

# CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## WORKS, SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

*"Cherish the past, adorn the present, construct for the future"*

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2012 commencing at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe HP10 8DS

**Present:**

Cllr J Herschel - Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
Cllr D Onslow - Vice Chairman	Cllr B Sadler
Cllr J White	Cllr C Dodds
Cllr M Wilkes	Cllr I Forbes
Cllr J Johnson	

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Bailey.

**2. Declarations of members' interests in items of the agenda**

There were none.

**3. Signage in the parish**

The committee noted that the surveys carried out by councillors to identify requirements for signage had been completed and replacement will start early in the new year. The survey of Kingswood will not however be completed until the end of January. In order to minimise administration the signs with identical wording will be ordered in bulk.

**4. Kingswood Cemetery Safety**

Members were asked to note that following agreement at the last committee meeting for handrails to the steps leading down to the Memorial Gardens they are now on order.

**5. Cemetery Maintenance**

The committee was asked to note that the newer graves at both Loudwater and Kingswood cemeteries have been levelled and turfed by the grounds team. Abandoned memorials would be identified and marked so that they can be removed in the Spring.

**6. Council depot fencing**

Members were asked to note that the security fencing around the depot has now been completed and that quotes for CCTV have been received. It is hoped that the installation of CCTV will more secure the depot area.

**7. Community Payback permanent midweek group**

Members were asked to note that from January 2013 the council will be commencing a trial with the Probation Service for a permanent midweek group. The Probation Service have been asked to reduce from April 2013 the processing time of offenders, from court to first scheduled work will be 5 days. In order to assist with these new regulations we have agreed to an initial trial on the understanding that if it does not work by impacting of the work of staff we will be able to stop.

**8. Committee Priorities**

Cllr Herschel advised that it had become clear that some schemes and project do not have sufficient points to get approval for funding and suggested that matched funding and even partnering with another parish may be ways to progress community priorities.

A few suggestions were discussed as follows:

Now that Cherrymead Surgery has moved from Flackwell Heath should another GP practice be encouraged to move into the area?

If the British Legion in Loudwater was ever to close, should the parish council look to buy the building as a community facility?

The Boys Club in Loudwater does it need help to access funding?

What as a community are we doing about improving health and obesity?

Cllr Herschel asked that members consider what other items might be considered. Suggestions to be collated by the clerk to be included in a draft questionnaire to be distributed in the new year. This would be a good starting place for a refresh of community priorities.

**9. Questions from council members and the public**

Cllr Onslow asked about the FHRA proposal to re-locate the council sign board at the Jubilee Garden, School Green in Flackwell Heath. Cllr Herschel confirmed the response given at an earlier meeting of the committee: that the proposal was one of the items for consideration as part of the signage review.

**10. Accounts for payment**

It was agreed that the accounts for payment and direct debits be approved for payment and the cheques number 7722 to 7739 be signed.

The chairman of the committee thanked members for their attendance and the meeting ended at 8.10pm.

**Date of the next meeting of the committee Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7.30pm**

Signed ..... Dated .....