

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Members of the council are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday 7 March 2023** at **7.30pm** at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe Bucks HP10 8DS

Committee membership:	Cllr L Willis (Chairman)	Cllr I Forbes
	Cllr L Johncock (Vice-chairman)	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr J Gurney	Cllr S Digby
	Cllr L Webb	Cllr H Darch
	Cllr S Herron	Cllr D Johncock
	Cllr K Wood (ex officio)	

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires members who cannot attend a meeting to tender apologies to the Clerk.

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

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.

- i) Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the Member's Register of Interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer (Clerk) of it.
- ii) Should any Member have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in an item on the agenda, the Member may not participate in consideration of that item unless a Dispensation has first been requested (in writing) and granted by the Council.

3. Allotments

4. Playgrounds

4.1 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground, Tylers Green

4.1.1 Surfacing requirements

4.1.2 Middle hedge

4.2 Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

4.2.1 Flackwell Heath Play Equipment sub-group

4.2.2 Quotes for replacement boat

4.2.3 Legal Proceedings - telecommunications mast

4.3 Boundary Road Recreation Ground, Loudwater

5. Treeworks

6. Paths

7. Magpie Wood Diary – October 2022 – February 2023

8. Flackwell Heath Golf Club – brown signs

9. Skate Park Update

10. Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

11. Committee Finances

12. Questions from council members and the public

13. Accounts for Payment



Wendy Thompson
Clerk to the Council
28 February 2023

Allotments

Members are asked to NOTE that there are no vacancies at either site.

There are currently 6 people on the waiting list for Ashley Drive and 10 on the waiting list for Chapel Road.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Playgrounds

4.1 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground, Tylers Green

4.1.1 Surfacing requirements

Members are asked to NOTE that the grounds team have not as yet been able to undertake the work to the entrances of the play areas. However, this has now been scheduled for mid-March. The works will consist of a cast concrete pad.

Members are asked to NOTE that the site visit took place with another supplier of surfacing on the 17 January, however the quotation received was incorrect and in the sum of £50k. The clerk and grounds team will attend the site and look at alternatives.

4.1.2 Middle hedge

Members are asked to NOTE that work has started on the middle hedge at the above site, this is now on hold due to bird nesting season. Where the hedge has been completely removed a new post and rail fence will be erected.

4.2 Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

4.2.1 Flackwell Heath Play Equipment sub-group

Members are asked to NOTE the report from the meeting attached at **APPENDIX A**

4.2.2 Quotations for replacement boat

Following on from the previous item, members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE one of the quotations at **APPENDIX B**. Members are asked to NOTE that this is a single tender action as there are no other satisfactory options from other suppliers.

Members are asked to NOTE that if approval is given to a quotation this will be taken to full council as a virement of funds from the General Reserve may be required, this is dependent upon the insurance company.

4.2.3 Legal Proceedings – telecommunications mast

Members are asked to NOTE that legal proceedings have been served on the parish council for the refusal of a mast at Straight Bit Recreation Ground. The papers are currently with our solicitor in order that a suitable response can be made. The date for return is 31 March 2023.

4.3 Boundary Road Recreation Ground, Loudwater

Members are asked to NOTE that a concern had been raised by a resident following an incident at the site when a small child slipped into the stream at the point where the bank has eroded. The chairman of the committee met with the concerned resident and advised that the area was not under parish council jurisdiction. In the meantime, the issue was escalated to Steve Baker MP whose office contacted ourselves and Buckinghamshire Council. Buckinghamshire Council have taken responsibility for the area.

Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE the erection of a post and rail fence along the path (play area side highlighted in red) to act as an obstacle; an opening at each end would give two points of focus for parents/guardians to watch. **APPENDIX C** Members are asked to NOTE that the grounds team would undertake the work.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Treeworks

Members are asked to NOTE that the approved works at Magpie Wood and the Railway Land have been completed.

A date is still awaited for the approved works at Altona Road Cemetery.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Paths

Members are asked to NOTE that work to the path leading from New Road up to the Back Common and the entrance to King's Wood from Kingswood Avenue will be undertaken in mid-March.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Magpie Wood Diary – October 2022 to February 2023

Members are asked to NOTE the diary produced by Cllr Jordan **APPENDIX D**

AGENDA ITEM 8

Flackwell Heath Golf Club – brown signs

Members are asked to further CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE the brown tourist signs for Flackwell Heath Golf Club. The application was made to Buckinghamshire Council with the 3 signs previously approved by the committee. However, Buckinghamshire Council believe that the signs attached at **APPENDIX E** are required. The map at **APPENDIX F** show the Buckinghamshire Council signs in red and the previously approved sign by the committee in green.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Skate Park Update

Members are asked to RECEIVE a verbal update on the joint Skate Park project.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

Members are asked to NOTE that a meeting with the architect will be arranged when the office re-opens.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Committee Finances

Members are also asked to NOTE the committee income and expenditure to Period 10 (January) **APPENDIX G**

AGENDA ITEM 12

Questions from committee 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. 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 13

Accounts for payment

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

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 23 May 2023 @ 7.30pm