

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of meeting held on Thursday 28 May 2015 commencing at 7.30pm
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present: Cllr L Willis - Chairman Cllr B Sadler
 Cllr J Bailey - Vice Chairman Cllr J Johnson
 Cllr M Wilkes Cllr C Jordan
 Cllr J Gurney

Also present: Cllr I Forbes and Cllr J White

LF/15/001 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Digby (holiday) and Cllr K Wood (WDC meeting)

LF/15/002 **Declarations of members' interests in Items on the agenda**

There were none.

LF/15/003 **Track to Scout Hut, Ashley Drive**

Members were asked to note that as previously discussed a further quote with provision of a soakaway had been received for the above, however members were advised that since the track had been re-laid with granite chippings there had been no pooling of water over the winter period on the track.

Cllr Sadler advised that he had visited the track and grass was now growing through and it would only be time before the track was a problem again. He proposed that a decision on further work to the track be deferred and review in the autumn.

*It was RESOLVED that;
the works to the track be deferred for further review in the autumn*

LF/15/004 **Straight Bit Recreation Ground**

1. Flackwell Heath Bowls Club – Track

Members were asked to note that the Clerk and Warden met with Michael White, Chairman, and Dave Stagg, greenkeeper, from the Flackwell Heath Bowls Club and were advised that no further action was required on the track leading to the Club. They had inspected the track and concluded that there was sufficient flat ground to access the club.

*It was RESOLVED that;
this item now be removed from the agenda*

Flackwell Heath Bowls Club – Height Barrier

Members were asked to note that the order had been placed for the height barrier and installation was anticipated during the beginning of June.

2. Anti-social Behaviour – Car Park Gate

Members were asked to note that, to date, no reports of anti-social behaviour had been received in the office.

3. Fitness trainer

Members were asked to note that a fitness trainer is now using the site for an hour on Saturday mornings. A permit has been issued with a caveat that the fitness group work around

other users of the site. The initial 6 week cycle had just finished and the group appears to be popular. Invoices to be sent out at the end of each cycle.

LF/15/005

Derehams Pavilion

Members were asked to note that quotes for the previously agreed works had been requested and were awaited.

It was noted that the playgroup could be changing hands and that the Clerk would be meeting the prospective new owner in a couple of weeks' time. A report would be made back to Council.

LF/15/006

Community Orchard Update

Members received an update on the Community Orchard from Cllr John White.

Cllr White advised that there were two lines of trees planted the second line also had been planted with fruit bushes. The group were working well however were now looking to find new members.

The Chairman of the Orchard Group had suggested that the orchard be opened up to the other two wards and act as a parish wide orchard.

It was suggested that the residents in both Tylers Green and Flackwell should be given an option of a ward orchard, however, finding a suitable site could prove difficult.

LF/15/007

Allotments

Members were asked to note that the allotment competition will be held some time during the first two weeks of July. Flowerland have, once again, committed to send a member of their staff to judge the competition. When a date has been confirmed by Flowerland it will be circulated.

1. Chapel Road update

Members were asked to note that the track repair had been completed.

It was noted that all the plots are currently filled and there are 3 people on the waiting list.

Members were also asked to note that the allotment BBQ is planned for Saturday, 8 August, usually from 11.30am to approximately 2pm, times to be confirmed.

2. Ashley Drive update

Members were asked to note that interest in the site had increased and this had been due to the work of the Community Payback teams digging over the empty plots. There are 10 full plots and 2 half plots currently available.

Members were also asked to note that the allotment picnic is planned for Saturday, 15 August, usually from 12 noon to approximately 1.30pm, times to be confirmed.

LF/15/008

Playground Feedback

Members were asked to consider the membership of each ward's playground working party, now that some councillors have stepped down.

Cllr Willis asked that each working party send an email through to himself and the Clerk confirming who was on each working party and when their first meeting would be held.

It was noted that there was a provision in this current financial year for £30k per ward through a Public Works Loan Board loan.

1. Ashley Drive Recreation Ground – perimeter fencing

Members were asked to note that to date only one quote had been received for the fencing repair.

Members were asked to consider adding this site to the committee site visit in July to inspect the condition of the boundary fencing.

It was RESOLVED that;

the site be added to the Site Visit when the whole boundary fence would be inspected.

It was noted that the property, at which the fence had originally been highlighted as damaged, will be undertaking some building works and some of the laurel hedge running along the fence line will have to be removed in order to allow the footings to be dug. Any work to fence at this point should be deferred until completion of the building.

2. Straight Bit Recreation Ground – tarmac pad

Members were asked to consider the proposal from the Flackwell Heath Playground Working Party for the tarmac pad;

Subject to quotation cost;

- *the pad should remain and have some low level items installed,*
- *the whole area to be covered with coloured wet pour suggestive of a beach or safari theme,*
- *there should be a cycle path with road signs and crossings and a hop scotch.*

It was RESOLVED that;

the Clerk be asked to obtain designs and quotes for the above .

It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr Bailey would work together on the above.

LF/15/009

Committee Site Visit – Thursday, 9 July

Members were asked to consider the following areas for addition to the Site Visit and to bring any other suggestions to the meeting. It was noted that a correction to the date was required from 7th to 9th.

- As above **Ashley Drive Recreation Ground** – perimeter fence
- **Derehams Pavilion** – to review remedial works

The **Ashley Drive allotment** site was also added to the visit in order to inspect the fence between the scout hut and the property behind.

A request was received from Cllr Forbes to swap dates for the site visit with the Amenity Land Committee so the date was set for 2 July.

It was RESOLVED that;

the site visit be held on Thursday, 2 July to meet at 7pm at Ashley Drive Recreation Ground.

LF/15/010

Committee Finances

Members were asked to note the year end position of the committee.

LF/15/011

Questions from council members and the public

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Bailey asked about the progress with an electricity supply to the Straight Bit Recreation Ground.

The Clerk advised that WDC Cllr D Johncock was intending to use using his ward budget to pay for the supply and we were waiting to see whether he could order and pay for the installation directly, or whether the parish council would had to order and the ward budget be transferred.

Cllr Bailey also asked on behalf of the FHRA about the Fields in Trust agreement. The Clerk advised that this would be on the Finance & General Purposes agenda.

LF/15/012

Accounts for payment

The accounts for payment were circulated for consideration by councillors.

It was RESOLVED that;

the accounts for payment be approved and cheques numbered 8588 to 8594 be signed and that direct debits to Affinity Water and the BACS payment via Payflow be approved for payment.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.32pm

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, 24 September 2015 at 7.30pm

Signed *Katrina SA Wood*

Dated: 24 June 2015

