

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

Report of meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2014 commencing at 7.30pm
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present:

Cllr K Wood	Cllr C Jordan
Cllr B Sadler	Cllr S Digby
Cllr J White	Cllr L Willis
Cllr J Bailey	

Also present: Sgt M Lloyd (TVP)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Johncock (holiday), Cllr I Forbes (personal) and Cllr S Herron (business)

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the committee unanimously decided to ask Cllr Wood to preside over the meeting.

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

Cllr K Wood declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 – expenses cheque

Cllr Digby declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 – expenses cheque.

3. Committee Terms of Reference

Members were asked to note the recommendation made at the Annual Council to add Spring Lane, Flackwell Heath to the list of sites the committee is responsible for maintaining.

It was RESOLVED that;

Spring Lane be added to the Committee Terms of Reference.

Standing orders were suspended and agenda item 7.3 was brought forward. Sgt Lloyd had been asked to attend the meeting specifically to discuss the issues of anti-social behaviour in Kingswood.

7.3 Anti-social behaviour

Members were asked to note that there continues to be a problem with dirt bikes being used in the wood. The local police are aware and have been undertaking a surveillance operation.

Sgt Lloyd advised that engagement with the bike riders was being attempted, with a view to trying to assist in finding an alternative site which would not interfere with walkers and horse riders.

Signage would be installed by the Council as part of the signage project. The signs would hold the Byelaws which would clearly state that motorised vehicles are prohibited.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Council would continue to work with the police to find a solution to the ongoing problem of dirt bikes in the wood.

4. Widmer Pond

Members were asked to note that a small amount of planting to the bank will be undertaken by the grounds team.

Members were also asked to note that confirmation had been sent to Penn Parish Council of the £200.00 contribution to the extension of the path around the pond agreed at the Council meeting in April.

5. Railway Land

Members were asked to receive an update on works already carried out as indicated in the Working Party Report dated February 2014.

- The signage required would be added to the signage project.
- The National Grid had been advised of the damaged gas line signs.
- The Loudwater School Fete would be the venue for the start of a public consultation of the treatment of the northern back and also reinstatement of a boundary fence.
- The outstanding item – clearing a strip along the northern boundary would be considered further at the next meeting following the site visit and an up to date tree report from the warden due in August

It was RESOLVED that;

A leaflet drop to all bordering properties be undertaken prior to the school fete.

Also, the northern boundary clearance would be part of the Site Visit in July.

6. Tylers Green Common

Members were asked to note that there had been no further progress on the tracks over the Common, however the position agreed at the last committee meeting had been to maintain the status quo of the surfaces.

Cllr Wood advised that the Chepping Wye Valley LAF had already set aside £4,250 for the all-weather path across the Common.

Members were asked to consider adding a track inspection to the site visit in July, in particular the track drainage leading to Potters Cross sub-station and also look at the condition of the paths across the Common.

It was RESOLVED that;

Further consideration of the tracks was required and a track inspection would be included on the Site Visit in July.

Quotes to be obtained for the all-weather path across the Common.

7. Kingswood

7.1 Annual Report

Members were asked to note the Annual Report produced by UPM Tilhill.

7.2 Harvesting

Members were asked to note that following a meeting with our Forest Manager and the Harvesting Manager the harvesting had been scheduled for July/August. Members were advised that signs would be put up advising residents of 'out of bounds' areas a few weeks prior and during the works.

7.4 Tree Safety Check

Members received a short report from the Clerk following a tree safety check in the wood by the Warden. Now that the trees are in leaf the check has highlighted trees in need of removal and attention.

The report had highlighted urgent works required to 34 trees in the wood. Members were advised that the trees were of no monetary worth and would be left in the wood as habitat piles.

***It was RESOLVED that;
Quotes be sought for the necessary works.***

8. Signage

Members received an update from Cllr Wood on the signage requirements for Tylers Green Common following a further site visit as agreed at the last Signage Working Party in March.

Signs and locations had now been identified. The overall plan was to reduce the number of signs, so not to clutter the Common. A report would be taken back to the Signage Working Party for further consideration.

9. Magpie Wood, Loudwater

Members were advised by the Clerk that confirmation from the solicitor was awaited on the purchase of Magpie Wood.

Cllr White advised that there was a lot of local support for the council's purchase of the wood and that a community group to assist in the care of the wood could be set up in the future.

10. Committee Site Visit

Members were asked to consider the following areas for addition to the Site Visit in July and bring any other suggestions to the meeting.

Kingswood; fencing to the Micklefield side to assess whether it would be best to remove or replace.

Tylers Green Common; car park area down Old Nursery Lane has now been cleared of brambles, but would benefit from bollards to demarcate the area.

Pond Wood Copse; tree work required

***It was RESOLVED that;
The site visit would include the above along with the Common track inspection and Railway Land.***

11. Questions from council members and the public

There were none.

12. Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment were circulated at the meeting and cheque numbers 8236 to 8251 and the direct debits for Affinity were agreed and duly signed.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Date of Site Visit: Thursday 3 July 2014
Date of the next meeting of the committee: Thursday, 11 September 2014 at 7.30pm

Pending expenditure transactions

15-May-14

Chq	Invoice No	Supplier	Detail	Net	VAT	Amount
8236	HW049663	Adams & Page	2 front tyres - Ransomes Parkway	161.00	32.20	193.20
8237		BALC	NALC & BALC renewal 14/15	1,889.60	0.00	1,889.60
8238	2377	Bucks Playing Fields Ass	Renewal 14/15	20.00	0.00	20.00
8239	6446	Clear Up Skips	Depot skip April	320.00	64.00	384.00
8240	12015	Complete Tree Services	Railway Land (12 ash stems)	360.00	72.00	432.00
8241		Cllr S Digby	Expenses B/B & APM	95.00	0.00	95.00
8242	14166	GDT Fire Extinguishers Ltd	Service/Fire alarm/rep batteries	156.50	31.30	187.80
8243	6890070644	Lyreco UK Ltd	Stationery	58.35	11.67	70.02
8244	2601	Parkour Generations Ltd	Parkour Workshop F/H	380.00	76.00	456.00
8245	24657	E&R Meakes	Bus shelter, Station Rd - repair	206.50	41.30	247.80
8246	430288	SSE Contracting Ltd	Maintenance April	1,264.42	252.88	1,517.30
8247	150997	Siemens Financial Services	Rental May-Aug 14	226.07	40.71	266.78
8248	SI308090	UPM Tilhill	Timber Operations - supervision	615.00	123.00	738.00
8249		Thompsons Garden Services	April cuts - Totteridge Common	80.00	0.00	80.00
8250		Cllr K Wood	Expenses & balance of Chairmans allowance	268.62	13.33	281.95
8251	INV01855	Husson UK Ltd	Play equipment Boundary Park	14,563.50	2,912.70	17,476.20
DD		Affinity Water	Widmer Pond TG	15.20	0.00	15.20
DD		Affinity Water	Allotments, Ashley Drive	29.13	0.00	29.13
				20,708.89	3,671.09	24,379.98

Income received since last committee meeting:

CR		HMRC	VAT reclaim	6,285.33	0.00	6,285.33
CR		Mrs Jansen	Pre-purchase burial plot	700.00	0.00	700.00
CR		Arnolds Funeral Services	2 x Burial fees	1,840.00		1,840.00
				8,825.33	0.00	8,825.33

Signed *L. Wilby* Signed *C. D. Jordan*Date *15-05-14*

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.