

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2008

The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Members:

M Smith (Chairman)
C Jordan (Vice-Chairman)
L Willis
J Herschel
I Forbes
C Harriss
Mrs E Belcher
Mrs S Digby
J Savage
D Johncock (ex-officio)

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H R O Jones
Clerk of the Parish
17 September 2008

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SPORTS GROUNDS

Derehams Lane Sports Ground

Loudwater Sports Club - CONSIDERATION

A meeting of the Loudwater Sports Club took place on Sunday 14 September 2008.

It is noted that A Rogers has stood down as the Treasurer of Loudwater Sports Club.

Members are asked to receive a verbal update report from C Jordan, Vice-Chairman and Council Representative, on any matters arising from the meeting and any progress in developing a business plan for the continued rejuvenation of Derehams Lane Sports Ground.

Croquet at Derehams Lane Sports Ground - INFORMATION

Following the Committee Site Visit to Derehams Lane Sports Ground together with representatives of the High Wycombe Croquet Club on 8 July 2008, the Council has been notified that due to the relatively remote location of the proposed site for additional Club croquet lawns, the Club has decided not to progress with the scheme.

G Youd's (High Wycombe Croquet Club Chairman) has asked for all concerned parties at the Council to be thanked for their assistance.

Electrical Work at Derehams Lane Sports Ground – INFORMATION

The improvement works agreed at the Committee meeting on 3 June 2008 have been completed; namely, removing the top pitch flood lights and columns and testing and providing lights over the basket ball/tennis and car parking areas.

The operating switch for the lights can be accessed from the Sports Pavilion.

Green Dragon Sports Ground

Flackwell Heath Sports Club: Ongoing Maintenance Matters - INFORMATION

At the Committee site visit on 8 July 2008 it was agreed that the Council would obtain and install three new waste bins at the Sports Ground site and that the Sports Club and/or Football Club would purchase and arrange for the installation of three new bench seating areas for spectators' use.

The bins have been received by the Council and are awaiting installation as soon as the corresponding benches are sited.

The installation of two training pitches at the bottom end of the ground is well under way. Appropriate signs will be erected to demark the Sports Ground and the Archie Folley Ground, as required by the relevant lease agreements.

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RECREATION GROUNDS AND PARKS

Straight Bit Recreation Ground

Flackwell Heath Bowls Club Fence - CONSIDERATION

Representatives of the Bowls Club have expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council for the £500 grant contribution to the cost of replacing the perimeter fence.

Members are also referred to the following article in the Autumn 2008 (Issue 74) Newsletter:

“If you are aged 10 or over and are interested in finding out a little bit more about playing Bowls in Flackwell Heath, then you should contact the Flackwell Heath Bowls Club (Tel: 01494 530610). There is no commitment to become a full Club Member straight away, but it may be the case that until you have tried it you didn't know what you were missing. The Club is undertaking a number of improvements as part of its preparations for its 25th Anniversary next year, including a new perimeter fence and new ditches around the Green. Support of local people in participating in its activities will make it grow in strength and is a great opportunity to undertake gentle exercise, meet socially and have fun.”

Members are asked to receive a verbal update report following a meeting between the Clerk of the Council and the President of Flackwell Heath Bowls Club on 19 August 2008 and to consider any action, as appropriate.

Boundary Road Park

Boundary Road Park – INFORMATION

At the Committee site visit on 8 July 2008 it was agreed that the Council would obtain two new litter bins for the Boundary Park site and look to install an interpretive Nature Board (if possible, in a similar style to those to be erected elsewhere within the Parish).

It was further agreed that a suitable shrub would be planted by the Electricity Sub-Station with the intention of hiding the area as indicated in the Autumn 2008 (Issue 74) Newsletter:

“In Boundary Park itself the stream banks will be cleared back, reinforced where necessary, overhanging branches cut back and planting provided around the unattractive electrical transformer and its cage in the centre of the park. New benches will also be provided, and the play equipment and youth shelter painted.”

Ongoing discussions are taking place between Council Members and Representatives of the ‘Revive the Wye’ project.

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COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Attached are:

- The Budget summary report (**APPENDIX A**)
- The Budget detailed report (**APPENDIX B**)
- Projected variances from budget 2008/09 (**APPENDIX C**)

2008/09 Budget - INFORMATION

The projected net expenditure for 2008/09 is £3,365 over budget. The significant variances from budget are set out on the attached spreadsheet.

2009/10 Budget - CONSIDERATION

The Budget figures for 2009/10 in the reports are initial proposals and the Committee's recommendations will be reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGP), together with the other Committees budgets on 14 October 2008.

FGP will look at the overall Council position and consider the possible level of the precept and may therefore make recommendations about the Committee's amended budget.

The Committee will be asked to re-examine the proposed budget at its meeting on 2 December 2008, taking into account any changed circumstance and FGP recommendations. The Committee will then be expected to make a final budget recommendation to FGP in January 2009.

FGP will then consider the overall position and recommend a precept to the January 2009 Council meeting.

The Budget Reports show:

- The budget, actual income and expenditure for 2007/08 and 2008/09;
- The 2008/09 actual income and expenditure figures are correct to August 2008. The annual projected is an estimate of income and expenditure for 2008/09 to 31 March 2009; and
- The initial proposal for the 2009/10 budget.

As set out in the report, the proposed net expenditure for 2009/10 is £63,907 i.e. an increase of £8,636 from the 2008/09 budget.

This proposed figure includes:

- £1,000 Youth facilities at Ashley Drive Recreation ground
- £10,000 Derehams Lane Sports Ground site rejuvenation
- £5,000 Derehams Lane Pavilion replacement reserve fund
- £1,000 litter bins at Straight Bit recreation ground
- £2,000 Boundary Road recreation ground planting
- £2,000 Leisure facilities benches and signs
- £3,000 Play equipment replacement reserve
- £3,000 replacing bark chippings under play equipment
- £2,000 Ashley drive recreation ground aerial runway

The non-fixed regular items have been inflated by 5%.

Against this background, the Committee, therefore, is asked to review the draft budget for 2009/10 and refer any recommendations or comments to FGP for the 14 October 2008 meeting.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Accounts for Payment are to be circulated at the meeting for the approval of Members.

Members are reminded to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in any items submitted for payment.

Members of the Press and Public are asked to be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of any Confidential Payments, such as payments to members of the Council Staff.

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DELEGATED ACTION

Since the last meeting of the Committee, the Clerk of the Council has authorised the following permits:

- For the Red Lion Football Team to play at Derehams Lane Sports Ground for the season 1 September 2008 – 30 April 2009 (18/07/08);
- For Flackwell Heath Cherry Fair to use Straight Bit Recreation Ground on 12 July 2009 (03/09/08);
- For Loudwater Football Club to play at Derehams Lane Sports Ground for the season 1 September 2008 – 30 May 2009 (03/09/08); and
- For Flackwell Heath Minors Football Club to play at Straight Bit Recreation Ground for the season 6 September 2008 – 30 June 2009 (05/09/08)