

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 19 April 2016**

Agenda at <http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk/pdf/agendas/CWPC-Full-Council-Agenda-2016-04-19.pdf>

Supporting papers at <http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk/pdf/agendas/CWPC-Full-Council-Agenda-Committee-Reports-2016-04-19.pdf>

Public Forum: *GH* on behalf of FoCC expressed support for the objectives of TRDC's Public Spaces Protection Order [*see below*], and hoped that if the District Council had confirmed that the Order was not open to technical challenge, the Parish Council would adopt it.

Mrs Pearson said that she understood the British Horse Society was waiting for legal advice as to the status of the horse track; and that the picture of a trampled orchid on the Parish Council's website [*at <http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk/pdf/Press-Release-Damage-Caused-to-Rare-Orchids-on-Chorleywood-Common-8thMar16.pdf> , page 2,*] showed the print of a cow's and not a horse's hoof.

Mr Mann drew attention to the extensive proposals for development in and near Chorleywood, including the suggested large residential development at Little Chalfont; he deprecated Cllr Trevett's position on both TRDC and CWPC and his encouragement of developments; and asked Councillors to protect the Common from development.

Mrs Lantree, as the new Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan subcommittee, explained that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan would make use of the Community Plan survey results, but will also see for support and comments from the community; it is important to get the Neighbourhood Plan right. [*See further below.*]

Chairman's announcements: Mr Burford, of the archery club in Rickmansworth, had requested permission to hold a 'have a go' archery event for Christ Church School on the Common on 23rd May; details have been given of the area that would be needed; lightweight bows would be used under one-to-one supervision; and insurance would be in place. The meeting voted unanimously to give permission, subject to insurance and a risk assessment and clearance with the Cricket Club.

The Council's 'car boot sales' at the Memorial Hall had raised £1,370.

The 'Clean for the Queen' event on 5th March had been very successful; Christ Church School had held its own event the previous Thursday, 3rd.

The Public Forum about the Play Area proposals had also been held.

As from 31 March Cllr Edwards had become an 'independent'; this did not affect his position on the Council.

Community Plan (and Neighbourhood Plan): Cllr White and Mrs Lantree explained that the Community Plan document would be completed and circulated to residents in the fairly near future. Following on from that, a group from the Community Plan team, headed by Mrs Lantree and also including Mrs Worrall, Mr Watkins and Mr Hunt, will work on the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. That is more technical than the Community Plan; it relates specifically to planning issues and has to follow the procedure prescribed by the Localism Act, which leads eventually to a public vote on whether to adopt a proposed Neighbourhood Plan. Some funding and other support is available from central government and from TRDC.

Clerk's Report: 'Clean for the Queen' was extremely successful: over 100 volunteers took part and collected over 107 bags of rubbish (from the Common and other parts of the parish. Beating the Bounds of the Common had been arranged for Sunday 1 May; Cllr Dickens suggested that this should be given publicity. *[Note: the event was well supported, had good weather, and was a great success; participants' thanks go to the Cansdales for arranging refreshments afterwards at the Junction.]*

Committee reports:

The Council noted the Minutes of the Open Meeting of 23 February 2016 on the Play Area proposals *[at pages 23-32 of <http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk/pdf/agendas/CWPC-Full-Council-Agenda-Committee-Reports-2016-04-19.pdf>].* Cllr Dickens commented that the officers had done a good job of running and recording that meeting.

The Council unanimously adopted the recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 8 March to adopt the TRDC Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the Common, Grovewood and the Allotments: in particular, that requires persons in control of dogs to pick up after them; to put and keep them on leads if directed by an 'authorised officer'; and not to walk more than four dogs at a time. *[Note: the Order as made, and published on the TRDC website, meets the technical concerns which GH had expressed in relation to the version in the Open Spaces Committee Agenda papers.]* It was reported that the Clerk and the Rangers had been trained to act as 'authorised officers'.

The Council also adopted the recommendations of the Planning Committee meeting on 12 April to authorise the use of £3,031 from reserves to cover the cost of printing and distributing the Community Plan, and to approve the terms of reference of the Neighbourhood Plan group.

GH
(with apologies for delay)