

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 15 April 2014 at 7.30pm at the Council Office,
Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present:

Cllr K Wood (Chairman)	Cllr S Herron
Cllr L Willis (Vice-chairman)	Cllr J Johnson
Cllr M Wilkes	Cllr I Forbes
Cllr J Herschel	Cllr B Sadler
Cllr C Jordan	Cllr D Onslow
Cllr J White	Cllr C Dodds
Cllr P Mannering	Cllr J Gurney
Cllr S Digby	

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Bailey (business) and Cllr D Johncock (holiday)

2. Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Herschel declared personal interests in agenda item 16, both having expenses payments.

3. Council Minutes

It was RESOLVED that;

the minutes of the council meetings held on Thursday 23 January 2014 and the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2014 be a true and accurate record.

4. Amenity Land Committee

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2014 was received and noted.

Cllr Forbes advised that the only item for discussion from the report was the Railway Land and this was on the agenda at item 10.

5. Leisure Facilities Committee

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 27 February 2014 was received and noted.

- Cllr Willis advised on the following items from the report:
- The track to the scout hut at Ashley Drive would be temporarily levelled with Oxford shingle and quotes for a more robust track were being sought.
- The Loudwater Bowls Club would be starting work on the track and car park on 4 April, with special care to be taken while the nursery is on site.
- The orchard at Derehams Sports Ground was looking extremely good.
- Boundary Road Recreation – two pieces of equipment had been installed and were being well used.

6. WORKS, SERVICES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 13 March 2014 was received and noted.

Cllr Onslow advised on the following items from the report:

- The signage project was making progress, the parish noticeboards were on order and another working party meeting would be called shortly.
- The LED lighting project was also progressing and once a decision on the style of luminaire was made the project would move forward quickly.

- The MVAS issue with the battery life was still to be resolved, but when resolved an order for the next two signs would be placed.
- The cemetery working party would be meeting within the next two weeks to look at the new regulations.
- The Derehams lamp column would be quoted for when a decision on the new LED luminaire is made.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The report of the committee meeting held on Thursday 27 March 2014 was received and noted.

Cllr Forbes advised that the items for discussion from the report were the policies that were on the agenda at items 9.1 and 9.2.

8. Budget 2014/15

Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to accept the revised budget v0.6.1_14 for the new financial year 2014/15.

Cllr Forbes highlighted that a provision for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board had been factored into the budget.

A survey had been included in the newsletter relating to the precept this would provide an indication as to whether a rise in precept next year would be acceptable.

***It was RESOLVED that;
The budget for 2014/15 v0.6.1_14 be approved.***

9. Policies

9.1 Freedom of Information

Council was asked to consider the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to adopt the revised Freedom of Information Policy.

***It was RESOLVED that;
the Freedom of Information Policy be adopted.***

9.2 Data Protection Policy

Council was asked to consider the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to adopt the Data Protection Policy.

***It was RESOLVED that;
the Data Protection Policy be adopted.***

10. Railway Land Management Plan

Council was asked to consider the recommendation from the Amenity Land Committee to adopt the Railway Land Management Plan v6.1, following revisions made after the committee meeting in February.

Cllr White asked that his opposition to the Management Plan be noted.

Cllr Forbes advised that the Management Plan had been worked through line by line by the working party and that there should be nothing of a contentious nature in the document. Also that the Management Plan sat alongside the working party action plan.

***It was RESOLVED that;
the Railway Management Plan be adopted.***

It was noted that the vote was 12 for, 2 abstentions and 1 against.

11. Widmer Pond

Further to Penn Parish Council making a request to the Amenity Land Committee in February for a contribution to an extension of the path around the pond, Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Amenity Land Committee to contribute £200.00 to the new path project at the above site.

*It was RESOLVED that;
a contribution of £200.00 be made to the path project.*

12. FEES AND CHARGES 2014/15

Council was asked to consider the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to adopt the new Fees and Charges for 2014/15.

*It was RESOLVED that;
the Fees and Charges for 2014/15 be adopted*

13. PROPOSITIONS

13.1 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground – Footpaths and Play Equipment

Council was asked to receive a short report from Cllr Sadler and consider proceeding with the installation of the footpaths at the above site. Three like for like quotes had been received.

*It was RESOLVED that;
the Clerk place the order with contractor C for the footpaths based on the quotations received.*

Council was also asked to consider the purchase of play equipment to a maximum value of £30,000 for Ashley Drive Recreation Ground subject to further quotes, to the same specification, being obtained. The revised schemes to include refurbishing existing pieces of equipment at the site in conjunction with new units.

*It was RESOLVED that;
following receipt of similar quotes, the purchase of play equipment be approved subject to affordability.*

14. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Onslow asked if there could be a handover procedure for new chairman of committees.

Cllr Herschel advised that the best way to get up to speed was to read through old minutes of committee meetings.

Cllr Forbes advised that mentioned the community assets subject advising that he felt that further consideration was required.

Cllr Wood offered to compile an initial list of community assets that could be registered and asked for members to send any ideas.

Cllr Johnson asked about the joint meeting and Cllr Wood advised that she would supplier the Clerk with some dates.

Cllr Jordan advised that there was a traffic issue on Rayners Avenue with cars parked near the traffic lights. There was a real need for yellow lines. Cllr Onslow advised that he was on a sub-committee of the LCP looking at parking issues on roads and that Cllr Jordan should pass the information on to him.

CLr Sadler asked when the Parkour installation would be started, he was advised that the installation was due to start on 22 April.

15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was RESOLVED that;

the accounts for payment cheque numbers 8210 to 8224 be approved for payment and the cheques duly signed.

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

