

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Members of the council are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on **Thursday 31 October 2024** 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. Delegated Action

4. Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

4.1 Loudwater Bowls Club

5. Allotments

6. Play Areas

6.1 Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

6.1.1 Cargo netting on Grand Tower

6.2 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground, Tylers Green

6.2.1 Replacement Springy

7. Tree Work

8. Memorial Plaque Project, Tylers Green Common

9. Biodiversity Project

10. Devolved Services

11. Railway Land, Loudwater

12. Draft Committee Budget 2025/26

13. Committee Finances

13.1 Income and Expenditure Month 6 (September)

14. Questions from council members and the public

15. Accounts for Payment



Wendy Thompson
Clerk to the Council
23 October 2024

Delegated Action

Members are asked to NOTE the following delegated actions since the last committee meeting in September;

6 no fruit trees for Derehams Orchard	£270.00
1 no gooseberry bush	£16.00
3 no Whitebeam	£120.00
1 no Rowan (pink) replacement memorial tree	£40.00

AGENDA ITEM 4

Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

Members are asked to RECEIVE a verbal update from Cllr Webb following the sub-group meeting on 9 October 2024.

Members are asked to NOTE that following a meeting with a Loudwater resident a plan to rejuvenate the Orchard at the site has been put into place. Members are asked to NOTE that the fence currently around the area will be removed and the six new fruit trees that are currently on order will be planted. In an effort to re-wild the area, 3 Whitebeam have been purchased and it is hoped that wildflowers will be threaded through/around the trees. The Kubota mower will be used to create large pathways through the entire area making access easy.

4.1 Loudwater Bowls Club

Members are asked to NOTE that a site visit to the Clubhouse has been arranged for Friday 1 November 2024.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Allotments

Members are asked to NOTE that there are currently 11 people on the waiting list for Ashley Drive and there is no one on the waiting list for Chapel Road.

Members are also asked to NOTE that the track at Chapel Road has been inspected by the grounds team and remedial works will be done.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Playgrounds

6.1 Straight Bit Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

6.1.1 Cargo netting on Grand Tower

Members are asked to NOTE that the replacement cargo netting is still awaited from France, the small holes in the wet pour will be filled at the same time as the netting replacement.

6.2 Ashley Drive Recreation Ground, Tylers Green

6.2.1 Replacement Springy

Members are asked to NOTE that the new springy has eventually been installed at the site.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Tree Work

Railway Land: Members are asked to NOTE that the work along the Railway Land at Holly Place that was approved at the last meeting was completed on 15 October at a cost of £950.00.

Straight Bit to Cherrywood Gardens: Members are asked to NOTE that the work ordered following the last committee meeting, for the path leading from Straight Bit to Cherrywood Gardens, Flackwell Heath in the sum of £600.00 has been booked for 15 January 2025. Following the work being completed a site visit will take place to assess further requirements as previously approved.

King's Wood: Members are asked to NOTE that there is some serious ash dieback near to the Skills & Thrills area in the wood; quotations are currently being obtained, the initial work will probably be in the region of £4,000.

Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE delegating to the Clerk the power to get the work completed up to £4,000. The expenditure to be taken from the Earmarked Reserve which currently stands at £20,228.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Memorial Plaque Project, Tylers Green Common

Members are asked to NOTE that the first 11 stainless steel replacement plaques have been installed along Track 6 (opposite the village hall) and the next batch have been sent off for etching.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Biodiversity Project

Members are asked to CONSIDER the notes from a meeting with Cllr Wood, Cllr Johncock and John Shaw with a view to agreeing the felling of approximately 5 trees on Orchard Green. This is part of the Chiltern Rangers/Flackwild Heath initiative. **APPENDIX A**

Members are asked to RECEIVE a verbal update from Cllr Wood on the revised draft Biodiversity Strategy with a view to creating a sub-committee to review the document in detail and undertake further work as deemed necessary to take the project forward prior to full Council approval.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Devolved Services

Members are asked to NOTE that the devolved services offer from Buckinghamshire Council has been accepted and we are now awaiting the legal pack. The areas that will be included in the cutting cycle for 2025/24 are:

Tylers Green:	The Greenway	Flackwell Heath:	Chiltern Green
	Kite Wood Road		Southfield Road
	Birch Way		
	Court Lawns		
	Cherry Tree Way		
	Chepping Close		

AGENDA ITEM 11

Railway Land

Members are asked to NOTE that contact has been made with a Civil Engineering Company for assistance. Following a discussion with one of the civil engineers, it was felt that a GeoTech Company would be best placed, in the first instance, to survey the bank and make recommendations. A contact is being obtained via the Civil Engineering Company.

AGENDA ITEM 12

Draft Committee Budget 2025/26

Members are asked CONSIDER and, if so minded, RECOMMEND the draft budget to the Finance and General Purposes committee. Amendments can be made to the budget at this stage prior to formal approval a full Council in December. **APPENDIX B**

AGENDA ITEM 13

Committee Finances

13.1 Income & Expenditure

Members are asked to NOTE the income and expenditure for month 6 (September) **APPENDIX C**

AGENDA ITEM 14

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 15

Accounts for payment

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

Date and time of next meeting: TBC