

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the council meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP10 8DS.

Present:	Cllr K Wood (Chairman)	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr L Willis (Vice Chairman)	Cllr D Onslow
	Cllr C Dodds	Cllr B Sadler
	Cllr J White	Cllr S Herron
	Cllr D Johncock	Cllr J Johnson
	Cllr J Herschel	Cllr I Forbes
	Cllr J Bailey	Cllr S Digby

Also present: Mrs P Mannering & Mrs E Higginson-Smith (FHRA) and Mr Peter Grant (Bucks Free Press)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Wilkes (holiday).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. COUNCIL MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that;

The minutes of the council meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 2013 be a true and accurate record and duly signed by the chairman.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 7 May 2013 were RESOLVED as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the chairman.

4. AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 14 February 2013 was received and noted.

Cllr Johncock advised that the tree planting programme work party meeting would be held in September/October to give time for an order to be raised for receipt in the new year.

5. LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2012 was received and noted.

Cllr Willis highlighted the on-going playground consultations for each ward, the Loudwater School Fair and the Cherry Fayre being the next two opportunities. Also, advised that no further progress or information had been received from the Loudwater Bowls Club relating to a request for a hard standing car park.

6. WORKS, SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 6 June 2013 was received and noted.

Cllr Onslow re-iterated the committee's desire to continue with the priorities already set.

7. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2013 was received and noted.

Cllr Forbes drew attention to the completion of the website.

8. Kingswood Annual Report

The Council endorsed the annual report on Kingswood received from UPM Tilhil and the copy of the Client Estimate was duly signed.

9. Co-Option to the Council

Flackwell Heath Membership

A casual vacancy for a Flackwell Heath member had arisen in May 2013 following the resignation of Cllr M Patel.

Written notification had been provided to the District Council's Electoral Services division under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 87. The by-election possibility period of 14 days following the date of notification had expired without any names put forward to the Council for candidates for the vacant post. This District Council had confirmed that the Parish Council may now fill the post by way of co-option.

The nomination of Mrs P Mannering was received from Cllr Johncock and seconded by Cllr Bailey at the meeting.

Mrs Mannering said a few words and left the chamber while the council deliberated and voted on the co-option. Mr Mannering was unanimously co-opted to the council.

10. Proposition: Proposed by Cllr Johncock and seconded by Cllr Willis

Fitness Equipment at Straight Bit, Flackwell Heath

Flackwell Heath Residents Association had obtained a lottery grant for the purchase and installation of fitness equipment at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground. The grant is conditional on the monies being spent by September 2013. A small survey of residents around the recreation ground offering two options of location, as recommended by the playground providers was underway.

Council approved the proposal that the fitness equipment be located either at option 1 (front of the recreation ground) or option 2 (to the rear of the recreation ground) subject to the feedback from residents with final approval of the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Leisure Facilities Committee. Then for the Clerk to obtain quotes for installation and progress.

11. Annual Return

The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee that the Chairman and Clerk of the Council sign the Annual Return and Financial Statement (Year ending 31 March 2013).

12. Website

The Council approved the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to allow the new website to go live.

13. Investment Policy

The Council approved the adoption of the Investment Policy as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee with a deletion to the paragraph on Liquidity of investments as a change in wording to include the Chairman of Council in the consultation and therefore to remove 'As Agreed by full council at its meeting in January 2012....'.

14. Informal Meeting

Members were reminded that the informal meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 25 July 2013. Members were asked to suggest items for consideration at the meeting or to subsequently notify the Clerk or Chairman of Council.

15. MVAS

Council endorsed the recommendation from Works, Services & Planning Committee to purchase the MVAS equipment from the supplier SWARCO. This would be at a cost of £6,100 with contributions from the LCP, the residents associations and district councillors. The equipment will be insured and owned by the parish council but moved from ward to ward by volunteers from the Neighbourhood Action Group.

16. Earmarked Reserves

Council endorsed the approved recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to vire a further £30,000 from the General Reserve to the playground refurbishment.

17. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Jordan advised that the Wycombe Heights planning permission that had been refused was going to appeal and would need further council attention.

Cllr Dodds added that the 125000m³ of 'muck' that would be transported along the A40 and up Rayners Avenue would have a detrimental effect of residents.

Cllr White advised that no support had been received from Wycombe District Council in relation to the bridleway/footpath issue at Wycombe Heights

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs E Higginson-Smith introduced herself to Council, being the new Chairman of the Flackwell Heath Residents Association.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was RESOLVED that;

The accounts for payment cheque number 7936 to 7956 and direct debits to Orange, Thames Water, and bank transfer to Payflow be approved for payment and the cheques duly signed.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 8.25pm