October 2012 were considered, they were proposed by Cllr Johncock and seconded by Cllr Wilkes and were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 April 2012 were reconsidered with the amendment at agenda item 11. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Johncock and seconded by Cllr Jordan and were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

4. Amenity Land Committee

The report of the committee held on Thursday 13 September 2012 was received and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

An update on item 11 the Kingswood car park was given and members were advised that a new waste contractor will be starting March/April 2013.

Cllr Johncock advised that the Flackwell Heath Residents Association did not now like the proposed site for the plaque at the Jubilee Garden. It will now be sited within the Community Centre's grounds and therefore the proposal will be withdrawn.

5. Leisure Facilities Committee

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 27 September 2012 was received and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

6. Works, Services and Planning Committee

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 11 October 2012 was received and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr Wood gave an update on the resident in Magpie Wood and advised that she would keep members up to date with any developments.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The report of the committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 October 2012 was received and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

8. Meeting dates 2013/2014

Members considered and agreed the list of meeting dates and council events for the council year 2013/2014 as proposed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at their meeting on Tuesday 23 October 2012.

Cllr Onslow asked that the meeting dates be sent through to the Flackwell Heath website.

9. Fees, Permits and Allowances

Members considered and agreed the schedule of fees, permits and allowances as proposed with by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at their meeting on Tuesday 23 October 2012.

It was noted that the pitch hire looked as though it had been reduced this was now a per match fee and in line with competitors.

10. Council's tractor

Members considered the three options and received a report from the clerk and agreed to sell the tractor placing the money into the EMR and hire one when necessary for a year on a trial basis.

11. Magpie Wood

The council was asked on 24 October 2012 to confirm its best offer to the agents for the vendor by noon on Tuesday 6 November 2012 for Lot 2. The clerk confirmed the offer of £10,000. No news from the agent has been received.

Members considered actions that could be taken to protect the wood from future inappropriate development.

12. Oakwood

Members were advised that the offer of £30,000 for the woodland had been accepted by the vendor, an estimate for the likely cost of fencing the site has been received and a survey by Tilhill, the council's forestry consultants, has been undertaken to determine

the immediate and likely costs of making the wood safe and also what environmental impact greater use of the wood by residents might have.

In addition to safeguarding the wood and providing an amenity to local residents it has been suggested that the site might be capable of providing a woodland BMX trail. Members are asked to consider approving such a scheme, subject to a consultation organised by a working group of local members with ward residents, with a view to having it completed by the end of this financial year. A grant of £10,000 had been obtained from the LCP to provide a Skills and Thrills Course.

Cllr Johncock and Cllr Bailey advised that some of the clearing work required in the wood could be done by the volunteers who are already coming forward.

13. BMX Skateboard Workshop

Members are asked to receive a report on the design workshop at Derehams Park on Friday 2 November 2012. Unfortunately there had been poor attendance from the users of the park, however the adults that attended were able to participate and the resident that was present left feeling happier.

Cllr Johncock advised and it was noted that the open session to be held on 8 December in Flackwell Heath would hopefully get more local people involved.

14. Derehams Park

Members received an update from the clerk on the refurbishment of the pavilion and the rental arrangements with the playgroup.

It was reported and noted that work would be taking place, by our grounds staff, on the track leading down to the Loudwater Bowls Club also levelling work would be undertaken by them on the grassed area outside the pavilion.

It was noted that improvement work on the pitches will be required at the end of the season at the estimate for this work is £2,500.

15. Council priorities

Members received a short presentation from the council's chairman on the need to review and refresh the council's documented priorities. It had become clear that applications for funding are increasingly being assessed against a council's documented priorities supported by objective facts. In order to ensure that we maximise grant opportunities it is essential that we refresh and document our priorities and how they meet the needs of our communities.

Members agreed that each committee should review activities on a yearly basis for consideration by the committee responsible for community plans and assessments, the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The clerk would produce briefing documents for the committees.

16. Complaint from a resident regarding Cllr Herschel while acting as clerk

Members noted that a complaint had been received regarding alleged harassment of a member of the public and also trespass on their property. The clerk and vice chairman of the council, after taking a statement from Cllr Herschel, considered the matter and the decision reached is that Cllr Herschel did not harass the member of public and the photographic evidence clearly shows they were taken from outside the boundary of the property showing only the hedge line.

Cllr Forbes proposed that a training session on customer services would be beneficial for all members and that the council's complaints code of practice needed to be reviewed.

17. Propositions

17.1 A40 turning arrangements proposed by Cllr Dodds and seconded by Cllr White:

Members agreed that the council will write to Transport for Buckinghamshire expressing its disappointment that they have not been prepared to change the white-lined turning arrangements on the A40.

Cllr Johncock advised that he would be part of a task and finish group working on the eastern side of High Wycombe which would include this part of the A40 in Loudwater.

18. Questions by members of the council.

There were none.

It was noted that members wanting to ask a question should inform the clerk prior to the meeting. If a question is asked without prior notice it will be referred to committee and not receive an immediate answer.

19. Public participation

There were no members of the public present.

20. Accounts for payment

It was RESOLVED that;

The accounts for payment cheque number 7676 to 7688 and direct debits to Npower and Affinity Water be approved for payment and the cheques duly signed.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed Dated.....