

CHEPPING WYCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITY LAND COMMITTEE

AGENDA

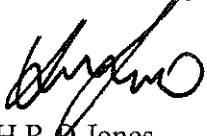
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009

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.
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H R Jones
Clerk of the Council
1 September 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.

Vandalism to Commemorative Trees – INFORMATION

Despite repeated attacks of criminal damage to the Commemorative Trees on Tylers Green Common, the Council continues to work with the Hazlemere Branch British Legion and Thames Valley Police in seeking to ensure that the Memorial is well maintained and as safe as possible from further attacks.

Recent initiatives have included the installation of an audible alarm on one of the metal cages surrounding one of the worst affected trees and the re-concreting of a cage that had been previously toppled over.

Thames Valley Police have been notified of each incident (providing a Crime Reference Number) and have responded to the most recent event by conducting a door to door investigation (to gather evidence). The tree in question (nearest to the interpretive board) was snapped in half and is therefore unsalvageable. One remaining “spare” tree will be used to replace it (currently stored in the Council Depot).

Whilst the Clerk has been notified that Hazlemere Branch British Legion may have additional funds to carry out further repairs, the Committee may wish to consider carefully the time and workforce resource that the Council is contributing to the repair and replacement of vandalised trees over the forthcoming year.

Vandalism to new Bin on Back Common – INFORMATION

As a result of unauthorised fires being set on the Back Common, one of the recently installed litter bins was damaged (but is to be repaired by Council Staff). The Council takes its responsibility to prevent unauthorised fires taking place very seriously and representatives of Thames Valley Police were notified about the incident in question.

Vandalism to Dog Bin on Back Common – INFORMATION

A Dog Bin on the Back Common has been vandalised beyond repair and requires replacing.

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COCK LANE RECYCLING CENTRE

Cock Lane Recycling Centre Improvements: Progress Report - INFORMATION

In the Summer of 2009, work to prepare the Cock Lane Recycling Site for the installation of the short Ascot fencing rail was completed (with use of a ride on digger). The fence is now scheduled to be erected before the end of September 2009.

It is anticipated that this improvement will prevent motorcycles from unlawfully entering the wood, reduce the volume of rubbish blown off site and generally improve the overall appearance of this much used facility.

Following discussions between the Clerk of the Council and representatives of the Waste and Cleansing Team at Wycombe District Council, it has been agreed that the District Council will meet half of the cost of this work.

Air Ambulance Request: Clothing Bank – CONSIDERATION

Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance has submitted a request to the Council to consider the possibility of allowing a clothing bank to be hosted at the Cock Lane recycling Centre site. The proposed facility is used to recycle clothes, shoes and textiles and measures 1.5m (W) x 1.26m (D) x 1.92m (H).

Wycombe District Council is responsible for the operation of the existing Recycling Centre. However, as the land owner, this Council's permission is required prior to the Air Ambulance installing any new bin on site.

Members are asked to consider the request from Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance to host a new clothing recycling bank at the Cock Lane Recycling Centre.

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COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

Amenity Land Committee Site Visit - INFORMATION

Following the Committee Site Visit on 30 June 2009 it was agreed that:

Tylers Green Common

- (i) those residents asking for repairs to be made to the tracks on Tylers Green Common at Bank Road and those off Rays Lane be notified that:
 - the Council had no planned Budget to undertake the requested work and was not bound to maintain the tracks for Vehicular use;
 - following inspection by Members, the Council felt that the condition of the tracks was not so poor as to warrant immediate attention; and
 - the Council would grant permission for interested residents to pay for the desired work to be undertaken (but at specifications to be approved first by the Council).
- (ii) in response to requests made by local residents, two (green earth anchor metal) litter bins be installed and maintained by Council Staff by each of the benches on the Back Common; and
- (iii) it be reaffirmed that the proposed trial removal of the benches on the Back Common be suspended (for reasons of practicality).

The Railway Conservation Land, Loudwater

- (i) the owner of 22 Bay Tree Close be notified of the Council's requirement for the spoil deposited on the Railway Land from his property to be removed and the land made good by no later than 1 October 2009 and that failure to do so would result in the Council undertaking the work at the cost of the resident in question – including labour/administration costs); and
- (ii) the earmarked reserve monies for tree reduction work at the Railway Land (£1,000) be utilised in the 2009/10 Council Year for the hire of Tree Surgeons to undertake work at a location designated by the Council Warden as most in need of attention.

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COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Attached are:

- The Budget Detailed Report (**APPENDIX A**)
- Projected variances from budget 2009/10 (**APPENDIX B**)
- Budget analysis 2010/11 (**APPENDIX C**)
- Earmarked Reserves sheet (**APPENDIX D**)

2009/10 Budget – CONSIDERATION

The projected net expenditure for 2009/10 is £2,303 under budget. The variances are set on the variance spreadsheet.

The Committee is asked to review the proposals under the capital and long term items in 09/10 to see if the costs will be realised and if so are they reasonable or will the sums be added to the ear marked reserve at year end.

2010/11 Budget – CONSIDERATION

The Budget figures for 2010/11 in the reports are initial proposals and the Committee's recommendations will be reported to the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGP), together with the other Committee budgets on 29 October 2009.

FGP will look at the overall Council position and consider the possible level of the Precept and may therefore make recommendations about the Committee's amended budget.

The procedure for setting the Committee's budget is as follows:

The Committee will be asked to re-examine the proposed budget at its meeting on 19 November 2009, taking into account any matters arising and FGP recommendations.

The Committee will then make a final budget recommendation to FGP in January 2010.

FGP will then consider the overall position and recommend a Precept to the January 2010 Council meeting.

The initial proposal for the 2010/11 budget includes the Recurring Long Term items for Amenity Land Committee but no notional Exceptional Votes.

**CAPITAL, EXCEPTIONAL
AND LONG TERM ITEMS**

	2009/10 budget	2010/11 initial proposal
Amenity Land		
Benches and signs	1,000	1,000
Railway land tree surgery	0	0
Kingswood benches	1,000	
Tylers Green Tracks	1,000	1,000
Tylers Green Common management plan	1,000	1,000
Widmer pond area improvements	1,500	
	5,500	3,000

The regular revenue items have not been inflated unless the actual figures for 2008/09 were higher than budgeted.

The figures for Kingswood are estimated as the Tilhill report is not due until November.

Against this background, the Committee is asked to review the Draft Budget for 2010/11 and refer any recommendations or comments to FGP for the 29 October 2009 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.

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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 Tylers Green First School Annual Country Dancing & Sports Day on Tylers Green Common (on 9 and 30 June 2009) (18/05/09); and
- For Ayres Fayre to take place on Tylers Green Common (under the same arrangements and with the same safeguards as the previous event) (on Standing Dates: 9, 10 and 14 September 2009 and Operating Dates: 11,12 and 13 September 2009) (06/08/09);