

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2014 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 I Forbes – Vice Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
Cllr S Herron	Cllr B Sadler
Cllr J White	Cllr L Willis

Also present: Cllr Herschel and Mr G Christie

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Johncock (Meeting) and Cllr Bailey (Business)
Late apologies were received from Cllr Digby.

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

There were none.

3. Widmer Pond

Members were asked to CONSIDER a request from Penn Parish Council for a contribution to an extension of the path around the pond and to approve it in principle. The new path would continue from the existing path at the pond to Elm Road, this would provide a safer crossing point.

On discussion it was felt that the amount being requested, a third of the total cost, was too high as the path would not be on much of the Chepping Wycombe Parish land although it was agreed that it should proceed.

It was RESOLVED that;

the path should proceed but the Clerk was asked to negotiate a lower figure as a contribution to the project which will then be taken to the next full council meeting on 15 April 2014 for approval.

4. Railway Land

Members RECEIVED a verbal progress report from the Clerk on the planned tree and hedge work, as per the Working Party recommendations. The tree work had been successfully completed however the logs had had to be stacked on the site due to the poor weather conditions, vehicular access on the site was at the moment impossible. The hedging material had been purchased and would now be scheduled in for planting.

Cllr White requested clarification of the timeline of events/meetings that had resulted in the rewriting of the original Action Plan from the Working Party and he added that he was not sure if all the original points had been included in the revised version, also he queried whether the original Working Party had been disbanded. He advised that there were contentious issues contained in the revised Management Plan and that he felt uncomfortable releasing this for public consultation.

Cllr White continued by advising that the Working Party's next course of action would be to hold a site visit to complete an inspection of works done and asked whether this would still go ahead.

Cllr Forbes made clear that all the Action Plan comments and points had been included in the revised Management Plan, as the Working Party had gone through it page by page on an earlier

evening, and that a site visit would be scheduled with the original Working Party as it had not been disbanded.

Cllr White advised that he was opposed to the revised Management Plan and asked that members not consider the report further.

Members were asked to CONSIDER Version 5 of the Management Plan and give final comments on the three areas where specific questions had been raised for debate, these being the final wording for paragraphs 3, 5 and 6g.

It was RESOLVED that;

at paragraph 3, cycling should continue to be prohibited along the Railway Land;

at paragraph 5, option B be the preferred option;

at paragraph 6g the wording be changed to, 'Cut and flail paths as necessary', as this is already part of the grounds team work schedule.

With the above changes made the Management Plan be approved for adoption at full council on 15 April 2014

Members were asked to NOTE that an inspection of the site was made on 22 January due to concerns raised by the Warden of bank movements to the southern bank of compartment 2.

Cllr White advised that he had been disappointed not to be asked to attend this meeting.

5. Tylers Green Common

5.1 Tracks on the Common

Members were asked to NOTE that the potholes, on the tarmac section opposite the Village Hall, identified in the Working Party report had been filled.

After taking advice from our solicitor on the other tracks over the Common, no improvements would be made to any of the tracks, any work to the surfaces of the existing tracks will be as existing.

The Working Party will now reconvene to produce a final action plan for the track works. The Warden will join as a member of the Working Party.

5.2 Football on the Common

Members were asked to NOTE that reports had been received from residents that the Penn & Tylers Green Football Club had been using the Common for training purposes during the poor weather. This had been without prior notice or permission being granted. The Clerk had emailed the Chairman of the club but had not received a response at the time of the meeting.

Due to the grass type the Common is not suitable for football at this time of year and members were asked to CONSIDER prohibiting football on the Common during poor weather conditions.

It was RESOLVED that;

The football club should be made aware that a permit is required for the use of the Common and permission may not be given if the condition of the ground is not good.

6. Spring Lane, Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to NOTE that the site visit to the above had not yet taken place. The visit will go ahead shortly when a suitable date has been set in order to create a maintenance plan and vision for the area. Cllr Johncock had been in discussion with the FHRA Garden Group with a view to looking after the site on the Council's behalf and was awaiting a response.

7. Kingswood

7.1 Thinning

Members were asked to NOTE that the thinning had been confirmed by Tilhill and a deposit would be forthcoming prior to the work being undertaken.

7.2 Anti-social behaviour

Members were also asked to NOTE that there had been a recent increase in dirt bikes being used in the wood. The local police had been mailshotting the houses on the boundaries of the wood to ask for any information and have also been undertaking a surveillance operation.

7.3 Tree Safety Check

Members RECEIVED a short report from the Clerk following a tree safety check in the wood by the Warden. So far 13 trees had been identified as needing remedial work. One tree that had fallen over a path would be cut up by the grounds team.

7.4 Boundary fencing on the Micklefield side

The existing chainlink boundary fence on the Micklefield side of the wood is either missing or badly damaged. Members were asked to CONSIDER either the removal or replacement of this fencing on the committee site visit in July.

It was RESOLVED that;

The boundary fencing would form part of the Amenity Land Site Visit in July.

8. Signage

Members were asked to RECEIVE a report from Cllr Herschel on signage proposals for the sites maintained by the Amenity Land Committee.

Cllr Herschel had prepared a presentation highlighting types of potential signs, he asked for volunteers to assist in areas where they had local knowledge to help with final locations and wording.

The next step now would be to create a specification for each sign and ask for quotes for wooden, recycled plastic and metal signs. This would enable a more informed choice to be made also at the point of purchase to try and order signs in bulk to make savings.

9. Beechwood Gardens/Clearbrook Close

Members were asked to NOTE that the bollard agreed at the Amenity Land Committee meeting in November 2013, had now been installed.

10. Orchard Green, Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to NOTE that the tree work agreed at the Amenity Land Committee meeting in September 2013, which included the removal of three cherry trees and also the crown lifting and thinning of 4 oak trees, had been completed.

11. Trees Planted in Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to NOTE that 5 cherry trees had been funded by Carolyn Leonard of the FHRA and had been planted at the following locations; one at Spring Lane, 2 at Juniper Lane and the last 2 on the junction of Green Dragon Lane and Chapman Lane

12. Committee Finances

Members were asked to NOTE the current committee expenditure and income. The income was up on the expected budget and at the moment the expenditure was down. The yearend projection for the committee was currently showing at a small surplus.

13. Questions from council members and the public

There were none.

14. Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment were circulated at the meeting and cheque numbers 8144 to 8165 and the direct debit for E-ON were agreed and duly signed.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 9.27pm

15. Date of the next meeting of the committee: Thursday, 15 May 2014 at 7.30pm

Pending expenditure transactions

Feb
23-Jan-14

Chq	Invoice No	Supplier	Detail	Net	VAT	Amount
8144		Ist Loudwater Guides	Newsletter delivery	130.00	0.00	130.00
8145		Allan Janes LLP	Fennels Wood License	250.00	0.00	250.00
8146	INV661719	Briants	Pole Pruner (replacement)	543.33	108.67	652.00
8147	226029	George Browns	Battery (Chipper)	46.72	9.34	56.06
8148		The Chiltern Society	Membership 2014	25.00	0.00	25.00
8149	6361	Clear-Up Skips	Derehams clearance	600.00	120.00	720.00
8150	0000/3222	Clive's Drives Ltd	Potholes Nursery Lane TG	850.00	170.00	1,020.00
8151	189308	Country Supplies	Angle cleats/bench installation	24.32	4.86	
8151		Country Supplies	Correction to account	0.30	0.00	29.48
8152		Sue Digby	Broadand expenses Oct-Jan	60.00	0.00	60.00
8153	10239009	Gordons Builders	Bagged ballast bench installation TG	13.80	2.76	16.56
8154	6907	Hawes Plant Hire	Excavator Derehams	170.00	34.00	
8154	6963	Hawes Plant Hire	JCB Power Pack bench removal	43.50	8.70	256.20
8155	45522	IoG	Membership 2014	97.67	6.33	104.00
8156	12291854	PC World Business	Shredder	72.48	14.49	
8156	12293707	PC World Business	Norton Internet Security	69.18	13.83	169.98
8157		Petty Cash	October - February	167.49	0.00	167.49
8158	0276	Polaris Groundcare	Vertidrain/fertilising/slit tine	940.00	188.00	1,128.00
8159		Post Office Ltd	Road Tax - Transit OU07 ZNG	220.00	0.00	220.00
8160	20062008	SEP Distribution Plc	Col 4 Churchill Close	164.65	32.93	
8160	20062201	SEP Distribution Plc	Col 4 Churchill Close	153.45	30.69	381.72
8161	242583	SSE Contracting Ltd	Col 4 Churchill Close Remove/replace	615.55	123.11	
8161	246594	SSE Contracting Ltd	Footway Lighting Maintenance Jan	1,216.76	243.35	2,198.77
8162	1474235	Spaldings Ltd	Edging knife	20.00	4.00	24.00
8163		Richard Tedham	Turf laying FH War memorial	147.50	0.00	147.50
8164		Thames Water	Derehams Lane	641.79	0.00	641.79
8165	218871	Viking	Stationery/CP Supplies	176.97	21.70	198.67
DD	HF96B2EDA	E-ON	Council Offices Dec-Jan	265.52	12.64	278.16
TOTAL				7,725.98	1,149.40	8,875.38

Income received since last committee meeting:

CR		FHRA	Contribution to MVAS	638.48	0.00	638.48
CR		P&TG Res Society	Contribution to MVAS	638.48	0.00	638.48
CR		Arnolds Funerals	Burial Charges	550.00	0.00	550.00
CR		Beacon Funerals	Burial Charges	550.00	0.00	550.00
CR		Benhamlaw	Deed of Easement	15,100.00	0.00	15,100.00
				17,476.96	0.00	17,476.96

Signed *S. P. M. S.* Signed *S. W. L. L.*Date *13/2/2014*

The RFO confirms that all goods and services have been received and that the invoices are accurate. We have compared the invoice details against the cheques, direct debit and payflow payments as above, which agree, and have therefore signed the cheques.