

# CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2013 commencing at 7.30pm  
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

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<b>Present:</b>	Cllr K Wood - Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr M Patel	Cllr D Johncock
	Cllr B Sadler	Cllr J White
	Cllr I Forbes	Cllr L Willis
	Cllr J Herschel	

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Johnson and Cllr S Digby

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

Cllr J Herschel declared a personal interest in item 13 – cheque no 7797 payment of expenses.

**3. Widmer Pond**

Members were asked to note that the Defra registration for the pond had now been received. The fish health check has been ordered and will work around the organised pond clearance date of 9 March 2013.

**4. Orchard Green, Flackwell Heath**

Members were asked to note that a letter had been sent to Dean Dyer the hedge layer asking him to supply convenient dates in March/April so that a FOCUS ON meeting at the site could be organised, to talk about the necessary work to the hedge line. As yet there had been no reply and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

**5. Queensway**

Members were asked to note the receipt of a letter from Wycombe District Council regarding the above site which the council jointly own. A local trust has approached Wycombe District Council with a proposal for the land not being used for allotments to be made into a Tranquil Park.

Members were not keen on arranging a meeting with the other interested parties and agreed that a draft response to Wycombe District Council protecting the parish council's position to not have the site developed be circulated and then presented to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee.

**6. Railway Land**

Members were asked to note that the tree safety work highlighted in the UPM Tilhil report had been ordered and would be happening shortly. The work had been held up by the recent poor weather conditions.

Members considered the working group report and discussed the potential tree work on the bank behind Bay Tree Close. It was agreed that the report be accepted by the committee and that the work highlighted within the report be undertaken against budget availability, taking into account bird nesting season and contractor availability. It was agreed that a long term work plan would be drawn up and a review in the Summer with public consultation.

## **7. Kingswood Car Park - tarmac surface**

The Clerk reported that following recent discussions with Dan Sexton, Waste Management, it was now clear that the car park entrance would be replaced. The 4 metre stretch will have new footings and the edging stones will be reinforced in order to take the heavy traffic.

Members were advised that further work to the area where the recycling bins are sited is being discussed. The Clerk was thanked for her efforts.

Members noted that the general care of the site had improved. Cllr Wood advised that the new waste contractor for Wycombe District Council would now be collecting more from homes however, the recycling centre will remain in the interim with the chance of it being removed in the future.

## **8. Totteridge Common**

Members were asked to note that quotes have now been received from two contractors to cut the piece of ground near the Dolphin Pub. The contract will be initially for one year to be reviewed at the end of the cutting season. The Clerk was asked to get the best price from each contractor and proceed with the contract.

## **9. Kingswood Management Plan**

Members were asked to note that the holly clearance that had been scheduled for mid to end of January had been postponed due to the poor weather conditions. UPM Tilhill had advised that the work had been provisionally rescheduled for the end of February before bird nesting season begins. However, if the ground conditions have not improved sufficiently the grant year will be extended so that a claim can be made in 2013/14.

Members were asked to note that the tree thinning work previously marked out by UPM Tilhill will take place later this year. It is hoped that the harvesting of approximately 480m<sup>3</sup> will bring in an income in the region of £6,000 dependent on negotiations.

Members were asked to note that the tree safety inspection at the boundary recently carried out by UPM Tilhill highlighted work needing to be undertaken. As this is safety work the best quote will be accepted and the work will be actioned.

## **10. Tylers Green Common**

Members were asked to note that during the recent bad weather residents on the front common had been asking if a grit bin could be installed as at the back common. Also, a request had been made for the further consideration of the posts around the common, as some residents have been finding access to their properties difficult.

Members discussed the issue and it was agreed that a draft information flier would be presented at the next Amenity Land Committee meeting. The content would explain the council's policy on the protection of the common and the general care of the tracks. It was suggested that this item could be used in the Autumn newsletter.

## **11. Committee Finances**

Members were asked to note the current committee income and expenditure. It was agreed that any funds remaining in the Railway Land cost centre would be transferred at year end to an Earmarked Reserve in order to complete works mentioned at item 6.

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

There were members of the public present.

Cllr White asked whether the committee would support the possibility of the footpath leading from Bridge Bank Close to Treadaway Hill becoming a definitive route. It was decided that this would be referred to the Works, Services & Planning committee for further consideration.

**13. Accounts for Payment**

Accounts for payment were circulated at the meeting and cheque numbers 7773 to 7798 and the direct debit payments to Southern Electricity, Shell UK, Npower and E-On were agreed.

Cheque number 7792 to Stanley Security Ltd was held as the Clerk wanted to discuss the invoice total with the company.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 8.50pm

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