

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

WORKS, SERVICES & PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

The meeting is open to members of the public and press

Present:

Cllr J White - Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
Cllr J Herschel – Vice-chairman	Cllr B Sadler
Cllr C Leonard	Cllr H Darch
Cllr C Dodds	Cllr K Wood

Also present: Cllr I Forbes, Cllr L Willis and Mr R Kin (NAG)

WSP/15/016 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Pinner (medical).

WSP/15/017 **Declarations of members' interests in Items on the agenda**
There were none.

Cllr White, chairman of the meeting, suspended Standing Orders and with the agreement of the members present changed the order of the meeting as follows.

WSP/15/018 **MVAS - Permission Request to Loan to Abbey & Ryemead NAG**
Members were asked to consider a request from the Abbey & Ryemead NAG to borrow the Loudwater MVAS. It was proposed that the MVAS be used to count traffic volume on the following roads Abbey Barn Road, Daws Hill Lane and Fair Ridge. The information would be used to validate the traffic model for all the developments in the vicinity with the objective of ensuring the necessary improvements for the road infrastructure are funded and made before the traffic generated by the sites swamps Wycombe March and Loudwater.

Mr Kin advised all present that he would be solely responsible for the installation and moving of the sign during the loan period. The Clerk advised that risk assessments and insurance would be covered by the Abbey & Ryemead NAG.

It was RESOLVED that;
The MVAS be loaned to Abbey & Ryemead NAG.

It was noted that over a 17 week period statistics from the MVAS showed traffic numbers on the London Road as; moving East – 78,000 and moving west 81,000. On Treadaway Hill from Flackwell Heath to Loudwater the statistics showed traffic numbers of 101,000.

WSP/15/019 **Church Road East, Tylers Green**
Prior to this item being noted the Clerk advised that the sponsor of the planters was the Penn & Tylers Green Residents Society and ALB Nursery were only undertaking the ongoing maintenance.

Members were asked to note that the planters were now in situ and all agreed that they enhanced the area.

WSP/15/020 **Signage**
Members were asked to note that four of the fingerposts that installed in King's Wood had been either removed or damaged. The possible use of DNA grease was discussed to deter further vandalism.

It was RESOLVED that;

The re-instatement of the fingerposts would be staggered, in the order to avoid unwanted attention.

WSP/15/021 Footway Lighting Update

Members were asked to note that Cllr Herschel and Cllr Dodds have nearly completed a survey of the footway lighting. In order to go for installation next summer grants would be applied for this year.

Members were asked to note that the Clerk had a meeting with CU Phosco Lighting and they would be providing information and a scheme which would assist in the completion of the SALIX bid. Members were also asked to note that work had been started on a Tender Invitation document.

WSP/15/022 Ecclesiastical Boundary Stones

Members were asked to note that the Clerk was still chasing quotes for the heritage disc.

Members were asked to consider the opening of a dialogue between the Parish Council and Wycombe Heights Golf Club relating to the removal and re-siting of the boundary stone that is being enveloped in a tree. The works would probably require the removal of the tree.

It was RESOLVED that;

Cllr White continue to liaise with Wycombe Heights Golf Club and report back to the Clerk.

WSP/15/023 War Memorial

1. Flackwell Heath

Members were asked to note that the Clerk had received one quote for the addition of the missing names and was finding it difficult to obtain further quotes. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had contacted Mr Dewey from the Flackwell Heath & Loudwater History Group, to obtain agreement to proceed with the work. Mr Dewey advised that he would speak with the History Group and the Royal British Legion, who had both offered to contribute a third to the cost of the works, and let the parish council know as soon as possible.

Members were asked to consider the recommendation from the committee site visit to take no further action on the request for paving to the front of the war memorial, as a match had been impossible to find.

It was RESOLVED that;

No further action was to be taken on the paving.

WSP/15/024 Cemeteries

1. Hammersley Lane Church Path

Members were asked to consider quotes for the relaying/repair of the paths leading to St Margaret's church. The recommendation was to undertake a remedial patch repair to the path where the slabs on the sides have sunk and to re-grout the whole path.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk should obtain a further quote for a patch repair of the path for comparison and also contact the Rev M Bisset to keep him advised of progress and plan.

2. Cock Lane Cemetery Grass Verge

Following the committee site visit, members were asked to consider the recommendation to install bollards to demarcate the grass verge to protect against vehicles cutting the corner.

Members were asked to note that SSE had offered the old 'H' posts from the allotment site, cut the posts to the required lengths. These would provide a sturdy bollard to which reflectors would be attached for visibility purposes.

It was RESOLVED that;

The offer from SSE for the old 'H' posts be accepted.

3. Cock Lane Cemetery – Cremation Sites

Members were asked to note that the cremation area in Cock Lane was nearly full and looking forward members were asked to consider where and how cremation plots could be treated.

Members were asked to receive a short report from Cllr Herschel who showed an alternative approach. The report was thought provoking and provided a starting point for further discussion and feedback to the next committee meeting.

WSP/15/025 Local Area Forum

Members were asked to consider small projects within Chepping Wye Valley that could be proposed to use any small amounts left nearing the end of the financial year. Members were advised that most of the monies for this year had been put towards yellow lines.

Members were asked to note that the only small works project currently known about was the refurbishment of pedestrian crossings throughout the Chepping Wye Valley Area.

Members were asked to notify the Clerk or any projects that could be taken forward to committee.

Cllr Herschel left the meeting temporarily at 8.25pm.

WSP/15/026 School Road, Tylers Green – Verge on the Common

Members were asked to note that the double height setts had been installed to the edge of the Common.

WSP/15/027 Planning Submissions

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

Cllr Herschel re-joined the meeting at 8.30pm.

WSP/15/028 Proposition:

Sheepridge Lane and Heath End Road Green Footpaths

Members were asked to consider the proposal from Cllr White seconded by Cllr Herschel, to write to Bucks County Council Rights of Way Team asking them to adopt both footpaths and to make them definitive. Members were asked to note that the footpaths would form part of a circular walk and would be of benefit to the community.

It was RESOLVED that;

The Clerk would write to the Bucks County Council Rights of Way team to ask that they adopt and make definitive the two green footpaths on their land.

WSP/15/029 Delegated Action

Members were asked to note that the office had been inhabited by Glis Glis over the summer. A pest control specialist had been asked to attend and live traps were instigated. The Clerk contacted the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee to advise of the required action.

WSP/15/030 Committee Projects for the next 4 years

Members were asked to confirm that the agreed policy four years ago to become a stile free parish was still current. About 20 stiles have been replaced, but there are about 6 that could be replaced with gates.

Cllr Wood asked what the original rationale behind the change to stiles from gates had been. Cllr Herschel said that it had been part of the Chiltern Society Year 2000 project and also was of benefit to the community making paths inclusive.

A question - was there a definitive list of stiles that needed replacing? Cllr Herschel advised that he would look for the original list.

It was RESOLVED that:

The current policy towards becoming a stile-free parish was confirmed and that as and when Bucks CC Rights of Way Team were able to agree with landowners for the removal of stiles that the Clerk in consultation with the chairman and vice-chairman of the committee pay the costs of the provision of stiles through the Chiltern Society Donate a Gate Scheme from the committee's third-party working budget.

Members were also asked to bring further projects for consideration at the next committee meeting.

WSP/15/031 Committee Finances

Members were asked to note the current committee expenditure and income, at month 5 approximately 40% of the committee budget had been spent.

WSP/15/032 Questions from committee members and the public

- Mr Kin advised that the path from Knaves Beech Way CWY/20/1 had become overgrown and was impassable.
Mr Kin was asked to report the problem on the TfB website as the path was not within the parish council's jurisdiction.
- Cllr Leonard asked whether some chippings could be spread on the steep entrance to Fennells Wood.
The Clerk would contact Ms Olsen and advise that the entrance needed some attention.
- Cllr Jordan highlighted the overhanging trees on Station Road.
The Clerk would contact Steve Underwood (BCC LAT) and Cllr Jordan would report the problem on the TfB website.
- Cllr Jordan reported that a new fence had been erected to the rear of the mobile home site off Rayners Avenue.
Cllr White offered to go with the Clerk to the site so that a clear report of the problem could be made.

WSP/15/033 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 8687 to 8696 be signed and that direct debits to EE, Affinity Water, Thames Water and BT be approved for payment.

The chairman of the committee thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.57pm

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, 15 December 2015 at 7.30pm

Signed: 

Dated: 3 November 2015

