

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

AGENDA

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009

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

Committee Membership to be determined by Council on 12 May 2009

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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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H R O Jones
Clerk of the Council
7 May 2009

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TYLERS GREEN COMMON

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

Commemorative Trees Update – INFORMATION

Members are asked to note that the Opening Ceremony for the Tylers Green Commemorative Trees project will take place on Sunday 28 June 2009 at 2.00pm meeting on Tylers Green Common.

Widmer Pond: Fish 'Health Check'/Removal - INFORMATION

Following the removal of the Widmer Pond fish on 21 January 2009, Members are asked to note for information the results and findings of Thames Valley Aquatic Services by way of a letter dated 21 January 2009 (**APPENDIX A**).

Homeleigh: Access onto Tylers Green Common – CONSIDERATION

The Council has received a request for an access onto Tylers Green Common to be relocated (i.e. a new access created and an existing access blocked up).

Members are referred to the advice obtained from the Council's Solicitors (Benhams) of 27 March 2009 which also includes a letter from the Owner's solicitors of 20 March 2009 and an Ordinance Survey Plan of the site (**APPENDIX B**).

Members are asked to consider the request from the Owner of Homeleigh, Tylers Green Common for the Council to authorise a relocation of access on Tylers Green Common.

Request for Footpath on Tylers Green Common – CONSIDERATION

The Council has received a request for a new footpath to be created on Tylers Green Common, primarily for the benefit of children attending the First School, as set out in the letter and supporting documentation from the Head teacher and Chairman of Governors of 29 April 2009 (APPENDIX C).

Members are asked to consider the request from Tylers Green First School to create a new footpath on Tylers Green Common between St Margaret’s Parish Rooms and Tylers Green Village Hall.

Tylers Green Common Management Sub-Committee – CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to appoint representatives to sit on the Tylers Green Common Management Sub-Committee for the 2009/10 Council Year.

Anti-Social Behaviour on Tylers Green Common – CONSIDERATION

Members are already aware of the high volume of complaints that residents of Tylers Green Common have made about Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour on Tylers Green Common, especially during evenings at weekends and school holidays.

The Council continues to work in partnership with Thames Valley Police in reporting incidents and acting on information received. In this regard, credit must be given to PCSO Tony Mahood who has patrolled the Common on a frequent basis (including at the times cited as being problematic).

The continuance of the Council’s ongoing Management Programme also adds to the security of the site, especially where scrub is cut back (thus reducing the number of “hideaway areas”) and the gate on the car park has been secured.

Members are asked to consider options for continuing to improve the security of Tylers Green Common and any measures that could potentially reduce further incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour occurring.

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KINGSWOOD

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

Tilhill Management Plan and Client Estimate - CONSIDERATION

The Tilhill Management Plan (for the Period to 31 March 2009) and Client Estimate (Year ending 2010) information (**APPENDIX D**) has been previously submitted to the Committee Chairman and Council Representative on the Friends of Kingswood group. No comments have been received.

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

COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

Amenity Land Committee Site Visit - CONSIDERATION

Members are reminded that the Committee Site Visit is scheduled to take place on:

Tuesday 30 June 2009 commencing at 7.00 pm at Widmer Pond, Tylers Green

One request has been received by the Council to consider:

- The condition of the tracks off Rays Lane (especially in relation to potholes)

In addition, Members are asked to consider additional sites for inspection (including any matters arising elsewhere within this agenda), such as:

- The positioning of benches and bins on Tylers Green Common (in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour); and
- The Railway Land strip in Loudwater (in relation to the condition of the trees and the need to prevent encroachment).

Members are asked to agree a schedule of inspection for the Site Visit on 30 June 2009.

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COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Attached are:

- The Income and Expenditure Detailed report (**APPENDIX E**)
- Budget analysis 2009/10 (**APPENDIX F**)
- Ear marked reserves (**APPENDIX G**)

Committee items identified on the Budget Analysis for 2009/10 include:

Benches and signs	1,000
Kingswood benches	1,000
Tylers Green Tracks	1,000
Tylers Green Common management plan	1,000
Widmer pond area improvements	1,500

2009/10 Budget

The Budget as set at the Council meeting on 20 January 2009 is:

	2008/09	2009/10
Expenditure	47,044	41,342
Income	11,936	2,137
Net	35,108	39,205

When comparing the 2009/10 Budget to the 2008/09 Budget it can be seen there is a difference of £4,097. This is mainly due to the capital and exceptional items in each year's Budget.

Members are asked to note the contents of the reports.

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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.

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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 parking on Tylers Green Common (3 May – 4 May 2009) to Penn & Tylers Green Football Club (27/03/09);
- For signage on Tylers Green Common and at the edge of Kingswood (14 March – 6 April 2009) to High Wycombe Gang Show (13/03/09);
- For Scout Fayre on Tylers Green Common (30 August – 31 August 2009) to Penn & Tylers Green Scouts (06/04/09); and
- For signage on Tylers Green Common (27 May – 29 June 2009) to Penn & Tylers Green Village Show Committee (15/04/09);

Since the last meeting of Amenity Land Committee the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman have authorised and processed the following permits:

- For Deed of Grant for Vehicular Access on Tylers Green Common at Church View Church Road Tylers Green to Home Owners (05/03/09); and
- For repair to the gate at the car park near to Bowyers on Tylers Green Common (22/04/09).