

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2013 commencing at 7.30pm
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present:

Cllr I Forbes - Vice Chairman	Cllr S Herron
Cllr B Sadler	Cllr S Digby
Cllr J White	Cllr L Willis
Cllr C Jordan	

Also present: Cllr K Wood

In the absence of Cllr Johncock the Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Forbes took the Chair.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Johncock (holiday).
Cllr Bailey was not present at the meeting.

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

There were none.

3. Committee Terms of Reference

Members were asked to consider and approve the draft committee terms of reference. No comments were added to the draft.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

A recommendation be made to the next full council meeting on 7 November to adopt the committee terms of reference.

4. Widmer Pond

Members were asked to consider the possibility of relaying the path with a resin bonded surface to eradicate the problem of loose gravel. The path had been laid with self-binding gravel, however the surface was loose and gravel had been thrown into the pond and kicked onto the grass

It was **RESOLVED** that:

In the first instance, the Clerk would contact the contractor who laid the path to see if they had any outstanding contractual liability and to review if any remedial action could be taken.

Also, the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for a new resin bonded surface for a budget figure.

5. Orchard Green, Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to approve the removal of three cherry trees and also the crown lifting and thinning of 4 oak trees, following the site visit on 4 July 2013. The tree work suggested would allow more light through the canopy and encourage more regular growth in the remaining trees and enhance the grass growth.

Members were also asked to approve the tidying of the roadside hedge rather than laying. This would involve the grounds team cutting back the sides and employing a contractor to take down some of the height to encourage healthy growth.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The tree and hedge work to the site be undertaken, the height of the hedge not to be less than 12 feet.

6. Railway Land

Members were asked to receive a verbal report from Cllr White on the updated development of the Railway Land Management Plan.

There had been no movement on the development of a Management Plan for the site.

Quotes were starting to come in for items on the action list, namely the handrail at Bridge Bank Close end.

7. Tylers Green Common

Members were asked to consider the parking issues on and around the common. Complaints had been received from residents who had been suffering from access problems to their properties with people parking inconsiderately in front of/to close to their drive boundaries.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Clerk was asked to obtain 'No Parking' signs, on the understanding that they would not litter the area.

Members were also asked to review and consider the current policy on maintenance of the tracks over the common.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

A working group, comprising of Cllr Forbes, Cllr Sadler and Cllr White, would work on the policy and bring recommendations back to the next committee meeting for further approval by full council.

8. Amenity Land Committee Winter work schedule

Members noted the work schedule, as produced by the warden, for the grounds team over the winter months.

Cllr White mentioned that boundary inspections should be added to the schedule.

9. Committee Finances

Members noted the current committee expenditure and income. The accounts were showing a raised cost in grounds maintenance which is to be expected at this time of year.

10. Questions from council members and the public

Cllr Sadler asked if the Fair on the Common were being charged for the electricity.

The Clerk advised that electricity usage would be charged, a meter reading was taken prior to the Fair arriving and would be checked when they leave.

11. Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment were circulated at the meeting and cheque numbers 8011 to 8015 were agreed.

Cheque number 8016 to SSE Contracting was held as the works undertaken were not satisfactory and the company would be asked to revisit the site and correct.

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

Signed **Dated**