

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Members of the council are summoned to attend the meeting to be held on **Thursday 10 September 2026** 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 N Thomas (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

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.

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

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5. Derehams Lane Recreation Ground, Loudwater

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8.1 Car Park

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9. Revive the Wye

10. Biodiversity Project

11. Railway Land

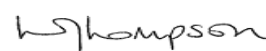
12. Committee Finances

12.1 Committee Priorities for 2027

12.2 Income and Expenditure Month 4 (July)

13. Questions from Committee/Council members

14. Accounts for Payment



Wendy Thompson
Clerk to the Council
4 September 2026

AGENDA ITEM 3

Delegated Action

Members are asked to NOTE that since the last committee meeting in May the following delegated action has been taken.

Native bulbs and seeds for Biodiversity Project	£475.00
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AGENDA ITEM 4

Allotments

Members are asked to NOTE that the allotments are currently in the agreement renewal stage, with the new allotment year starting on 1 October. Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE an increase in the rental. This has not been increased for 15 years. The current annual amounts are £52 for a full plot and £26 for a half plot.

4.1 Allotment Competition

Members are asked to NOTE that the allotment competition this year was judged by Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Thomas. The results are attached at **APPENDIX A**.

4.2 Summer Get-togethers

Members are asked to NOTE that due to weather conditions the BBQ at the Chapel Road allotments, Flackwell Heath ended up being a picnic but nevertheless was a great success.

Members are asked to NOTE a change in the date for the Ashley Drive picnic to Saturday 12 September. As before all are welcome.

AGENDA ITEM 5

Derehams Lane Recreation Ground

Members are asked to NOTE that the planning application is still waiting determination.

Members are asked to NOTE the continued efforts of both our architect and Cllr J Waters to chase this application with contact being made with Mark Aughtterlony, Development Manager, Claire Bayley, Chief Planning Officer, Cllr Steve Bambrick, Corporate Director Planning, Growth and Sustainability, Helen Braine, Case Officer and also Ray Martin, Senior Planning Officer.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Straight Bit Recreation Ground

6.1 CCTV

Members are asked to CONSIDER an observation from Cllr D Johncock to improve the quality of the cameras at the site with possibly an additional camera to assist the police identify culprits of ASB. Also, to install signage making clear that the playground is under CCTV surveillance. It is important to assess whether the system we currently run is fit for purpose.

6.2 Flackwell Heath Bowls Club Gala Day

Members are asked to NOTE that the Flackwell Heath Bowls Club Gala Day and the permitted parking to the side of the club was a great success. Attached a report of the day from Cllr Griffiths. **APPENDIX B**

Members are asked to CONSIDER and, if so minded, APPROVE the formalisation of parking along the side of the Bowls Club only during the playing season. Members are asked to NOTE that consultation with neighbouring properties would be required.

6.3 Car Park Extension Request

Members are asked to NOTE that following the last committee meeting in May the Clerk was asked to contact Buckinghamshire Council in relation to the 30-minute parking bay outside the small parade of shops. The Clerk received a phone call from a parking officer and was advised that any change to the waiting time would need to be by public consultation with a cost being given of upwards of £7k.

Also, the appropriateness of changing part of the recreation ground to a car park. The ground was originally purchased with a loan from the Playing Fields Association and was probably bought under the Open Spaces Act 1906, however, the conveyancing paperwork has been missing since the 1980s. If this is the case the ground could

only be used for recreation. A consultation with the neighbouring properties would be required and any further assistance from Buckinghamshire Council relating to change of use would need authorisation as it would form part of a pre-application thus incurring a fee. The required inclusion 10% disabled spaces and a minimum of one EV point would also incur further costs.

Members are asked to suggest the next course of action.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Tylers Green Common

7.1 Tracks

Members are asked to NOTE that a contractor visited the track at the end of July, unfortunately we have not yet received the quotations for the possible options that were discussed – permeable tarmac/tar and chip. The contractor has been chased numerous times by both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. The Clerk was asked to contact the solicitor for clarification on surfacing requirements of tracks on a Registered Village Green. **APPENDIX C**

As a reminder, for any further discussions on surfacing, the parish council does have a Tracks Policy **APPENDIX C**

AGENDA ITEM 8

King's Wood

Members are asked to NOTE that the information boards around the all-ability path are on a list of autumn/winter work for replacement/ repair. Members wishing to make suggestions for new content are encouraged to bring their ideas to the meeting.

Members are asked to NOTE that advice from Tilhill Forestry, our management company, on the control of the holly near the office complex, which is currently cover for the wildlife in the wood, will be brought back to the next meeting.

8.1 Car Park

Members are asked to CONSIDER and if so minded, APPROVE the replacement of the knee-high bird's mouth fencing with something more robust. This fence has been broken down several times over the Summer and now a decision needs to be made to change the material. A metal knee high fence would dissuade the motorcyclists from breaking through from the wood. **APPENDIX D.**

8.2 Kissing Gates

Members are asked to NOTE that two kissing gates have been installed by the grounds team to stop motorcyclist entering the picnic area from the office car park of the wood.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Revive the Wye

Members are asked to NOTE the minutes of the last meeting at **APPENDIX E**

AGENDA ITEM 10

Biodiversity Project

Members are asked to CONSIDER a date and time for the next subgroup meeting.

Orchard Green, Flackwell Heath

Members are asked to NOTE that the previously approved noticeboard has now been installed on the site.

The site has been cut and collected and is undergoing preparation for reseeding with wildflowers and bulb planting. **APPENDIX F**

Office – Verge and Picnic Area

This site will be prepared for seeds and bulbs. Attached at **APPENDIX G** plants noted during the growing season.

Loudwater Centre

Ongoing understory planting with native bulbs.

General

Ongoing maintenance of all areas and purchasing of further hedging and infill plants.

Beechwood Gardens, Loudwater has been highlighted as a further site.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Railway Land

Members are asked to NOTE that the selection of shrubs considered at the last committee meeting are being purchased and will be planted on a section of the bank for ground stabilising.

AGENDA ITEM 12

Committee Finances

12.1 Committee Priorities for 2027

Members are asked to CONSIDER the committee priorities for the next financial year so that a comprehensive draft budget can be formulated for the next committee meeting.

12.2 Income & Expenditure

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

AGENDA ITEM 13

Questions from Committee/Council Members

Members of the committee are invited to bring forward any question for consideration.

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 3 November 2026 @ 7.30pm