

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

WORKS, SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

"Cherish the past, adorn the present, construct for the future"

Meeting to be held on Thursday 19 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

Present: Cllr D Onslow - Chairman
Cllr J White - Vice chairman
Cllr J Johnson
Cllr M Wilkes
Cllr I Forbes
Cllr C Jordan
Cllr P Mannering
Cllr C Dodds

Also present: Cllr K Wood and Cllr D Johncock

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Sadler who was attending another meeting and Cllr Herschel who was attending a wedding.

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

There were none.

3. Church Road East, Tylers Green

Members were asked to consider a request from the Penn & Tylers Green Resident's Society to contribute £3,000 towards the road narrowing project. After receiving an initial costing for the project in the region of £14,000 and information received from the Locality Manager indicated a need for matched funding towards the cost.

It was RESOLVED that;

A recommendation for consideration of contributing £3,000 towards the project would be taken to the next full council meeting on 23 January.

4. Green Dragon Lane Bollards

Members were asked to note that the bollards had now been installed and the no parking stickers were on order and would be applied on receipt. The old signs will stay in use until the stickers have been received.

5. Signage

Members received a tabled interim report that had been prepared by Cllr Herschel.

Due to the enormity of the project it was felt that a working party be set up to assist in the completion of the project, this would hopefully consist of Cllr Herschel together with a member from each ward and committee.

6. Footway Lighting Update

Members were asked to note that a site visit to Oakwood with SSE is still outstanding.

Members were advised that alternative luminaires were on the market and that it would be prudent to explore alternative options as well as contractors. Cllr Dodds agreed to take this forward.

7. Ecclesiastical Boundary Stones

Members were asked to consider purchasing and installing small, historical discs beside each stone declaring 'Local Historical stone' with a very brief description at a cost of approximately £2,000. The disc will need to be mounted onto a cement or wooden post and placed near the stone. This would help ensure that the stones are treated with care and respect and would not be removed without consultation.

It was RESOLVED that;

At the joint meeting with Penn Parish Council matched funding for the discs would be raised. Funding for the discs was approved.

8. Derehams Lane Lamp Column

Members were asked to consider re-installing a lamp column that had been knocked down several years ago on Derehams Lane. It had been located on the bank just up from the railway bridge, the area is a particular blind spot and extremely dangerous after dark for pedestrians. Members were not sure why the parish council was providing the lamp column as there is no path.

It was RESOLVED that;

The clerk write to Bucks County Council on Health and Safety grounds to request a lamp column to be installed.

To note: all the lamp columns on Derehams Lane are maintained by the Parish Council.

9. MVAS Update

Members were asked to note that the MVAS project was up and running and the sign would be moved to Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath for the first month long period and then back to Tylers Green, etc.

After the MVAS has been in each ward for a month and the figures have been collated, then the purchase of the second sign will be considered.

10. Cemetery Regulations

Members were asked to note the Cemetery Working Party notes and to consider adopting the recommendations as set out in the notes in order to answer the complaint recently received from a resident relating to the a pre-purchase of a plot close to a relative and the installation of kerbing around a grave.

It was RESOLVED that;

The recommendations should be included in the current regulations.

11. Draft Budget 2014/15

Members were asked to note the draft Works, Services & Planning committee budget for 2014/15. Consideration was given to projects for inclusion and a revised budget would be taken to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee for approval.

12. Committee Finances

Members were asked to note the current committee expenditure and income. The expenditure is currently running slightly behind and the income is up on the year.

13. Questions from council members and the public

There were no questions from the public.

Cllr White advised that there was sudden movement on the Railway Land footpath the only outstanding item was for the Bucks Right of Ways team to get permission from the owner the steps leading down to School Way. He also requested that a letter be sent confirming the Parish Council's desire for the footpath to be made definitive from Bridge Bank Close to School Way.

The Clerk advised that a letter had been written to the Definitive Map Team which had been signed by the Chairman of the Council.

14. Accounts for payment

The accounts were circulated at the meeting for consideration.

It was RESOLVED that;

The accounts for payment be approved and cheques numbered 8105 to 8117 be signed and that direct debits to Southern Electric, Shell and Unicom be approved for payment.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

