

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL



AGENDA

Members of the council are summoned to attend an **Extra-ordinary Council meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, 3 September at 7.00pm** at the Council Chamber, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, Bucks HP10 8DS

The meeting is open to the public and press

1. Apologies for Absence

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Clerk.

2. Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct

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. Grant Application – Flackwell Heath Residents Association

Council is asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE a request from Flackwell Heath Residents Association for a sum of £3,250 as a contribution towards the 'Bridging the Gap' Project in Flackwell Heath. **APPENDIX A**

4. Questions by Members of the Council

At the time of agenda dispatch, no questions by members have been received.

5. Public Participation

Members of the public wishing to speak at the beginning of the Council meeting should approach the Clerk with this request as soon as possible. Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask and answer questions, in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. A fifteen-minute period is permitted in total.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Thompson'.

Wendy Thompson
Clerk of the Council
22 August 2024

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT/DONATION BY CHARITABLE, VOLUNTARY OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS
(Local Government Act 1972, Section 137)

Please note: this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

Name of organisation:

Flackwell Heath Residents Association

Chairperson:

Contact details: 1

Treasurer:

Contact details: 2

How is the organisation established (delete as appropriate)

Registered as a Charity	
Charity No 1111230	

What are the objectives of the organisation?

Does the organisation carry out any trading activity with a view to profit?

Does your organisation have a membership?

The purpose of Flackwell Heath Residents Association ("FHRA") is to support community life and make the village a better place to live. Our efforts are focused on: providing better community facilities, organising and supporting community events, helping to preserve the character of the village and informing its development and improvement. All local residents are welcome to join the FHRA. Annual membership is £5 per person or £10 per household and every penny is invested in the village. We also carry out fundraising events throughout the year, again to raise funds for village causes, such as the Christmas lights, or the Community Pantry.

For what purpose of project is the grant/donation requested?

Bridging the Gap

FHRA is working in partnership with Relatable Role Models ("RRM") to deliver this project.

A couple of years ago, Flackwell Heath experienced a spate of anti-social behaviour incidents, from eggs being thrown at cars to serious vandalism taking place at the Straight Bit Recreation Ground (a large piece of play equipment was deliberately burnt down). Several public meetings were called and attended by many residents, wanting to take action to reduce anti-social behaviour. The majority view was that these incidents occurred due to a lack of other provisions for young people in our village. Since then, we have been meeting intermittently over the last two years with members of the community, representatives from different organisations and interested parties to try and work out what we can do as a community to combat anti-social behaviour and to help, teach and celebrate our young people, bringing them into our community: bridging the gap.

As part of this process, we reached out to young people within our community and asked what they would like to see, as a youth provision in Flackwell Heath. The answer from everyone that we spoke to was a safe space for young people to meet and socialise.

Our aim, therefore, is to provide a safe, engaging space for the young people in our village to access one evening a week for the next 9 months. Once funding is secured to launch this project, we will seek to obtain further funding from other sources to keep the project running on a more permanent basis: our vision is to create a permanent youth "hub" in Flackwell Heath.

It will be a place for young people to meet, socialise and simply hang out. We will offer youth club activities such as:

- Socialising with other young people
- Taking part in team games
- Taking part in discussions
- Watching movies
- Playing computer games
- Puzzles
- Table tennis
- Pool
- Football
- Cooking
- Building relationships
- Resolving conflicts

In addition to this, we will provide music making facilities, to help young people develop creatively and musically. We have access to all the necessary equipment from a previous project run by Relatable Role models and will offer, dependent on engagement, studio activities such as writing, recording, mixing and mastering songs. We are aware that some of the young people who attend may come from homes where food poverty is a real issue. We plan to provide a nutritious meal and additional learning about food and cooking as a secondary benefit of the youth club.

By attending our youth club our young people have an option to make a positive decision every week and surround themselves with role models who are there to support them. We want to provide an alternative to simply hanging around on the street / in parks with nothing to do and being tempted to carry out anti-social behaviour. We hope to create a sense of community and belonging within the young people who attend: we want them to feel valued and heard and to feel like they are part of the wider Flackwell Heath community. The young people will have a say in how the youth club evolves over time: their views and feedback will inform the activities / offerings that we plan over the next 12 months.

Our proposed start date for the project is Thursday 5 September and we have secured space for the project to take place (and store equipment) at Flackwell Heath Methodist Church, every Thursday from 5.30-8.30pm. We are requesting a grant from CWPC to cover the sum to be paid to Flackwell Heath Methodist Church to rent the space for one evening a week. RRM will plan and promote the weekly sessions and provide four youth workers to run each session. We have applied to the Community Board for funding to cover these costs.

Please specify:

Total estimated cost of the project	Staff costs: £10,875 Detached youth work for project promotion: £780 Guest speaker costs: £450 Volunteer travel / refreshments / expenses: £640 Project management costs: £2,250 Food and drink costs: £750 Equipment to be bought: £1,500 Rent: £2,250 Total estimated cost of project: £19,495
Dates to commence and complete	5 September 2024 - 5 September 2025
Amount already available	£0
Amount expected to be available at start	£19,495

Other applications for grants for the project:

Body:	Amount applied for:
Beaconsfield Community Board	£15,000
Flackwell Heath Residents Association	£1,500

Amount being requested from CWPC: £3,250 We would like to request funds to cover the Rent costs of £2,250 plus £1,000 to buy additional equipment for the project, including a games console, football goals, games and art/design equipment.
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Who will benefit from the project, specifically with residents of Chepping Wycombe in mind?

The project will be open to secondary school age children residing in Flackwell Heath and the neighbouring villages. They will be the direct beneficiaries of the project.

Whilst this project is directly aimed at young people, it is a project that will benefit the whole Flackwell Heath community in the long run. There are no regular, free, accessible youth groups for secondary school age children within Flackwell Heath. This can lead to young people hanging around on the street, bored, with nothing to do, which often leads to the temptation to carry out anti-social behaviour. We have regularly witnessed groups of young people hanging around on the streets and in the park: they have nowhere to meet and socialise.

The benefits will also extend to the families of the young people who attend, and their schools, teachers and fellow pupils. Through the relationships that our youth workers will develop with the young people, we hope to increase emotional intelligence, self-confidence and self worth, raise aspirations and build respect amongst peers and respect for teachers. We will work through issues such as conflict resolution, easing exam pressure, dealing with bullying issues: all of which will ease the burden carried by schools.

Kwakz from RRM ran a very successful youth group in Wooburn Green for over a year, which was kindly funded in part by the Community Board. This project was focussed on teaching young people to make music, to write and produce songs and has now come to an end as the funding has run out. This project was attended by 56 young people, including a large number from Flackwell Heath and neighbouring villages. Our project differs from the Wooburn Green project in that we intend it to have a more general appeal: whilst music will be one of the activities on offer, it will not be the main focus. The need for this project is clearly evidenced by the number of young people who attended the Wooburn Green project, and the feedback that we have gathered from young people in the area.

It is our hope that the introduction of a youth club will give young people an alternative place to hang out and socialise, improving outcomes for them as individuals whilst creating a sense of pride and belonging within our local community, ultimately reducing anti-social behaviour.

I submit this application on behalf of the stated organisation and believe all statements made or enclosed to be true.

Signed: Dated:

Capacity in which signed: *J*

Should the application be successful any cheque will be made payable to the name of the organisation as stated overleaf and sent to the Treasurer unless otherwise stated.

Alternative addressee for grant:

Please return the completed application and supporting documents to: Clerk of the Council
Chepping Wycombe Parish Council
Cock Lane
Tylers Green
Bucks HP10 8DS

Or alternatively send the application via email to clerk@cwpc.org.uk
Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on: 01494 814600

Flackwell Heath Residents Association

Balance Sheet
31st December 2023

Current Assets	Note	<u>Total This Year</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash at Bank - Current Account		17,345	16,857
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account		8,270	7,923
<u>Total</u>		<u>25,615</u>	<u>24,779</u>
Current Liabilities Creditors and Accruals			
Heath Fest 2024 Pre Paid Band Deposits		-1,220	0
Pre Paid Ticket Sales for Heath Fest 2024		592	0
Prepaid Membership Fees		225	200
<u>Total</u>		<u>-403</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Total Net Assets</u>		<u>26,018</u>	<u>24,579</u>
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>		<u>26,018</u>	<u>24,579</u>
Unrestricted Funds		<u>26,018</u>	<u>24,579</u>
Restricted Funds		0	0
Total Funds		<u>26,018</u>	<u>24,579</u>

Approved on Behalf of the Trustees

Laurence White
Chairman

John Mannering
Treasurer