

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2012
in the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 8DS

Present;	Cllr J Johnson – Vice Chair	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr M Patel	Cllr J White
	Cllr J Herschel	Cllr L Willis

There were no members of the public present

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr K Wood, Cllr S Digby, Cllr B Sadler, Cllr D Johncock

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

There were none.

3. Railway Land

The completed clearance work was noted.

A survey will go ahead with the parish warden, UPM Tilhill. Cllr White requested that he be present for the survey, and he shared his concerns regarding the larger trees on the north side bank and the shading of residents' gardens. The question of selling the cut timber to help with the costs of the wood was discussed.

It is hoped that the Railway Land will form part of the Amenity Land site visit on 5 July.

4. Pond Wood Copse

The committee NOTED that the clearance work had now been completed.

5. Tylers Green Common Rejuvenation

The committee NOTED that the rejuvenation works on the site were nearing completion. The over-seeding will continue to be monitored by the warden. The addition of 19 tonnes of top soil to even out depressions will be seeded and 90 m² of turf to make good the verge.

The project will be complete for the Jubilee celebrations.

6. Request for permit on The Common

A request from the Friends of Penn School has been received to enable parking on the front common during a firework display in November. The warden had advised that this could lead to damage of the surface.

It was AGREED that in the first instance, the council would not approve the parking permit with a view to review nearer the time and requested that alternative options should be offered of the Village Hall and the Football Club.

7. Request to reposition vehicular access

The committee APPROVED the repositioning of the access with a rider that a time limit should be placed on the work.

8. Widmer Pond rejuvenation

The committee NOTED that the rejuvenation works were near completion.

9. Kingswood Car Park – damage to railing, tree and tarmac surface

After further inspection by Wycombe District Council the car park surface has been deemed insufficient. The work originally done, with a contribution from Wycombe District Council, was probably fit for a car park, but since the recycling bins have been placed on the site large heavy vehicles have been breaking the surface. As Wycombe District Council contributed to the original re-surfacing they have now stipulated that any further funds would be dependent on the surface complying with their civil engineers specification. They have offered to contribute 15% on the cost.

The Clerk was asked to request the specification in order that quotes could be sought. Also to check if total originally offered had been received by the council. This item is to be put forward for the next Committee meeting.

10. Queens Ride in Kingswood

The committee noted that the footpath/bridleway on the northern boundary of Kingswood had been repaired.

It was agreed to recommend to Finance and General Purposes Committee that the new circular bridleway be dedicated as a public bridleway when it is opened later this year to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It was hoped that the Queens Ride would be ready for a September opening.

11. Kingswood Woodland Management Plan

The progress report from UPM Tilhill was noted. It was agreed that a representative from UPM Tilhill and Wycombe District Council Rangers would be invited to a training session at the end of the month so further questions could be raised regarding the management of the wood.

12. Kingswood Orienteering Course

It was NOTED that a recent survey of the orienteering course had been done and that there were missing waymark posts. These will be replaced through routine maintenance. The Thames Valley Orienteering Club are currently producing a new map of the course in the wood.

13. P&TGRS Diamond Jubilee Tree

CONSIDERATION was given to the request for a memorial tree on The Common. The originally requested site behind the bus shelter will not be possible due to a fungus infecting the tree already in situ. The Wycombe District Council Arboriculture Officer advised that the site would have to be left clear for some time. It was reported to the Committee that the Residents Association was happy with the alternative site suggestion beside Rays Lane.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Residents Association to get a date for the planting of the new tree and to confirm the new site.

14. Jubilee Garden at School Green, Flackwell Heath

The committee NOTED that the garden was near to completion. CWPC have ordered turf to make good the lawn in front of the new raised beds.

It was AGREED that quotes should be sought for the fence between the site and the Community Centre.

15. Questions from council members and the public

There were none.

16. Accounts for Payment.

There were none.

The chairman thanked members for their attendance at the meeting which ended at 8.45pm.

Date of Site Visit:

Thursday 5 July at 7.00pm

Date of the next meeting of the committee:

Thursday 13 September at 7.30pm

Signed

Date