

# CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday 28 February 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**

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**Present:**

Cllr L Willis - Chairman	Cllr S Herron
Cllr C Jordan - Vice Chairman	Cllr J Herschel
Cllr D Onslow	Cllr B Sadler
Cllr I Forbes	Cllr J Gurney

**Also present:** Mrs Dare and Mrs Reffould from the Flackwell Heath Allotment Association, PCSO Daton Beckford

**1. Apologies for absence.**

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

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

Cllr Herschel declared a personal interest in item 10 payment of expenses

**3. Straight Bit Recreation Ground**

**3.1 Removal of Skate Park**

Members were asked to note that following a meeting with the Flackwell Heath Resident's Association on Monday 7 January 2013 and the subsequent Council meeting on 24 January 2013 it had been agreed that the skate park and teen facilities would now be removed between the dates of 25 February and 28 March 2013. A public consultation will be arranged to look at the re-siting of the kickwall and a new youth shelter on the site.

It was also noted that with the assistance of the Residents Association the search for an alternative site for a skate/BMX facility in Flackwell Heath was still on-going.

**4. Flackwell Heath Bowls Club Car Parking Proposal**

Members were asked to note that the council had received a proposal for car parking at the Straight Bit between the Bowls Club fencing and residents back gardens. An initial response had been sent to the Bowls Club requesting them to seek pre-planning advice before further consideration of the proposal could be taken. It would be necessary to make sure that the residents nearest to the proposed car parking area were consulted.

Cllr Herschel advised that this proposal had originally been brought to council in 2002.

**5. Derehams Park Recreation Ground**

**5.1 Track work and levelling on site**

Members were asked to note that due to the poor weather conditions the levelling and drainage issues on the track and the grassed area adjacent to the pavilion had not been possible as yet.

## **5.2 Bowls Club**

Members were asked to note that the council had received a request for a meeting to discuss a proposal at a cost of £5,170.00 to create a car parking area near the clubhouse. An initial response had been sent to request a clearer plan showing the exact dimensions of the area and also information regarding the potential funding sources. Dates will be sent to the Bowls Club so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged for a meeting.

## **5.3 Hedgeline on roadside**

Members were asked to note that following an inspection by Dean Dyer (Hedge layer) it had become apparent that the hedge on the roadside needed to be coppiced. The majority of the work to date had been carried out by Community Payback teams. Quotes for the high level tree work had been received and the trees tangled in the overhead electricity cable were taken down on Monday 25 February.

It was also noted that quotes were now being requested for the fence by the footpath which is now exposed to be replaced or repaired where necessary.

## **6. Community Orchards**

Members were asked to note that following liaison with the Clerk, Cllr White will be holding a public meeting as part of the public consultation process. The first venue for an orchard would be Loudwater and an article had been put in the newsletter asking for interested residents to contact the office.

## **7. Allotments**

### **7.1 Hedge at Chapel Road Allotments**

Members were asked to note that quotes had been requested to lay a temporary fence at the allotment site now that the hedge had been coppiced.

After speaking with the tenant farmer at Pigeon House Farm one option had been to seek permission from the Carington Estate to place a 5ft high stock proof permanent fence a metre into the field of the farm, however this was rejected.

The only option left would be to put a 4ft high fence with a rabbit proof skirt as close as possible to the original hedgeline, filling the gaps by planting a new hedge in a zig-zag pattern. All is dependent on how the contractor can lay the new fence.

The committee agreed that the council through the clerk could take this work forward on receiving the best price for the job.

## **8. Playground Consultation**

Members received reports from Cllr Sadler and Cllr Willis on the feedback from the playground questionnaires, Tylers Green and Loudwater respectively. It was agreed that the next step would be to send a letter of thanks to all those who had offered help, to then be followed by a meeting to further discuss potential designs.

A good start had been made and it was important to keep the impetus. Meetings with potential companies for designs would be arranged.

## **9. Committee Finances**

Members were asked to note the committee finances.

## **10. Questions from council members and the public**

Mrs Dare from the Flackwell Heath Allotment Association made a representation, which echoed the questions received from the Chairman of the association, April Summers. A written response to the questions would be sent.

Mrs Dare also advised of an incident on 27 February 2013 when two men had made their way through the allotments. She advised that there was a concern over the security and safety of the allotment site now that the hedge had been taken out leaving an opening from the farm.

Cllr Herschel advised that the fence would be actioned as soon as practicable.

**11. Accounts for payment**

The accounts were approved for payment of cheque numbers 7799 to 7810 and the direct debits for Unicom and Orange.

The chairman thanked all those present and the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

**Signed** ..... **Dated** .....