

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Council meeting held on Thursday, 26 June 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 J Herschel
Cllr B Sadler	Cllr S Digby
Cllr C Jordan	Cllr D Onslow
Cllr J White	Cllr C Dodds
Cllr P Mannering	Cllr J Gurney

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Bailey (business) and Cllr D Johncock (alternative meeting at WDC) and Cllr Forbes (hospital admission).

2. Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct

There were none.

3. Council Minutes

Agenda item 14; Cllr Herschel asked how the Community Asset Register was progressing. Cllr Wood advised that a list was being compiled.

It was RESOLVED that;

the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 15 April 2014 and the Annual Council Meeting held on Thursday 1 May 2014 be a true and accurate record.

4. Amenity Land Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2014 was noted and approved.

Cllr Wood ran through the minutes and there were no questions.

5. Leisure Facilities Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 29 May 2014 was noted and approved.

Cllr Willis highlighted the areas of progress since the committee meeting. The track at the Scout Hut at Ashley Drive had been dressed with granite as a temporary fix as previously agreed and the Loudwater Bowls Club had completed their parking area and path. It was reported by Cllr Jordan that the Bowls Club were extremely pleased with the outcome.

6. Works, Services & Planning Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 June 2014 was noted and approved.

Cllr Onslow advised of progress with the signage project and the LED lighting project. The Ampera Mini LED sample had been received and an installation date was awaited. The LED installation would be part of the site visit in July. The Cemetery Regulations had been considered further by the working party.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2014 was noted and approved.

In the absence of Cllr Forbes, Cllr Gurney advised that the reserves would cover the planned projects of purchasing the woodland in Loudwater and providing the extra funding for the three playground refurbishment projects.

8. Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement

Council was asked to approve the recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee to sign the Annual Return and Governance Statement.

It was noted that boxes 2 and 3 showed greater variance, the movement had been at the request of the auditors, Mazars, to show the grant from Wycombe District Council as a separate amount not as part of the precept total.

***It was RESOLVED that;
the Annual Return and Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman of the Council***

9. Kingswood

Council were asked to consider the Harvesting Agreement and agree the terms set within.

***It was RESOLVED that;
The Harvesting Agreement be signed by the Chairman of the Council***

10. Byelaws

Council was asked to note the Byelaw Review compiled by Cllr Herschel. The Byelaws Working Party would be considering a more detailed draft at their next meeting for further amendment and recommendations would be taken to the next full Council meeting for endorsement.

Cllr Herschel reported good progress and explained the next steps; publication via local newspaper/website/newsletter article to be used as public consultation prior to being sent to the Secretary of State for consideration and adoption.

11. NALC and BMKALC Membership

Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to withdraw from membership of NALC and BMKALC for 2015/16.

CPALC was noted as an alternative association.

***It was RESOLVED that;
the Clerk write to BMKALC advising of the intention to give notice as of April 2015 also to investigate if dual membership to NALC and BMKALC was still required.
The Clerk was also asked join CPALC.***

12. Committee Membership

Council was asked to approve the recommendation from the Leisure Facilities Committee to add Cllr Johncock to its membership. This addition was to be treated as an exception owing to Cllr Johncock's involvement with the committee since being elected to the parish council and his involvement in the play area design at Flackwell Heath.

It was noted that all members of the council can attend all meetings, however if they are not on the committee they cannot vote. A vote was taken; 8 for, 4 against, 2 abstentions

***It was RESOLVED that;
Cllr Johncock be added to the Leisure Facilities Committee membership.***

13. PROPOSITIONS

13.1 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground – Play Equipment

Council was asked to approve the quotation for the play equipment agreed at the full council meeting in April. Council was asked to note that it had been impossible to obtain an alternative quote on a like for like basis.

***It was RESOLVED that;
the play equipment quotation be approved.***

14. INFORMAL MEETING

Council was reminded that an informal meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 4 September 2014. The informal meeting was traditionally held to review policy or other important issues that could impact on the council within the following year.

Members were asked to suggest items for inclusion at the meeting.

15. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Onslow shared his disappointment at the decision to allow the travellers to move into the Old Nursery Site, Flackwell Heath.

The Clerk was asked to write to Wycombe District Council to advising of the Parish Council's disappointment at the overturned decision.

Cllr Johnson advised of the problem with verge cutting now that the frequency had been reduced. Cllr Jordan agreed adding that the budget cuts would only impact further.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts were circulated for the approval of members.

It was RESOLVED that;

the accounts for payment be approved and cheques numbered 8283 to 8289 be signed and that direct debits to Thames Water, BT, Orange, Shell, Southern Electric and Unicom be approved for payment.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm