

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the council meeting held on Thursday, 22 January 2015 at 7.30 pm at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

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

1. Apologies for absence

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

2. Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct

Cllr Wood declared a personal interest in agenda item 16 as she had an expenses cheque payable.

3. Council Minutes

It was RESOLVED that;

the minutes of the council meetings held on Tuesday 4 November 2014 and the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2014 be a true and accurate record.

4. Amenity Land Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2014 was noted and approved.

Cllr Forbes highlighted that;

- the path (agenda item 5.1) from New Road up to the Back Common had been ordered and would be completed before the end of the financial year, to comply with the requirements of the Local Area Forum funding.
- The bollards (agenda item 5.2) previously agreed at the meeting could not be installed. On inspection it was found that a high voltage electricity cable ran along the edge of the Common – an alternative was being sought.

5. Leisure Facilities Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2014 was noted and approved.

Cllr Willis advised that, relating to agenda item 4.2, the anti-social behaviour form along with an explanatory letter had been sent out to the neighbouring residents to the Straight Bit recreation ground and to date none had been received by the office.

6. Works, Services & Planning Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 December 2014 was noted and approved.

Cllr Onslow highlighted agenda item 11 stressing the importance of speaking at planning appeal hearings. Also highlighted under agenda item 13 was the increased revenue the parish council had achieved this year at the Cock Lane cemetery.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The report of the Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 January 2014 was noted and approved.

CLlr Forbes highlighted agenda item 7.1 Delegated Powers and asked that members send comments for addition or omission to the Clerk. Also highlighted was agenda item 14 Risk Register re-iterating that the LED lighting project needed to be added to the register. CLlr Forbes also advised that work was being undertaken on the lease for Green Dragon Lane Sports Ground.

CLlr Herschel asked if the photos relating to agenda item 5 had been returned to the office. They were still awaited.

8. Committee Budgets 2015/16

Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to accept the Committee budgets for 2015/16. CLlr Forbes advised that there had been a few very small tweaks to balance the budget.

*It was RESOLVED that;
The 2015/16 committee budgets be approved.*

9. Precept Setting

Council was asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to increase the parish precept paid by individual households by 1.5% to compensate for the loss in grant from Wycombe District Council. The demand to WDC would therefore be £337,890; with the clerk being authorised to agree any necessary small adjustment of the value if so advised by Wycombe District Council.

*It was RESOLVED that;
The increase of 1.5% to the precept be approved.*

10. Community Assets

Council was asked to review a list of suggested Community Assets within the parish for nomination to Wycombe District Council, making any adjustments where deemed necessary.

Following discussion and taking into account the guidance notes from Wycombe District Council, *it was RESOLVED that;*

The Clerk send the Flackwell Heath members an excel spreadsheet containing sites that had already been suggested for them to number in priority order 1 – 10. Loudwater and Tylers Green members were asked to send in further suggestions.

11. LED Lighting Project

Council was asked to consider the project management roles for the LED lighting project. Currently the working party project lead is CLlr Dodds with assistance from CLlr Herschel and the Clerk.

*It was RESOLVED that;
The Clerk be the co-ordinator of the project, being the point of contact for contactors.*

12. Donation to Flackwell Heath Methodist Church

Council was asked to approve the recommendation from the Finance & General Purposes Committee to provide a £1,500.00 grant to the Flackwell Heath Methodist Church as a contribution for the re-fitting of the church kitchen. The Church has many activities in place and the kitchen is well used.

*It was RESOLVED that;
The grant to the Flackwell Heath Methodist Church be approved.*

13. Public Access Defibrillation and Community First Responders

Following the last full Council meeting in November, at which a presentation was given by Mr Tracey from the South Central Ambulance Service, the Clerk had obtained two further quotes, as requested, for defibrillators for community use.

Council was asked to consider the setting up of a working party to further investigate the options. The working party would report back to the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the feasibility of purchasing defibrillators and the possible sites for installation.

It was RESOLVED that;

A working party be set up to comprise of Cllr Herschel, Cllr Sadler and Cllr Dodds.

14. Questions by Members of the Council

Cllr Jordan raised to continuing issue of the intermittent belisha beacons on the crossing on Station Road, Loudwater. Cllr Herschel advised that belisha beacons were under current discussion at the Local Area Forum.

15. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

16. 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 8452 to 8465 be signed and that direct debits to Thames Water, Southern Electric and Unicom be approved for payment.

18. To Set Staff Salaries for 2015/2016

Members were asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the staff salaries in the next financial year. Following a vote, all were in favour with the exception of one abstention.

It was RESOLVED that;

the salary recommendations be implemented without any modifications.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed: Kalina SA Wood Dated: 16 April 2015