

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of meeting held on Thursday 5 December 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

Committee Membership: Cllr L Willis - Chairman Cllr J Gurney
 Cllr C Jordan - Vice Chairman Cllr J Johnson
 Cllr D Johncock
 Cllr B Sadler

Also present: Cllr I Forbes, Cllr J White and Cllr P Mannering

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Digby (meeting) and Cllr K Wood.
Cllr J Bailey was not present.

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

Cllr Forbes declared a personal interest in agenda item 13 – expenses cheque.

3. Track to Scout Hut, Ashley Drive

Members were asked to NOTE that the council had received a request from the Penn & Tylers Green Scouts to undertake temporary surface work to the track leading to the hut. This would entail creating a pathway with MOT type 1 and using a vibrating plate to compact the surface.

At the time of the meeting one quote had been received for £1,800 to grade the track with shingle, another contractor had already been approached for an alternative quote and had offered advice on a more substantial solution to include drainage to the track.

It was noted that this project could possibly be set against the unexpected income in this year's budget.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk request like for like quotes in order to take to Council on 23 January for approval.

4. Straight Bit Recreation Ground

4.1 Flackwell Heath Bowls Club - Access

Further to a request from the Bowls Club, members were asked to NOTE that quotes had been sought for a more substantial track to allow easier access for the disabled members to walk to the club house.

The first quote received is in the region of £10,000.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk obtain further quotes and alternative options for the surface.

5. Derehams Park Recreation Ground

5.1 Loudwater Bowls Club – car parking

Following a meeting with representatives from the Loudwater Bowls Club, members were asked to consider the alternative car parking scheme along the fence line of the Club. This would involve the filling in of the drainage channel for the football pitches and the track being made up with Oxford shingle as is already laid on the track from the gate. The club advised that they were prepared to pay for the area running along the fence and down to the end of the track.

Further investigation of the scheme had led to another option, allowing the Bowls Club to park on the flat surface adjacent to the MUGA.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Bowls Club be allowed, on an annual rolling basis, to park on the surface adjacent to the MUGA until such time as that area is further developed.

6. Community Orchards

Members were asked to consider the recommendation from the Orchards Working Party to use the conservation grass area of Derehams Sports Ground as the site for the Loudwater Community Orchard. The permissive bridleway which currently runs around the conservation grass area will be re-routed to run diagonally, this will allow an area of 14m x 14m to be set aside for the orchard.

It was RESOLVED that;

Approval be granted to use the conservation grass area at Derehams Sports Ground for the Community Orchard.

It was noted that some fencing off of the area would be required and also a small container for tools would need to be purchased, this to be brought back to committee for approval.

Cllr White left the meeting at 8.15pm.

7. Allotments

It had become apparent that the Working Party membership needed to be re-confirmed prior to a meeting being arranged to look at revising the tenancy agreements for both allotment sites.

The Working Party to consist of Cllr Willis, Cllr Digby and Cllr Johnson and the first meeting to be arranged in the New Year.

7.1 Chapel Road

Members were asked to note that the new hedging had been ordered for the far end of the allotment site where the fence had been replaced earlier this year. The hedge will only be planted now on the allotment side as the bramble has regrown on the farm side, this will be strimmed down during the planting.

7.2 Ashley Drive

Members were asked to note that the 'get together' on Saturday 19 October at the allotment site had been a great success.

8. Playground Consultation Feedback

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

Loudwater: There had been a good turnout at the playground meeting on Tuesday 19 November at St Peters Church, Loudwater. Peter Harrington from Husson attended in order to assist with questions on design and equipment. There were now 6 people willing to help with fundraising for the play equipment and there was an aspiration to get 2 pieces of equipment in by Spring next year.

Tylers Green: An open house forum will be being held on Tuesday 10 December at the Council Offices, a static display from 3pm for residents to visit and make comment and at 7pm a presentation following by questions and answers.

Flackwell Heath: Public consultation will be held in conjunction with the Christmas light turning on at the Jubilee Garden and Community Centre, Flackwell Heath on Saturday 7 December. Peter Harrington will be present to assist as at Loudwater. Some response forms have been designed for the play area and also the parkour option. Environmental Services and also the Safety Officer have been asked to assist with the positioning of the parkour course. Funding already gained for the parkour equipment needs to be spent or at least committed before the end of March 2014.

9. Green Dragon Sports Ground

Members were asked to note that the football club were willing to work with the council to remedy issues with the pavilion and have expressed an interest having some play equipment installed on the site to the side of the pavilion.

Members were advised that following a meeting with the Chairman of the Flackwell Heath Minors it had been mentioned that the football club would be interested in taking over the lease from the Flackwell Heath Sports Club with whom the council was still having communication issues. A date of 6 January had been given for a response on the lease.

Cllr Mannering left the meeting at 9pm.

10. Draft Budget 2014/15

Members were asked to note the draft Leisure Facilities committee budget for 2014/15 and to consider projects for inclusion.

It was RESOLVED that;

Insertions to be included - a budget line for the BMX facility in Flackwell Heath and a budget figure of approximately £10,000 for a track at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground for the Bowls Club.

11. Committee Finances

Members were asked to note current committed expenditure and income. The budget was currently running under the expected spend rate and had received unexpected income earlier in the year.

12. Questions from council members and the public

Cllr Johncock advised that a re-negotiation of the lease for the Green Dragon Sports Ground would be prudent if there were to be a change of leaseholder.

13. Accounts for payment

The account for payment were circulated and approved for payment, cheque numbers 8093 to 8104 were duly signed and the direct debit to N power agreed.

The Chairman thanked those members present for their attendance and meeting was closed at 9.16pm

