

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

WORKS, SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Report of the meeting held on Thursday, 5 June 2014 commencing at 7.30pm
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present:

Cllr D Onslow - Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
Cllr J White - Vice chairman	Cllr P Mannerling
Cllr J Johnson	Cllr J Herschel
Cllr I Forbes	

Also present: Cllr K Wood

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr C Dodds (family event) and Cllr B Sadler (holiday).

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

There were none.

3. Church Road East, Tylers Green

Members were asked to note that there had been no information received on the progress of the trial for the road narrowing scheme at the above.

The Clerk advised that since preparing the agenda an email had been received from Mr Read (Penn & Tylers Green Resident's Association) and there was movement behind the scenes and Mr Read was now just waiting to hear from the allocated officer from Bucks County Council.

4. Signage

Members were asked to note that the parish noticeboards purchased for Tylers Green and Loudwater had arrived and would be installed shortly.

Following the Signage Working Party on 20 May, members were asked to note that the end of September had been given as the planned end date for installation of the fingerposts, predominantly in Kingswood and on the Commons in Tylers Green. It had also been hoped that the ladder boards could be order by at least the end of September. However, the Earmarked Reserve for signs would limit the amount we can purchase.

Cllr Forbes advised that further to the recent visit to Kingswood it was felt that the signs at the key entrances would need to be quite detailed in order to be of assistance to visitors.

5. Footway Lighting Update

Members were asked to note that the Ampere Mini, the LED luminaire sample requested from Urbis Schröder, was expected to arrive soon. On receipt SSE will be asked to install the luminaire in Highfield Road in Flackwell Heath, as there are currently a couple of lights down in that area.

Unfortunately Cllr Dodds was unable to attend the meeting so was unable to report back to the committee.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk should contact another company to quote for the maintenance contract of the footway lighting.

6. Ecclesiastical Boundary Stones

Members are asked to note that no further progress had been made since the last committee meeting. There appeared to be some confusion about how further discussions regarding the stones would take place.

It was RESOLVED that;

Cllr Wood would contact the Penn & Tylers Green Resident's Association in order to set up a meeting to progress and build on the work already done.

7. Derehams Lane Lamp Column

Members were asked to note that the installation of the lamp column is currently on hold pending a decision on the new LED luminaire.

8. MVAS Update

Members were asked to receive an update from Cllr Onslow on the MVAS performance and battery issues.

Cllr Onslow tabled a document detailing the recent issues encountered with the MVAS. The battery has been going flat within a week while the sign has been on the A40 and Treadaway Hill. A larger battery has been now received for a trial period. At no point during the procurement process was it made clear that the small battery would not be able to cope with large volumes of traffic.

Cllr Forbes was thanked for his work on the MVAS Operations Manual and also for designing a comparison table to be used in monitoring speed patterns.

9. Cemeteries

Members were asked to note that quotes for tree work and the extension path at Altona Road Cemetery were currently being sought.

9.1 Cemetery Regulations

Following the Cemetery Working Party meeting on 23 April, at which the regulation document was discussed at length; members were asked to consider the amended Cemetery Regulations.

Cllr Herschel queried whether the council should keep point 45 under 'Burial of Ashes' as follows;

'Urns or receptacles containing cremated remains may be interred subject to the regulation relating to the re-opening of such graves'

It was RESOLVED that;

the Clerk would contact other cemetery managers to ascertain what they stipulate in their regulations relating to the burial of cremated remains.

9.2 Working Party

Members were asked to consider the recommendation from the Cemetery Working Party that the Warden's cemetery inspection report which indicates abandoned/uncared for plots be brought to the committee for members' information.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Warden's cemetery inspection report be brought to the committee.

11. Railway Land Footpath

Members were asked to note that a letter had been received from our solicitor advising that the Land Registry have a huge backlog of first registrations. However, a letter had been sent to Land Registry asking that the Railway Land be prioritised. Once the registration certificate is received this can be sent through to the Definitive Map Team at Bucks County Council.

Cllr White asked whether the conveyance document would be sufficient for proving the council's ownership of the site. The Clerk reported that the land registry certificate was required as the conveyance document had already been offered to the Definitive Map Team and it was not sufficient.

12. Planning Submissions

Members were asked to note the planning submissions made by the Council since the last committee meeting in March 2014.

Cllr Onslow advised that he had spoken on behalf of the council at a Wycombe District Council hearing relating to the property in Flackwell Heath. He reported that the permission had been referred for further investigation.

13. Earmarked Reserve Review

Members were asked to note that a review of the Committee's earmarked reserves would be undertaken, areas to be tackled first would be Signage and Vehicles. Recommendations for any changes would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting in October.

14. Committee Site Visit

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

It was RESOLVED that;

The following areas be included on the site visit with the addition of Cock Lane and Hammersley Lane Cemeteries;

Council Offices

Altona Road Cemetery

Loudwater War Memorial

Highfield Road, Flackwell Heath

15. Questions from council members and the public

There were no questions from the public.

Cllr Herschel asked why the knotweed at the Hedley Green site had not been treated.

The Clerk would check with the Warden and report back.

16. Accounts for payment

The accounts for payment were circulated and cheque numbers 8262 to 8271 were approved for payment and duly signed.

The chairman of the committee thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Date of Site Visit: Thursday 17 July 2014 at 7pm

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 9 October 2014 at 7.30pm

