

Chorleywood Parish Council: Full Council meeting -

Notes by GH (in attendance as a member of the public) of matters relevant to Chorleywood Common raised at the meeting on 7th February 2012

Play Area Advisory Committee: the Council received the Minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings on 20 December 2011 and 3 January 2012; no points were raised. *[Note: as mentioned previously, the Report of the Advisory Committee is to be discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Open Spaces Committee on Tuesday 21 February.]*

Cricket on the Common Advisory Committee: the Council also received the Minutes of a meeting on 17 January at which representatives of the Council and of the Cricket Club had held preliminary discussions about the replacement of the pavilion. Questions of size, design, security, use, lease terms and fundraising will have to be resolved; the Club is considering making a new pavilion available for hire for community use outside the cricket season. The Club were asked to talk to TRDC planners for guidance on what size, height, materials and design would be likely to be allowed, and to keep the Council informed. The start date for the new pavilion is apparently likely to be in 2014-15. *[So it seems nothing is likely to happen on the site in the immediate future, but “watch this space”.]*

Open Spaces Committee: the Council received the Minutes of the (long) Open Spaces Committee meeting on 17 January; in discussion –

- the suggestion of employing an apprentice Ranger *[see previous Notes]* was discussed and approved;
- in relation to grazing:
 - it was decided that queries raised by a member of the public as to the cost of the grazing project so far, and as to the procedure by which permanent fencing on the Common had been authorised, should be discussed in a private session of the Open Spaces Committee.
 - Cllr Mrs Worrall reported that she was making contact with members of the public who had expressed support for, and opposition to, the grazing project, for the purpose of inviting them to attend meetings with the Grazing Working Party to discuss the revised proposals; such meetings will be public and minuted, and the results reported to the next meeting of Open Spaces; the Council considered that anyone who had expressed a view on the project should be invited, whether or not a resident of the Parish. *[For the revised proposals for grazing, see previous Notes.]*
 - It is hoped that the “species survey” will be completed before the next grazing period (Autumn 2012), to provide a baseline for assessing the effect of grazing on the ecology of the area grazed; there are species now present

which were not recorded in the previous survey, in 1993, but it cannot be said for certain whether that is because of the grazing so far undertaken.

- The question of dog-fouling [*see previous Notes*] has been referred to TRDC, where a proposal is being prepared for consideration by the relevant Committee of that Council.

Memorial Hall electrical systems [*of general interest though not specifically relating to the Common*]: extensive work is required and quotations have been obtained. After discussion it was decided to accept one of the quotations, on the assumption however that additional work was likely to be found to be necessary, and that the total cost might be of the order of £6000. On a vote it was resolved, 8-5, to pay for the works from reserves, rather than increase the precept.

The Council's offices: South Lodge does not have enough space for all the staff and equipment. Changes to the way the Council operates will need to be considered; it was decided, as a trial of what may be possible, to hold the next Full Council meeting at Bullsland Hall.

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