

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

AGENDA

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2009

The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm at the Council Office, Cock Lane, Tylers Green, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP10 8DS

1. Ms K Wood **Chairman** (TG)
2. R Smith **Vice-Chairman** (L)
3. Ms E Belcher (FH)
4. Mrs J Chalmers (FH)
5. Mrs S Digby (FH)
6. I Forbes (TG)
7. Ms J Johnson (TG)
8. C Jordan (L)
9. L Willis (L)
10. D Johncock (ex-officio) (FH)
11. J Herschel (ex-officio) (TG)

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** At the time of the agenda distribution, no apologies for absence have been received.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** To receive any declarations of interest by Members pertaining to Agenda Items.
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Ali Banham

Ali Banham
Deputy Clerk of the Council
9 November 2009

AGENDA ITEM 3

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The Council owns this land, which is registered as Village Green and lies within a Conservation Area.

TYLERS GREEN COMMON

Betty Lay Memorial Bench – INFORMATION

The Betty Lay Memorial Southampton Bench was scheduled for installation on 11 November 2009. The under surface has been agreed to be a set of temporary stone slabs. The bench was donated by the Penn & Tylers Green Residents' Society in memory of Councillor Betty Lay for her services to the community at both Wycombe District and Bucks County Councils.

AGENDA ITEM 4

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The Council owns this woodland. The land is maintained in conjunction with the Council's Forestry Consultants, Tilhill.

KINGSWOOD

Tilhill Woodland Management Report – CONSIDERATION

UPM Tilhill Woodland Management Report (for the Period to 31 March 2009) and Client Estimate (Year ending 2010) information (APPENDIX A) are submitted.

Members are asked to consider receiving the Woodland Management Report 2009 for Kingswood (prepared by UPM Tilhill) and to formally approve the Client Estimate for 2010.

Tree felling in Kingswood - INFORMATION

A Meeting has taken place on 5 November 2009 between Tilhill, Wycombe District Council and the Parish Council concerning the felling along the boundary with Gomm Wood (owned by Wycombe District Council), whereby Tilhill has agreed to correct any erroneous work in Gomm Wood with replanting where necessary.

Path Obstruction by trees – CONSIDERATION

A letter has been received from Matthew Saunders concerning logs being put across some of the paths in Kingswood. The letter is requesting that the procedures in Kingswood are reviewed and all logs removed from paths (APPENDIX B). The logs are not put there by Council staff, and the Council suspects that these logs are put in place by Members of the Public.

Members are asked to consider the request set out in this letter and advise accordingly.

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FENNELS WOOD

Fennels Wood Request for installation of six access gates – CONSIDERATION

Rob Hawker, the representative of the Fennel's Wood owner, has requested permission to erect six access gates along the boundaries of Fennels Wood to prevent unauthorised access.

Members are asked to consider this request and advise accordingly.

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COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Attached are:

- The Budget detailed report (APPENDIX C)
- Projected variance for 2009/10 (APPENDIX D)
- Budget analysis (APPENDIX E)
- Earmarked Reserve (APPENDIX F)

2009/10 Budget - INFORMATION

The projected expenditure for 2009/10 is £3,495 under budget. This variance is detailed on the projected variances spreadsheet and is largely due to donations for the Commemorative Trees on Tylers Green Common and the woodland management grant for Kingswood.

2010/11 Budget - CONSIDERATION

The proposed Budget figures for 2010/11 include

Benches and signs	1,000
Railway land tree surgery	1,000
Tylers Green Common management	2,000
	<u>4,000</u>

The Draft Council Budget shows expenditure £14,899 over the budgeted income for 2010/11 if there is a zero percent increase in Precept. Currently the exceptional items for this Committee are £4,000 and a total of £73,145 for all Committees.

The Committee is asked to examine the proposed Budget. The Finance & General Purposes Committee on 29 October 2009 recommended that all Committees consider reductions to their Budgets and to make a final Budget recommendation to the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting on 7 January 2010. The Finance & General Purposes Committee will then consider the Council Budget for 2010/11 and recommend a Precept to the 19 January 2010 Council Meeting.

As set out in the report, the proposed net expenditure for the Amenity Land Committee for 2010/11 is £34,215, i.e. a decrease of £4,990 from the 2009/10 budget.

Against this background, the Committee is asked to review the draft budget for 2010/11 and refer any recommendations or comments to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the 7 January 2010 meeting.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Approval of Accounts for Payment - CONSIDERATION

The Accounts for Payment are to be circulated at the meeting for the approval of Members.

Members are reminded to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in any items submitted for payment.

Members of the Press and Public are asked to be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of any Confidential Payments, such as payments to members of the Council Staff.

AGENDA ITEM 8

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DELEGATED ACTION

Delegated Action - INFORMATION

Since the last meeting of Amenity Land Committee the Clerk has authorised and processed the following permits:

- For South Bucks Hospice to hold a Santa Dash one mile race on 13 December 2009 on Tylers Green Common (24 08 09);
- Penn & Tylers Green Super Fun Run Organisation to erect a Christmas Tree on Tylers Green Common from 11 December 2009 to 2 January 2010 to hold Carols on Tylers Green Common (02 11 09); and
- Flackwell Heath Residents' Association to erect a Christmas Tree on School Green Flackwell Heath from 5 December 2009 to 5 January 2010 (03 11 09).