

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Members of the council are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday 23 May 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 Webb (Vice-chairman)	Cllr C Jordan
	Cllr J Gurney	Cllr S Digby
	Cllr L Johncock	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 Replacement Basket Swing

4.2 Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

4.2.1 Replacement Boat

4.2.2 Legal Proceedings - telecommunications mast

4.3 Boundary Road Recreation Ground, Loudwater

5. Treeworks

6. Tylers Green Common - Track

7. Paths

8. Magpie Wood

9. Committee Site Visits

10. Skate Park Update

11. Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

11.1 Loudwater Bowls Club

12. Committee Finances

13. Questions from council members and the public

14. Accounts for Payment



Wendy Thompson
Clerk to the Council
16 May 2023

Allotments

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

There are currently 11 people on the waiting list for Ashley Drive and 11 on the waiting list for Chapel Road.

Members are asked to NOTE that the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be undertaking the allotment inspections on Wednesday 24 & Friday 26 May.

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 completed the work to the entrances of the play areas.

4.1.2 Replacement Basket Swing

Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE the quotation from Wicksteed for the replacement basket swing. Following the RoSPA Play Inspection the Wicksteed basket was highlighted as being worn.

Replacement basket swing only £1,332.24

4.2 Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath**4.2.1 Replacement Boat**

Members are asked to NOTE that we are still waiting for confirmation from the insurance company on the claim.

4.2.2 Legal Proceedings – telecommunications mast

Members are asked to NOTE that this matter has now been settled with the company. The company will be undertaking a visual survey of the site only.

4.3 Boundary Road Recreation Ground, Loudwater

Members are asked to NOTE that one of the pieces of toddler equipment (Springy) has been damaged and has been removed from the site.

Members are now asked to CONSIDER the best course of action. The large spring that holds the seat has been sheared off at the base, the replacement comes from France at a cost of £317.00. The alternative would be to replace the item with a new piece of equipment from a British company at a cost of £1,075.00, being mindful of ongoing maintenance costs.

AGENDA ITEM 5**Treeworks**

Members are asked to NOTE that there will be some treework requirements on the Micklefield boundary of King's Wood. There are some Ash trees affected with dieback on a property boundary which will need some remedial work or removal. Quotations have not yet been obtained but will be brought back to the next meeting when the full extent of works will be apparent.

AGENDA ITEM 6**Tylers Green Common**

Members are asked to CONSIDER an approach from residents relating to the surface of Track 6 on the Common. As members are aware the residents of this track re-surfaced the lower part at their own expense some years ago and have been maintaining the surface ever since. However, the area before you reach our car park (Phase 1) suffers from severe potholes and therefore a new surface is required. **APPENDIX A**. Members are asked to APPROVE, in principle, the re-surfacing of this section of track. A quotation has been obtained in the sum of £4,000 for this section and it is hoped that the cost would be shared.

AGENDA ITEM 7**Paths**

Members are asked to NOTE that work to the path leading from New Road up to the Back Common has had some initial work; the grounds team had created drainage channels in the path to slow and water flow – this path is still a work in progress.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Magpie Wood

Members are asked to NOTE the attached information from Buckinghamshire Council advising that the wood has been identified as a non-designated heritage asset. **APPENDIX B**

Members are asked to NOTE that there has been a recent incident where a car has driven up Magpie Lane and under the railway bridge thinking that there was a way through Lot 2 of Magpie Wood.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Committee Site Visits

Members are reminded of the date for the committee site visit is **Tuesday 11 July @ 10.30am**. Areas that will be visited are:

- Boundary Road Recreation Ground, Loudwater – inspect the bank
- Magpie Wood, Loudwater – inspect the boundary
- Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath – inspect the siting of the replacement boat, CCTV and possible position of an extra bench on the site
- History Group Noticeboard, Chapel Lane, Flackwell Heath
- Front & Back Common, Tylers Green – inspect the memorial trees.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Skate Park Update

Members are asked to RECEIVE a verbal update on the joint Skate Park project. Members are asked to NOTE that the next meeting of the Skate Park Feasibility Study Group will be held on 24 May 2023

AGENDA ITEM 11

Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

Members are asked to NOTE that a meeting with the architect is being arranged for a mutually convenient date in June.

11.1 Loudwater Bowls Club

Members are asked to NOTE the report from Cllr Jordan following the last meeting of the Bowls Club. **APPENDIX C**

AGENDA ITEM 12

Committee Finances

Members are also asked to NOTE the committee income and expenditure to Yearend outturn **APPENDIX D**

Members are also asked to NOTE the committee income and expenditure to Period 1 (April) **APPENDIX E**

AGENDA ITEM 13

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 14

Accounts for payment

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

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 5 September 2023 @ 7.30pm