

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Members of the council are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday 9 September 2025** at **7.30pm** at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe Bucks HP10 8DS

Committee membership:	Cllr L Webb (Chairman)	Cllr I Forbes
	Cllr L Willis (Vice-chairman)	Cllr S Guy
	Cllr J Gurney	Cllr L Townsend
	Cllr L Johncock	Cllr H Darch
	Cllr S Herron	Cllr K Griffiths
	Cllr D Johncock (ex officio)	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. Allotments

4.1 Allotment Competition Winners

4.2 BBQ and Picnic

5. Derehams Lane Recreation Ground, Loudwater

6. Tylers Green Common

6.1 Tracks

6.2 Footpath

7. Tree Work

8. Biodiversity Project

9. Railway Land

10. Green Dragon Lane Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

11. Committee Site Visit Updates

12. Committee Finances

12.1 Income and Expenditure Month 4 (July)

13. Questions from council members and the public

14. Accounts for Payment



Wendy Thompson
Clerk to the Council
2 September 2025

AGENDA ITEM 3

Delegated Action

Members are asked to NOTE that since the last meeting in May the following delegated actions have been taken:

Deadwood removal on Oak – King’s Wood	£200.00
Goat Willow crown lift – Rushbrooke Close	£320.00
Ordered repair to trampoline (Ashley Drive)	£2,432.00

AGENDA ITEM 4

Allotments

Members are asked to NOTE that the renewals have been sent out. After the inspections in early Summer some allotments have been handed back and will be offered to people on the waiting list following the renewal process.

4.1 Allotment Competition Winners

Members are asked to NOTE the winners from both allotment sites attached at [APPENDIX A](#).

4.2 BBQ and Picnic

Members are asked to NOTE that the BBQ held at the Flackwell Heath site was held on Saturday 30 August. Date for the diary - the picnic at the Ashley Drive site is due to be held on Saturday 13 September, all are welcome.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

Members are asked to NOTE that the tree work to remove the conifers on the site was ordered and has been completed.

Members are asked to NOTE that the planning application has now been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council following a slight hold up with an Ecology Survey.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Tylers Green Common

6.1 Tracks

Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded APPROVE one of the following quotations for the remedial work to Bank Road. The quotes are to replace one area of sunken damaged tarmac area to the edge of the roadway. Excavate a trench to a depth of 300mm x 500 x 25mts before reinstating with concrete to a depth of 250mm all compacted before a 50mm layer of 10mm wearing course laid and joint sealed.

Quote A £3,650.00

Quote B £3,350.00

6.2 Footpath

Members are asked to NOTE that following the last committee meeting and the subsequent site visit Cllr Darch contacted the headteacher at the First School to see if the school would support the suggestion of a footpath to run along the edge of the Common. The headteacher advised the following;

‘I do not support this proposal. There is a safe footpath opposite running next to the school, and the footpath over the common next to the houses on Bank Road. Both options provide better safety for small children as they are further away from the road as they are either protected by a grass verge (school side) or the common on Bank Road side. I feel that this proposal would make it less safe for the children.’

AGENDA ITEM 7

Tree Work

Members are asked to CONSIDER and if so minded, APPROVE one of the following quotations for each site.

Micklefield Road, King’s Wood boundary

Reduce 2 large Ash chipping arisings back into the wood

Quote A £1,800.00

Quote B £1,650.00

Boundary Road Recreation Ground

Reduce and rebalance Hornbeam to clear from adjacent properties

Quote A £950.00

Quote B £1,050.00

AGENDA ITEM 8

Biodiversity Project

Members are asked to RECEIVE an update from Cllr Webb relating to the Bird and Bat box initiative and the Clean and Dip session at Boundary Road Recreation Ground.

Orchard Green, Flackwell Heath – Members are asked to NOTE that the office has been receiving complaints about the condition of the site. It was understood that Flackwild Heath along with the Chiltern Rangers would be caring for this area and in particular it was made extremely clear that the parish council had no facility to ‘cut and collect’ at the end of the season. However, the end of season work has been put back into the parish council’s direction or at a cost from the Chiltern Rangers.

Cllr Webb will be in contact with Flackwild Heath and Chiltern Rangers.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Railway Land

Members are asked to NOTE that following the last committee meeting and the subsequent site visit Jonathan and Darren have worked along the site and removed the leaning trees on the initial section. A tree surgeon will be engaged to quote for the larger trees.

Once the clearance has been completed the consultant from Core Technical will be asked to attend the site for a further inspection.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Green Dragon Lane Recreation Ground, Flackwell Heath

Following a further request from the Flackwell Heath Minors FC to re-instate the small bollards along the Bucks highway verge; a site visit with Cllr Herron, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk took place on Thursday 21 August. Over time the ‘edgeminder’ bollards have been hit or lost and the club is concerned about ongoing parking issues. Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE the re-instatement of the bollards at a cost of £70.22 each. There is a potential requirement for 25 bollards costing approximately £1,755.00.

The Club also highlighted an issue of the hedge behind the pavilion being broken down in places. Members are asked to NOTE that the grounds team (Jonathan and Darren) will undertake a temporary repair using chestnut paling to the hedge line. However, whilst on the site visit it was suggested that the rotten hedging behind the pavilion be replaced with 5ft high palisade fencing in green as the two large Sycamore make under planting impossible.

Members are asked to NOTE that Jonathan and Darren were able to remove some of the lower branches of one of the Sycamores that were touching the pavilion roof.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Committee Site Visit Update

Members are asked to NOTE the following;

Tylers Green Common – tracks

Contractors have attended the site, and we are currently awaiting quotations for a possible solution for Track 6 which could be rolled out depending on cost and contributions towards the work.

Railway Land

As above agenda item 9

Boundary Road Recreation Ground

No action to be taken at present – Buckinghamshire Council are looking to renew the lease with us.

As above agenda item 8 – Clean and Dip session.

Committee Finances

12.1 Income & Expenditure

Members are asked to NOTE the income and expenditure for month 4 (July) **APPENDIX B**

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: Thursday 30 October 2025 @ 7.30pm