

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 28 June 2016**

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Cllr White in the chair

Chairman's announcements:

- it was reported that former Councillor Max Green had recently died, aged 95; he had been a member of the Parish Council for 12 years. The meeting observed a minute's silence in his memory.
- Play Area: the Chairman noted the somewhat surprising fact that TRDC Leisure, etc, Committee had on its agenda for its meeting on 29 June a recommendation (1) to reject the siting of a Play Area on the Chorleywood House Estate and (2) to consider either formally applying for planning permission to site a Play Area on the Common or using some of the play area money to refurbish the Swillett play area. Cllr Edwards asked the meeting to approve the gist of his proposed representations to the Leisure Committee meeting, to the effect that these recommendations disregarded the Parish Council's decision and were disrespectful; the meeting approved Cllr Edwards' intended statement: nine in favour, none against, one abstention. *[Note: on 29 June, TRDC's Leisure Committee, on the Chair's casting vote after a tied vote on party political lines, decided (1) to reject the Parish Council's suggestion to site a Play Area on the Chorleywood House Estate, and (2) to obtain an Officers' report on factors, including costs, affecting applications for planning permission and for Planning Inspectorate consent (under Commons Act 2006 s 38) for a Play Area on the Common, at site 15 or site 13.]*
- A requisition had been received for an election to fill the three vacancies on the Council caused by recent resignations; it will take place on Thursday 14 July.
- Village Day was fixed for Saturday 9 July: the decision had been taken to go ahead and take the risk of the ground being wet.

Clerk's report:

- 'Junior Rangers': a group of Councillors and Officers had had a meeting with representatives of Friends of Chorleywood Common to discuss a proposal for a 'Junior Rangers' scheme, intended to interest children in the Common, to be run in conjunction by the Parish Rangers and the Friends and to be launched at Village Day. Cllr

Edwards commented that it had been a good meeting and the project appeared worthwhile.

- A ‘Scarecrow competition’ is to be organised by Chorleywood Magazine; the Council will co-operate. The Clerk commented that following the wet growing season, the cut-and-lift on the Common will provide plenty of hay for making scarecrows.
- Grazing: six cows came for the Spring grazing period, but unfortunately they were young animals, without an acknowledged leader, and not fully trained to avoid the electric shocks delivered by the ‘virtual fence’ if they approached it too closely. They got out and had to be confined in the Railway Field before being sent home. Efforts will be made to obtain better trained cows for the autumn grazing.
- The ‘dog control’ Public Spaces Protection Order, made by TRDC, will begin to operate on the common and the Council’s other land on 1 July.

Community and Neighbourhood Plans: the Community Plan document is in very nearly its final form and will be distributed to the community when it is ready. The working party are making good progress on the Neighbourhood Plan; the meeting approved in principle the next stage, which is taking it to TRDC for review and subsequent submission to the community in a local referendum. Further funding may be needed: the working party are investigating the possibility of sponsorship and grants. If a Neighbourhood Plan is approved, the Parish’s share of Community Infrastructure Levy will be increased from 15% to 25%.

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