

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Report of the meeting of the Committee held on **Thursday 26 May 2011** at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Present: L Willis (Chairman), C Jordan (Vice-Chairman), Mrs S Digby, I Forbes, J Gurney, Mrs S Herron, J Herschel, D Onslow, M Patel, B Sadler,

Other members in attendance: D Johncock, J White

Public in attendance: Mrs Dare and Mr Quelch, tenants at the allotments, Flackwell Heath.

LFC11.007. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None were received.

LFC11.008. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

LFC11.009. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The committee approved the following appointments to outside bodies:

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| • Flackwell Heath Bowling Club | Mrs S Digby |
| • Flackwell Heath Sports Club | D Onslow |
| • Flackwell Heath Tennis Club | Mrs S Digby |
| • Loudwater Bowls Club | C Jordan |
| • Loudwater Football Club | C Jordan/J Gurney |

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee would contact Flackwell Heath Sports Club to ensure that they sent details of meetings to the council's representative to enable their active participation.

LFC11.010. SPORTS GROUNDS

Derehams Lane Sports Ground

Potholes in MUGA

It was noted that the potholes that had appeared over the winter had been repaired.

Lease for Derehams Lane Sports Ground

It was noted that the draft Lease between Loudwater Football Club and the Council, being prepared by the Council's solicitors, had not been presented for consideration at the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 17 March 2011.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Council's Solicitors to ensure that this matter was progressed for consideration at the next F&GP Committee Meeting.

I Forbes declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in the discussion of the following part of the agenda.

It was noted that the water leak to the Pavilion had still not been repaired while there was a lack of clarity as to whose responsibility it was, in the absence of an agreed lease.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Committee would contact the Football Club and Thames Water to determine the location of the leak and arrange for repairs to be effected, at the council's expense, as soon as possible.

Report from meetings with Loudwater Football Club

A verbal report from C Jordan was noted which touched on the issues relating to the pavilion at Derehams Park above.

C Jordan also advised that the football club would shortly be electing a new chairman.

Community Payback Work

It was noted that the withdrawal of the Friday Community Payback group from the council would impact on long-term maintenance at Derehams.

Green Dragon Sports Ground

Enquiry from Flackwell Heath Minors re Fence Line

It was agreed that:

- a) the Council would not give permission for the movement of any boundary markers delineating the Council's legal land boundary.**
- b) any movement of the fence would be the legal and financial responsibility of Flackwell Heath Minors in conjunction with Harleyfords, the conjoining landowner/landlord.**
- c) the Council will request a meeting with all interested parties to view the site and discuss the issues outlined in the email from Flackwell Heath Minors.**

LFC11.011.

RECREATION GROUNDS AND PARKS

All Sites: Safety Inspections 2011

It was agreed that the Council would arrange the 2011 playground safety inspections via Wycombe District Council at the cost of £64 plus VAT per site.

All Sites: Playground Improvements

It was noted that:

A comprehensive plan for the re-development of the play area in Tylers Green would be necessary before any bids for funding could be submitted

It was agreed that J Herschel will consult Tylers Green members on the best way to progress this matter.

All Sites: BMX riding

After discussion, it was noted that:

- a) Thames Valley Police have been encouraged to talk directly with the manager of Fennells Wood on this issue;
- b) There were general concerns about any BMX site in this area being advertised widely as one for Wycombe as a whole; rather the key issue for the Council being activities for local young people from Flackwell Heath and Loudwater;
- c) There are other council-controlled sites for exploration as a potential BMX site, should TVP not be able to resolve the local ASB issues directly; however these will not be progressed at the moment.

Straight Bit Recreation Ground

Work to Lime Trees

It was agreed to accept the quote for works from Peacock Tree Ecology.

LFC11.012. **ALLOTMENTS**

Deceased Tenant

It was agreed that:

- a) in the exceptional circumstances of the Lada family and on a compassionate basis, to offer Ted Lada the tenancy of one of his mother's allotment plots at Flackwell Heath, and for the remaining plot to be offered to people on the waiting list in the order they appear on that list
- b) a revised allotment allocation policy will be presented to the next committee meeting in order to ensure that allotment plots are allocated fairly and transparently
- c) in the meantime to continue with the existing allocation policy, i.e. allocation of plots on the following priorities:
 - 1. In-Parish residents requesting a first allotment
 - 2. In-Parish residents requesting a second allotment
 - 3. Out-of-Parish residents requesting a Chepping Wycombe allotment

New Plots at Flackwell Heath

It was noted that the new half-sized plots have all been marked out, were rotavated this week and are now ready to offer to people on the waiting list.

Letter of Complaint, Flackwell Heath Allotments

It was agreed that the Council will organise a meeting with tenants at the Flackwell Heath Allotments as soon as possible to discuss a range of issues that are affecting allotment-holders and any action the Council may be able to take, in partnership with the tenants, to remedy these.

Ashley Drive Allotments

It was noted that the Council had recently arranged for the removal of a significant amount of accumulated rubbish from the site.

LFC11.013. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no additional questions or remarks from members of the public.

LFC11.014. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

There were none.

LFC11.015. COMMITTEE FINANCES

Income and Expenditure

It was agreed that the contents of the report before members be noted, and any questions be submitted to the next meeting of F&GP when all committee accounts for the year 2010/11 will be considered in detail.

LFC11.016. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was agreed that the accounts for payment, , Direct Debits and Payflow transfers be approved for payment and the cheques be signed.

J Herschel declared a personal and prejudicial in the payment of his claim for member's expenses.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 pm.

C J Norris
Acting clerk of the Council
27 May 2011