

# CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of meeting held on Thursday 25 September 2014 commencing at 7.30pm  
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

---

**Present:** Cllr L Willis - Chairman                      Cllr K Wood  
                  Cllr J Johnson                                      Cllr J Bailey  
                  Cllr S Digby

**Also present:** Cllr J Herschel, Mrs S Thompson, Mrs B Hunt (FH resident) plus 3 boys & parent  
(Flackwell Heath)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wilkes (unwell), Cllr Johncock (holiday), Cllr Jordan (holiday), Cllr Sadler (unwell) and Cllr Gurney (family)

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

Cllr Bailey declared an interest in agenda item 7.2 – being an allotment holder at Chapel Road.

**3. Track to Scout Hut, Ashley Drive**

Members were asked to note that a temporary surface of granite chippings had been installed as a temporary surface to the track. Quotes for a more substantial surface were still awaited.

**4. Straight Bit Recreation Ground**

**4.1 Flackwell Heath Bowls Club – Track**

Members were asked to note that following the last committee meeting the Clerk wrote to Mr Hill of the Bowls Club advising that the repair of the track was the responsibility of the Club. A meeting took place at the site with Mr Hill, the Clerk and the Warden and a path was then discussed. Mr Hill asked for suggestions to the type of path that would be suitable and this is in hand at the moment.

**Flackwell Heath Bowls Club – Trees**

Members were asked to consider a request from the Bowls Club to reduce the height of the trees behind the clubhouse. The Club reported excessive moss on their green which has been attributed to the shadowing of the trees. Cllr Digby advised that the trees were the same as in 2010 when work had been carried out to reduce the height.

*It was RESOLVED that;*

*The Clerk contact the Bowls Club and advise that the parish council had no objection to the reduction in height of the trees, however it would be at the Club's expense as previously agreed in 2010.*

**Flackwell Heath Bowls Club – Height Barrier**

Following an incident at the Bowls Club during the summer, members were asked to consider the replacement of the height barrier to the car park. A complaint had been received that the padlock was too high to reach without the aid of a small two step ladder. The barrier had been hit about 13 months ago by a transit. The company involved straightened the uprights, however since the incident the barrier had become increasing difficult to open.

*It was RESOLVED that;*

*The Clerk would obtain quotes for an alternative height barrier with a view to this being included in the budget for 2015/16.*

**4.2 Rear Entrance and ASB**

Following continual episodes of anti-social behaviour in May/June an option to close the rear entrance to the Recreation Ground had been discussed at the Chairmen's Panel; this was with a view to closing off an escape route. Notices were placed at the rear entrance and letters were delivered to immediate neighbours of the site.

Members noted a report from Cllr David Johncock. Cllr Herschel added that at a recent meeting relating to the Flackwell Heath Youth Club it had been reported that the levels of anti-social behaviour had reduced.

Mrs Hunt advised that she was now glad that the anti-social behaviour had been recognised and thanked the parish council for consulting with residents about the access to the Straight Bit Recreation Ground.

***It was RESOLVED that;***

***The rear access to the Straight Bit Recreation Ground remain open.***

#### **4.3 Football Goalposts**

Members were asked to receive a verbal request from local Flackwell Heath boys to have a set of goal posts erected on the Recreation Ground. The boys requested posts for informal 'kick abouts', they were using the Bowls Club fence which was not ideal.

Cllr Herschel offered his assistance to the boys when looking into suitable posts.

***It was RESOLVED that;***

***The group be asked to provide the parish council with a proposal including costings and responsibility for the equipment.***

#### **5. Derehams Park Sports Ground**

##### **5.1 Loudwater Bowls Club – car parking**

Members were asked to note that the works to the car parking area and track had been completed.

#### **6. Community Orchard Update**

Members were asked to receive an update on the Community Orchard from Cllr John White.

Cllr White had not been able to attend the meeting so sent a short report to the Clerk on 22 September as follows:

- The Orchard group provided the opportunity for Loudwater School to plant and harvest early potatoes in the new plot prepared for winter tree planting. The potatoes were very popular and raised money for the school, being sold to parents.
- There had been little activity during the summer months apart from weeding a grass cutting.
- The Annual General Meeting had been set for 25 September 2014 at which the committee would be reformed and plans made for future planting.
- There had been a barbecue in August which had been well attended and would possibly be an annual event.
- Cllr White would be issuing a report detailing the progress of the orchard project in Loudwater with a view to extending the concept to the other two wards.
- The £2,000 contribution from the parish council had been adequate to start the project and a similar amount would be recommended for each new orchard.

Cllr Digby requested that thanks be minuted for Cllr White's enthusiasm at steering the project forward.

#### **7. Allotments**

Members were asked to note that the allotment 'get togethers' over the summer had been a great success; the barbecue at Chapel Road and the picnic at Ashley Drive.

Members were also asked to note that the allotment markers were completed at both sites prior to the judging of the allotment competition.

### **7.1 Allotment Competition**

Members were asked to note that the judging this year for the allotment competition had been undertaken by Jon Baker (Planteria Manager) from Flowerland, Bourne End. The winners certificates were handed out at the respective barbecue and picnic events.

Vouchers and plants will still be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

### **7.2 Chapel Road - fencing**

Members were asked to note that the agreed fencing had now been ordered with an install date of week commencing 6 October.

### **7.3 Ashley Drive - composting**

Members were asked to note that following the site visit in July it had been suggested that the site for the eco-composting area would be on plot T27. This plot had not been worked during the year and the owner has since handed it back.

## **8. Playground Feedback**

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

Cllr Bailey advised that the equipment installed at Flackwell Heath was being well used and was extremely popular.

Cllr Wood advised that the paths were now completed at Ashley Drive and equipment was being installed at the moment for completion on Monday when the surface would be poured.

Cllr Willis advised that due to hold ups in Flackwell Heath and Tyles Green, Phase 2 of Loudwater's project had been delayed.

## **9. Green Dragon Sports Ground**

Members were asked to note that the previously reported leak at the site needed emergency repair during the summer. The repair had been undertaken by one of our contractors at a cost of £200.00.

## **10. Committee Site Visit**

### **10.1 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground**

Members were asked to note that at the time of the site visit the paths had not been completed. Since the visit the paths had been completed and the working party were happy with the outcome.

### **10.2 Boundary Road Recreation Ground**

Members were very happy with the new equipment installed at the site.

## **11. Committee Finances**

Members noted the current committee expenditure and income.

## **12. Questions from council members and the public**

Cllr Herschel asked about Derehams Sports Ground enquiring how many football teams were using the facility.

The Clerk reported that 4 senior teams were using the facility.

## **13. Accounts for payment**

Accounts for payment were circulated at the meeting for consideration by councillors.

*It was RESOLVED that;*

*Cheque numbers 8349 to 8356 were approved and duly signed for payment and the direct debits for Thames Water, Unicom and the BACS payment to Payflow were also approved for payment.*

The chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.37pm

**Date of the next meeting: Thursday, 4 December 2014 at 7.30pm**