

REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 21st JULY 2009

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman: *Mrs M Jarrett

Councillors *N Eve
Mrs B Green
*Mrs A Hayward
*P Kemp
*R Kipps (ex officio)
*G Liley
*S Watkins
*Mrs J Worrall (ex officio)

*Denotes members present

Also in attendance Cllr Mrs Hampton and Cllr Green
There were two members of the public present.

09/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

09/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

09/16 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Committee

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting dated 2nd June 1 2009 be approved as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

09/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

09/09 Re-Introduction of Grazing onto Chorleywood Common The Clerk explained that as the consultation period for the re-introduction of grazing was continuing it had not be possible to advise the committee of the cost of the grazing scheme. Once the consultation period was over and the number of questionnaires received known, the cost of the scheme could be calculated. It was anticipated this information would be available at the next meeting

09/18 FINANCIAL COMPARISON STATEMENT 09/10

The Committee
RESOLVED
To note the report

ALLOTMENTS

09/19 OCCUPATION

The Committee
RESOLVED
To note the occupation of the allotments.

Cllr Mrs Worrall, advised that investigations were still ongoing to ascertain the possibility of acquiring Warings Field and associated land for an additional allotment sites.

COMMON AND GROVEWOOD

09/20 REPORT OF THE PARISH RANGER

Common The Clerk explained that due to the fact that the results of the questionnaire would not be known until early August it would not be possible for the cattle to graze the common until next year. Therefore a cut and lift would be organised for Larks Meadow and Common Gate Road this autumn. The funding for this would come out of the revenue budget within allocated funds.

The Parish Ranger advised that Village Day had been very successful this year and attendance was up considerably on the previous year. Concern was raised regarding rabbit holes on the common and it was agreed that members would inspect the fire ride prior to next year's event to look for potential trip hazards.

The Committee
RESOLVED
To note the report.

09/21 APPLICATION TO CARRY OUT A FITNRSS PROGRAMME ON THE COMMON

Members discussed the application to carry out a fitness programme on the common and agreed to the request subject to a number of conditions.

The Committee
RESOLVED

That permission be granted to carry out a fitness programme on the common on the following conditions:-

1. That a licence be granted for one session per week from 8am to 9am each Saturday and that this be reviewed in six months time.
2. That a fee of £500 (or £20.00 per session) be charged for the six months payable in advance.
3. That participants park their cars in the Christ Church car park only
4. That classes be limited to no more than 30 participants
5. That there is no storage of equipment on the common
6. That the activities are operated in the two areas highlighted on the map only unless directed by the Parish Council.
7. That the Council have copies of the Public Liability insurance and risk assessments

8. That permission is obtained from the Parish Council before any changes or alterations to the programme.

This was proposed by Cllr Eve, Seconded by Cllr Worrall and carried seven in favour and one abstention.

09/22 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT LICENCE FOR CHRISTCHURCH TO HOLD SPORTING ACTIVITIES ON THE COMMON

The Committee

RESOLVED

To accept the draft licence

That the Clerk issue the licence accordingly.

09/23 REQUEST FOR WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE GOLF COURSE

The Committee considered the report from the Countryside Management Service

The Committee

RESOLVED

That the recommendations from the CMS be approved

That the Golf Club be asked to contribute to 50 % of the costs

09/24 REPORT ON THE CHORLEYWOOD COMMON PONDS

Mike Warburg from Friends of the Common presented the report and took questions from members of the Open Spaces Committee. Cllr Jarrett, thanked Mr Warburg for his help and support, and looked forward to future reports.

The Committee

RESOLVED

That permission be given for further Friends of the Common working parties on the ponds, on the understanding that these were supervised by the Countryside Management Service with advanced notice.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Worrall, seconded by Cllr Eve and unanimously approved.

09/25 APPLICATION TO USE FERRETS ON THE COMMON

The Parish Ranger advised that at present there was not a significant population of rabbits on the common to warrant culling.

The Committee therefore

RESOLVED

Not to grant permission for Ferrets to be used on the Common.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Green, seconded by Cllr Watkins and unanimously approved.

09/26 APPLICATION TO PLACE GEOCACHE CONTAINERS ON CHORLEYWOOD COMMON

Members considered the application and the concept of Geocache. Members agreed with the principal on the guidelines set out by the Woodland Trust.

The Committee

RESOLVED

That permission be granted to place Geocache containers on Chorleywood Common following the guidelines set out by the Woodland Trust and that this be reviewed in one year.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Worrall, seconded by Cllr Watkins and carried seven in favour with one abstention.

09/27 TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FOR THE COMONS ACT 2006 WITHIN CHORLEYWOOD PARISH

Members considered the details within the report and

The Committee

RESOLVED

Not to register the Railway Field as part of the Common at this time

Not to object to the two applications to register land as village greens within the Parish.

This was proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Mrs Worrall and unanimously approved.

LAWN CEMETERY

09/28 OCCUPATION

The Committee

RESOLVED

To note the occupation of the Lawn Cemetery.

PARISH PATHS

09/29 Members considered the details within the report and identified that there was currently insufficient funds to carryout all the work required.

The Committee therefore

RESOLVED

To prioritise the workload dealing with the former Bucks paths first and then dealing with the paths in numerical order, on the understanding that a grant application would be made for the remaining paths from next years P3 budget.

This was proposed by Cllr Worrall, seconded by Cllr Liley and unanimously approved.

09/30 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting having commenced at 8.00 pm closed at 9.40 pm.

These minutes have been checked signed by the Chairman

Signed Date

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record at the Open Spaces meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Signed..... Date.....