

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Thursday 16 February 2012 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

Committee Membership:	Cllr K Wood - Chairman	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr J Johnson - Vice Chairman	Cllr M Patel
	Cllr J Bailey	Cllr B Sadler
	Cllr S Digby	Cllr J White
	Cllr I Forbes (ex-officio)	Cllr L Willis
	Cllr J Herschel (ex-officio)	

Members of the committee are summoned to consider the following business:

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declarations of members' interests in Items on the agenda.**
- 3. Railway Land - Conservation Area Presentation**
- 4. Tylers Green Common rejuvenation**
- 5. Widmer Pond rejuvenation**
- 6. Protection of Amenity Land from damage by vehicles and building works**
- 7. Old Forge Bank rejuvenation and maintenance**
- 8. Kingswood Car Park - damage to railing, tree and tarmac surface**
- 9. Kingswood boundary encroachment**
- 10. Questions from council members and the public**
- 11. Accounts for Payment.**

Jeff Herschel
Clerk of the Council
9 February 2012

AGENDA ITEM 3

Railway Land - Conservation Area Presentation

Presentation by Loudwater resident about the fauna to be found along the old railway line and in Lower Fennels Wood.

A FOCUS ON.... leaflet has been produced and will be distributed to residents on Kingsmead Road that back onto the eastern section of the railway land prior to the tree safety work being undertaken.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Tylers Green Common rejuvenation

TO NOTE: The planned work to repair and protect the green verges along Bank Road is nearly complete. Bollards are in place and once warmer weather returns topsoil will be spread in the ruts and seeded. The footpath between Bank Road and Church Road East has been remade. Spiking and fertilising of The Front Common continues and over-seeding is planned. Initial access problems for waste and recycling vehicles caused by cars parking on the track appear to have been resolved. The clerk has written to Environmental Services at Wycombe thanking them for their forbearance.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Widmer Pond rejuvenation

TO NOTE: The planned work to rejuvenate the waterside margin and eroded area around the top edges will start in the next few weeks. Once the work is complete the damaged verges along School Road will be grassed and bollards set to deter inappropriate parking.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Protection of Amenity Land from damage by vehicles and building works

Members are asked TO ENDORSE the council's renewed efforts to robustly protect the council's property, (including land in our ownership or care) from damage or degradation. Not only by asserting our rights not to allow inappropriate parking or use, but also requiring those contemplating work affecting our property to obtain a permit and post a bond to cover any likely damage to it.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Old Forge Bank rejuvenation and maintenance

The dead and dangerous trees beside this public path have been taken down and a new tree will be planted in the next few weeks. Over the coming months the council's grounds team will continue their efforts to improve the visual appeal of this once attractive footpath by regular strimming and planting on the bank and re-new the post and chain 'warning' fence between the footpath and the steep riverside bank. Members are asked TO ENDORSE this work.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Kingswood Car Park - damage to railing, tree and tarmac surface

The council has already raised concerns with Environmental Services at Wycombe about the damage to the railings and a tree caused by their contractors emptying the recycling containers at this site. We have asked that they make good the damage or if they prefer we will do so, but at their cost.

Members and the public have also expressed concerns about the damage caused to the surface of the car park by the large vehicles used to empty the containers on site. It should be noted that the

number of containers on the site has steadily increased over the years and as a consequence the car park has become a de-facto district recycling centre and attracts significant fly-tipping.

The fee for use of the site, first set when it was used just as a small bottle bank, may now be considered too low and a review of the rent may be considered appropriate. Members are asked for their VIEWS so that if necessary a report on options can be brought to them for their consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Kingswood boundary encroachment

TO NOTE: Community Payback have continued to clear brash, holly and overgrown areas along the top section of the bridleway and the all-weather path.

An anonymous letter, said to be on behalf of Kingswood Avenue residents, has been received complaining about the work and that the interpretive boards on the all-weather path shows the location of the road and their houses. An invitation to burglars.

The clearance work has exposed encroachment onto our land, together with fly-tipping of debris and garden waste through unlicensed gates onto our land. The debris and waste has been removed.

Members are asked TO ENDORSE the council's renewed efforts to robustly protect the council's property from encroachment (including land in our ownership or care) and to RE-CONFIRM the council's policy of requiring those who wish to open up an access onto our land first obtain a licence to do so (copy of the existing licence attached as Appendix 1) and to RECOMMEND for consideration by the council's F&GP Committee the annual charge for the permit, sufficient to cover both the premium for the concession and the council's administrative costs.

Similar encroachment is occurring on sites maintained by the Leisure Facilities Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Questions from council members and the public

A maximum of fifteen minutes will be given to members of the public, who may make representations, ask and answer questions and/or give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. If the chairman of the meeting agrees, representations and questions may be taken at the beginning of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to speak at the beginning of the meeting should inform the Clerk of this request as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Accounts for Payment

Accounts for payment are to be circulated at the meeting for consideration by councillors.

Date of the next meeting of the committee: Tuesday 15 May at 7.30pm