

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday 26 September 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 J Bailey	Cllr J Gurney

Also present: Cllr J White, Cllr P Mannering, Miss C Andrews-Jones (FHRA), Mrs B Hunt, Mrs A Summers (FHAA), Mr R Stevens (FHAA), Mr P James, Mrs S Thompson (Asst Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Sadler.

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

Cllr Bailey declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7.

3. Committee Terms of Reference

Members were asked to consider the draft committee terms of reference, for adoption at the next full council meeting.

It was RESOLVED that;

The draft committee terms of reference be passed to the next full council meeting with a view to adoption with the item 1(d) being removed as it was felt to be a more appropriate action of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

4. Straight Bit Recreation Ground

4.1 Fitness Equipment Installation

Members were asked to note that the fitness equipment, purchased with lottery money from the Flackwell Heath Residents Association, had now been installed and was being used enthusiastically by members of the public.

Members were also asked to consider and approve a request from the Flackwell Heath Bowls Club to position a bin near to the fitness equipment as there has been a lot of rubbish left behind by the equipment users.

It was RESOLVED that;

A bin be purchased to match the style of the bins already on the site at a cost of £298.00.

4.2 Flackwell Heath Bowls Club - Access

Members were asked to note that the council had received a request via Cllr Digby for remedial work to be actioned on the track leading from the car park to the bowls club. It had been causing accessibility problems for the 'Chestnut' members.

On inspection the track was uneven and stony, the grass had been worn away by vehicles driven across, however, there was a central grassy walkway.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk should obtain quotes for remedial options for the surface of the track to be put forward for further consideration.

5. Derehams Park Recreation Ground

Members were asked to note that vermin control had commenced on the site.

5.1 Loudwater Bowls Club – car parking

Members were asked to note that a letter is to be sent out to the Bowls Club to set up a meeting for further discussion and to get an update on progress with their car parking needs.

5.2 Pavilion

Members were asked to note that the works agreed at the last Leisure Facilities Committee meeting in May had now been completed.

6. Community Orchards

Following the consultation period on the Community Orchard in Loudwater Cllr White had now analysed the returns, 15 residents had put themselves forward to help get the project off the ground. A public meeting has been arranged for 6 November at Loudwater School.

Members were asked to consider, for approval, a location for the Orchard, the suggestions being Derehams Park Sports Ground, a section of the grazing land at Altona Road, a piece of ground to the side of Homebase or on the river bank at the Loudwater Centre (Boys Club).

It was RESOLVED that;

As the aforementioned sites had not been reviewed the original working party would visit each site and report their findings back to the committee. The working party membership would be as before; Cllr Johnson, Cllr Digby, Cllr Bailey and Cllr White.

Cllr Willis requested that the Clerk draw up a list of pros and cons for each site and provide it to the working party and for consideration at the next Leisure Facilities Committee meeting.

Cllr White then left the meeting at 7.55pm

7. Allotments

7.1 NALC Model Tenancy Agreement

Members were asked to consider, for approval, the model NALC tenancy agreement.

It was RESOLVED that;

A working party be set up to work on an updated tenancy agreement for further discussion; the working party to consist of; Cllr Willis, Cllr Digby and Cllr Johnson.

7.2 Chapel Road Allotments

Members were asked to note that the barbecue at the Chapel Road Allotment site on Saturday, 7 September had been a great success.

7.2.1 Toilet

Members were asked to note that the Flackwell Heath Allotment Association were in the early stages of research relating to the possible installation of a waterless toilet at the Chapel Road Allotment Site.

7.2.2 Fencing

Members were asked to approve the clerk obtaining quotes for the final fencing requirements of the site. This would be to reclaim the boundary which runs down the side of path leading from the Scout Hut, which at present has barbed wire fencing that has been broken down by people tipping rubbish. Also at the top of that slope bordering the allotment site using the same stock fencing and rabbit netting as previously installed earlier this year.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk should obtain quotes to be used for producing next year's budget.

7.3 Ashley Drive Allotments

Members were asked to note that the allotment get together originally planned for mid-September had yet to be re-arranged. Time and date would be sent out when known.

7.3.1 Bonfires

Members were asked to note that the council had been in receipt of complaints regarding inconsiderate use of bonfires on the site. A temporary notice had been put up at the site advising that 'until further notice bonfires are not to be lit'.

Members were asked to consider whether bonfires should be discontinued on the site or whether the central burning area should be reinstated.

It was RESOLVED that;

This item should be referred to the working party as part of their remit.

8. Playground Consultation Feedback

Members were asked to receive feedback and an update from the playground working groups.

Two further providers had been contacted and had been to the sites requiring the extra designs. Things had generally slowed over the summer months but it was now imperative that the next stage of consultation be as soon as possible.

9. BMX Facility in Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to receive a verbal report from Cllr Johncock on the outline proposals for a BMX facility. Members were advised that the project had come to a halt for the moment.

Cllr Johncock was thanked for all his hard work to date on the project.

10. Green Dragon Sports Ground

Members were asked to recommend that the terms of the lease currently with the Flackwell Heath Sports Club be reviewed at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee; this was in light of continued communication issues with the Club. However, a meeting had been arranged for Monday 30 September to meet with the new Chairman of the Flackwell Heath Minors Football Club.

It was RESOLVED that;

The terms of the lease would be reviewed at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee.

11. Committee Finances

Members were asked to note current committee expenditure and income

12. Questions from council members and the public

- Mr James asked what allotment holders would do with non-compostable waste from the allotment if they could not light bonfires at the Ashley Drive site.
- Mr Stevens added that the Community Payback teams when working at the allotments at Chapel Road left the bonfires unattended.
- Mrs Summers commented that not all allotment holders should be held responsible for a few inconsiderate people. The tenancy agreement clearly states that fires should not be left unattended and the times at which they can be lit, so they would be in breach of the agreement.
- Mrs Summers asked if the working party set up to discuss the allotments would work with the Allotment Association from the Chapel Road site.
- Mrs Hunt commented that she would have liked a response to her email regarding the fitness equipment at Straight Bit, even it was 'thank you for your comment'.

- Miss Andrews-Jones advised that she wanted to make sure that the council had heard about the incident at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground when a child had injured himself on a piece of equipment and if any remedial action could be taken.
- Mr James advised that a padlock on the top gate of the Ashley Drive allotment site needed to be replaced.
- Mrs Summers asked if the grazing land at Altona Road was still classified for allotment use if needed.
- Mr Stevens asked if the council was looking to outside/matched funding for the fencing at the Chapel Road allotment site.

Cllr Herschel who was not present at the meeting sent an emailed question dated 25 September 2013; in order to hear the question the Chairman of the Committee suspended Standing Order 8 (a);

- Cllr Herschel asked – has the parish council asked WDC to repaint the cubicle doors that are in such poor condition and remove the graffiti from the walls of the WDC toilet block at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground?
The work is to be started week beginning 30 September 2013.

13. Accounts for payment

It was RESOVLED that;

The accounts for payment be accepted and for the cheques numbered 8030 to 8051 to be signed - information to be attached to these accounts.

The Chairman thanked all members present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.52pm