

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 8 April 2014**

Matters arising from Minutes: there have been no developments since the last meeting regarding possible changes to Shepherds Bridge.

Report of Planning Committee meeting on 4 March. The meeting received the report. Cllr Mrs Worrall reported that there has been some progress towards investigating the cause of the flooding in Green Street: the County Council (as highway authority) has appointed consultants; the issue will be discussed at the CWPC Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday 15 April, and any comments will be forwarded. *[Not related to the Common, but of general interest.]*

Report of Open Spaces Committee meeting on 11 March. *[See also Notes of that meeting already circulated.]* The meeting received the report. The Clerk reported that the Golf Club had asked for a change in the timings, to fit better with the times when golfers started and finished their rounds: the request was that the machines should issue tickets from 11 a.m. and enforcement should be from 1 pm until 3 pm. The meeting considered that the times originally proposed had been agreed with the officers of the Golf Club, but after discussion it was agreed unanimously to accept the request to change the times if the Golf Club would pay the cost of re-programming the ticket machines and amending the notices. It would be necessary to make the changes at the Shepherds Bridge parking area as well as at the Memorial Hall.

Report of Village Halls Committee meeting on 18 March. The meeting received the report. In relation to the intended refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, the planning officers at TRDC have indicated that planning permission would be likely to be granted to extend the storage areas on either side of the main hall forwards as far as the line of the existing main frontage; and funds are available in the budget to do so. The extension on the right-hand side will only be possible if the Landscape Officers agreed to the tree coming down; it is a non-native softwood and may not have to be retained. The meeting accepted the Committee's recommendations to appoint a Surveyor to draw up specifications and prepare the planning application, and to invite tenders from builders.

Payments made. The Clerk explained that an item "Trousers for Andrew" referred to protective gear to be worn when using a chainsaw.

The new Ranger has been appointed and will start work on Monday 14 April.

The Community Plan. The Steering Group has met monthly since last December and is initially working on draft Terms of Reference (which will be available after the next meeting, fixed for Monday 14 April). The Council accepted the Steering Group's recommendation to confirm the Group's delegated authority to continue work on creating a Community Plan, and agreed to a request for £150 to fund the creation and a year's

maintenance of a web page attached to the CWPC website, to which other community groups will be able to link. The Steering Group has no authority to spend Parish Council money; work is in progress to apply for grant funding in connection with the compilation, printing and distribution of a questionnaire and analysis of the responses. Other community groups which are not represented on the Steering Group, such as the Youth Council and U3A, will be invited to contribute to the process. The questionnaire is not likely to be ready until, at earliest, October (after the summer holiday).

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