

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2013 commencing at 7.30pm
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

The meeting is open to members of the public and press

Present:

Cllr L Willis - Chairman	Cllr K Wood
Cllr C Jordan - Vice Chairman	Cllr J Johnson
Cllr S Digby	Cllr D Johncock
Cllr B Sadler	Cllr J Bailey
Cllr J Gurney	

Also present: Cllr I Forbes, Cllr J White, Mr B Gutteridge (Wycombe Athletic Football Club), Mr P Grant (Bucks Free Press), Mrs P Mannering (FHRA) and Ms C Andrews-Jones (FHRA)

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of members' interests in Items on the agenda.

Cllr J Bailey declared a personal interest in Item 6.1 Chapel Road Allotments as an allotment tenant.

The Chairman of the committee brought forward Item 9 to the beginning of the meeting.

9. Committee Priorities

Cllr Willis handed out paper for each committee member to indicate their priorities for the committee, which were as follows;

- Playground refurbishment
- Community Orchard
- Allotments
- Tylers Green Common Tracks/Footpaths
- BMX facility
- Railway Land
- Derehams Park Regeneration
- Circular Bridleway
- Loudwater Bowls Club car parking

3. Straight Bit Recreation Ground

3.1 Playground re-surfacing

Following recent playground inspections it had become apparent that the surface of the play area was in need of remedial attention, the tiles have become loose and are separating. Members agreed that the Clerk could approach three playground companies with a view to obtaining quotes for essential safety repairs to the playground surface.

3.2 Complaint received from resident

Members were asked to note that the council had received a complaint regarding anti-social behaviour on the play area over the bank holiday weekend. Members were advised that the complaint had been answered and the resident had been advised to contact the police regarding any further anti-social behaviour. The anti-social behaviour issue will be raised at the next NAG meeting with the attending police officer.

The shrubs that had been planted on the resident's property boundary to shield the fence from damage look as though they could be dying. Members agreed to the replacement of the damaged shrubs, as deemed necessary by the warden.

3.3 Recreation ground grass renovation programme

Flackwell Heath Minors Football Club it has now become necessary to do some extra grounds work. Members agreed to the spiking by an external contractor in the Autumn and re-seeding next year.

3.4 Jazz on the Green

Members were asked to note that the Council had been approached to allow an event to include a fairground, jazz band, refreshment stalls (including the sale of alcohol, licences permitting) and sales stalls. Entry to the event would be charged and the organiser is planning to give any profit to the local PTAs and the recreation ground refurbishment.

Members considered the application and advise the Clerk to obtain further information on the profit expected from such an event before a permit could be granted.

4. Derehams Park Recreation Ground

4.1 Loudwater Bowls Club – car parking

Members were asked to note that the Bowls Club will be approaching the planning department at Wycombe District Council for further advice on their proposal for car parking.

4.2 Fencing quotes

Members were asked to note the quotes received for the fencing along the roadside boundary at Derehams Park.

Members approved Quote A and asked the Clerk to order the works.

4.3 Pitch renovation

Members were asked to note that the pitch renovation work was underway. The works being undertaken by a contractor in conjunction with the grounds team.

4.4 Pavilion works to be completed

Members were asked to consider the works still to be completed at the pavilion as follows;

- Replacement of the loft insulation
- Work required in the old bar area to make into a storage area
- Lockable cupboard in changing room
- Vent in lounge to be sealed
- Brickwork to steps leading to pavilion needs repairing

These were approved and the Clerk was asked to obtain 'best value' quotes.

4.5 Circular Bridleway

Members received a short report from Cllr White, following meetings with interested parties, on the possible formalisation of the circular bridleway currently at Derehams Park. Members agreed to take a recommendation to formalise the bridleway to the next Works, Services & Planning Committee meeting on 6 June 2013.

5. Community Orchards

Members received an update on the progress of the project from Cllr White. Following the article in the Spring newsletter and the subsequent presentation at the Annual Parish meeting, a leaflet is to be designed for leafleting Loudwater residents. This will highlight the Parish Council presence at the Loudwater School Fete in July at which a display for consultations purposes will be manned.

6. Allotments

Members were asked to note the potential expenditure of approximately £100.00 for barbecues at both allotment sites during the summer. Members agreed the expenditure and were advised that all were welcome to attend.

6.1 Chapel Road Allotments

Members were asked to note that SSE will be replacing the 'H' posts at the site. The whole job is expected to take two weeks – allotment holders will be notified when a scheme of works has been received from SSE giving exact dates. We have been assured that any damage will be made good prior to leaving site.

6.2 Ashley Drive Allotments

Members were asked to note that the new car parking area outside the shed has been completed.

Members were asked to note that there has been a boundary infringement at the rear of the Scout & Guide Hut at the allotment site. Further investigation of the original boundary is required and follow up.

7. Playground Consultation

7.1 Feedback on Progress

Members received feedback from the playground working groups. Each ward has seen 3 playground providers. It is expected that 2 designs for Loudwater and 2 designs for Flackwell Heath will be available for display on Sunday 2 June at the Big Picnic in Flackwell Heath.

The next stage will be arranging meeting with the larger working parties for more in depth discussions about the designs and the creation of a final design.

8. Earmarked Reserves for Playground Refurbishment

Members were asked to consider a request from Cllr Willis to increase the earmarked reserve for the playground project, in order to kick start the refurbishment programme.

Members agreed to take a recommendation to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on 13 June 2013 to increase the earmarked reserve with a further £30,000.

10. Questions from council members and the public

Cllr Sadler advised that flooding of the track leading to the scouts hut was a problem and asked that work be considered to improve the track. As this was not a budgeted item for the current financial year it would be put forward for 2014/15.

Mr Gutteridge from Wycombe Athletic Football Club asked about the possibility of a fence at Derehams Park as the team had been losing footballs.

11. Accounts for payment

Accounts for payment were circulated for consideration and cheque numbers 7913 to 7925 were duly signed and the direct debits for Orange, Unicom and N Power were approved for payment.

The Chairman thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Signed*Kathina S. Wood*..... Dated*27/6/13*.....

