

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 1 December 2015

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The Chairman and officers had had a meeting with the Golf Club to discuss the Club's proposals for managing the golf course; the Clerk confirmed that the Rangers found the Club's proposals acceptable, and Open Spaces Committee had agreed to them.

Committee reports: Open Spaces, 22 September. The meeting received the report; the Clerk confirmed that she was to attend a meeting arranged by TRDC for officers of all the parishes in the District to coordinate plans for dealing with incursions by "Travellers", including an arrangement for the parishes to use the same solicitor for this purpose.

Play Area Advisory, 15 October. The meeting received the Minutes, [*Agenda papers pages 8-11,*] which include a fairly full record of discussions as well as decisions. Cllr Edwards confirmed that the Chorleywood parish councillors were concerned with facilities for the whole parish (though Cllr Trevett was recorded in the Minutes as saying that TRDC 'were interested in the Chorleywood Wards, and not the Chorleywood Parish as a whole').

Cricket Club Advisory, 2 November. The meeting received the Minutes, [*Agenda papers pages 12-14,*] and it was confirmed that although the Committee had formulated provisions which were likely to be included in a lease of the new Pavilion to the Club for 99 years, the proposal would have to come to Full Council for actual decision when the Club was in a position to proceed (there has not yet been a planning application). Cllr Worrall commented that if the Club were to go out of business, it should not be entitled to sell the residue of a long lease to a third party.

Play Area Advisory, 3 November. The meeting received the Minutes, [*Agenda papers pages 15-20,*] also recording discussions as well as decisions. Cllr Green, Chair of the Advisory Committee, explained that she had considered that asking the Rangers for a further report on proposed sites would have unnecessarily delayed what were already lengthy proceedings, and that she had asked the officers at TRDC for clarification of what the District considered to be the priority for play facilities in the parish; Cllr Watkins stated and Cllr Edwards confirmed that the terms of reference of the Advisory Committee include the whole of Chorleywood.

Open Spaces, 10 November. The meeting received the Minutes, [*Agenda papers pag-*

es 26-31,] and discussed the priorities for the Four Year Vision, concluding that the first priority was the security of the Common and the second was the surface of the parking areas, with the other identified projects ranking equally and to be pursued as opportunity arose. The Clerk reported that she had been able to sell the wood (including brash) stacked at the top of Larks Meadow for £500, for biomass energy generation, which would help with the cost of further tree work; it was intended that some of the timber from the next batch of felling would be used for signage on the Common. Cllr Worrall suggested that the Council should thank Open Spaces Committee for rejecting London Underground's proposals for Shepherds Bridge.

Community Plan. Cllr White explained that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council had been arranged for Tuesday 8 December to present and discuss the Steering Committee's draft Plan, prepared from the results of the Questionnaire.

Play Area Open Meeting. The intention is to have a public meeting in the New Year to inform residents of the Advisory Committee's proposals and hear residents' views, to be followed (on a later date) by an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to decide on a response to TRDC's request to consider the provision of further play facilities. After a lengthy and detailed discussion of the format and timing of the Open Meeting, it was decided (i) to ask an independent person to take the chair; (ii) to include a presentation from the Advisory Committee on the process which has so far been followed; and (iii) to ask the representatives of TRDC, the Police and the Countryside Management Service who have provided expert reports to the Advisory Committee to attend the Open Meeting and respond to points made. The date provisionally suggested for the Open Meeting is 19 January; if the experts are able to attend on that date, Cllr Green will attempt after Christmas to prepare the Advisory Committee's presentation (Cllrs Dickens and White offering their help). But it may be necessary to extend this timetable.

GH.