

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Thursday 27 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:

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| Cllr L Willis - Chairman | Cllr K Wood |
| Cllr C Jordan - Vice Chairman | Cllr J Johnson |
| Cllr B Sadler | Cllr S Digby |
| Cllr J Bailey | Cllr J Gurney |

Also present: Cllr I Forbes, Cllr J Herschel and Mrs Janet Smith (FHRA)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Johncock (Wycombe District Council meeting)

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

There were none.

3. Track to Scout Hut, Ashley Drive

Members were asked to note that there had been no further progress on the track due to the poor weather conditions.

It was RESOLVED that;

the Clerk contact a third contractor to quote for the works.

4. Straight Bit Recreation Ground

4.1 Flackwell Heath Bowls Club - Access

Members were asked to note that quotes had now been received for a more substantial track to allow easier access for the disabled members to walk to the club house. The Bowls Club had been in contact with the office and were happy to make a contribution towards the track.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Flackwell Heath Bowls Club be approached to ascertain their level of contribution and also if the 'Chestnuts' would also be able to contribute towards the project.

5. Derehams Park Recreation Ground

5.1 Loudwater Bowls Club – car parking

Members were asked to note that following the agreed action from the Leisure Facilities Committee meeting on 5 December a meeting had taken place on 29 January with the Loudwater Bowls Club. The option for the club members to park on the flat surface adjacent to the MUGA on a temporary, session by session basis, was discussed. The Loudwater Bowls Club were to obtain a quote for the work required and advise whether this would be a satisfactory solution for their members.

Members were asked to note that a response and quote for the work had been received and the Bowls Club were happy to proceed with this option.

6. Community Orchards

Members were asked to note that the container (shed) and fencing had been purchased and that the Orchard Group were installing/erecting them on the site.

Members received an update from Cllr White on the progress of the project who advised that the Loudwater School were extremely interested in becoming involved in the next stage of planting. The Orchard Group had set up their own bank account with the donations from group members and membership had been taken with the Royal Horticultural Society.

7. Allotments

Members were asked to note that the working party had not yet been able to meet, but had managed to set a date for Thursday 4 March 2014.

7.1 Chapel Road

Members were asked to note that with the help of the community payback teams the overgrown hedgeline had been cleared and the new hedge had now been planted.

Members were also asked to note that the car parking area would need some attention shortly as it had become rutted.

8. Playground Consultation Feedback

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

Loudwater: Cllr Willis advised that the Vertigo Unit and Train had been ordered.

Tylers Green: Cllr Sadler advised that the first stage for Ashley Drive would be creating footpaths to and around the recreation ground. Cllr Wood also advised that adult fitness equipment would be sourced for the site.

8.1 Procurement Case for Play Equipment in Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to consider the procurement case for the play equipment in Flackwell Heath. Cllr Herschel explained phase 1 of the scheme; to remove the helter skelter and replace with a large tower structure to include a helter skelter type tube slide attached to a further climbing frame in the style of a castle. The large tower would be subject to planning permission due to the height being 6.7 metres. Also the installation of three springers and a bank of cradle swings.

It was RESOLVED that;

the Clerk order the equipment subject and planning permission and further negotiation on price and final approval from the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Leisure Facilities Committee.

9. Green Dragon Sports Ground

Members were asked to note that a letter had been sent 24 January 2014 from the council to the Chairman of the Flackwell Heath Sports Club advising that the rent rebate would be removed from 21 February 2014.

To date a response had not been received to this letter and none of the paperwork requested had been forthcoming.

The Chairman of the Committee suspended standing orders changing the order of the meeting.

11. 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.

Cllr Forbes left the meeting at 8.30am

10. Signage

Members were asked to receive a report from Cllr Herschel on signage proposals for the sites maintained by the Leisure Facilities 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.

A meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 5 March with a sign manufacturer/supplier, Cllr Herschel was hopeful that a further insight would be gained from this meeting and specific questions about the structure/type and make-up of the signs could be answered more fully.

Following this meeting and the site surveys, by interested members, the next step would be to create a specification for each sign and ask for quotes for wooden, recycled plastic and metal signs, with a view to batch/bulk buying to obtain greater savings.

12. Questions from council members and the public

Mrs Smith advised that she felt that the Straight Bit Recreation Ground was well served with dog bins.

This had been in answer to a statement made earlier in the meeting about the complaints from the Flackwell Heath Minors having to remove dog faeces prior to training at the site on Saturday mornings.

13. Accounts for payment

The accounts were approved for payment cheque numbers 8166 to 8177 were duly signed and the direct debits for Unicom, Orange, Shell, Npower and Southern Electric were agreed.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 8.40pm

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, 29 May 2014 at 7.30pm

