

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 13 December 2016

Agenda at <http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk/pdf/agendas/CWPC-Full-Council-Agenda-2016-12-13.pdf>

Supporting papers at <http://www.chorleywood-pc.gov.uk/pdf/agendas/CWPC-Full-Council-Agenda-Committee-Reports-2016-12-13.pdf>

[Bye-election: following the resignation of Cllr Dickens, Cedars Ward, and a request by 10 residents of that ward for an election, a bye-election will take place on 12 January 2017; it will be contested by candidates for the Green and Liberal Democrat parties.]

Matters arising from Minutes of meeting on 18 October 2016: arrangements for dealing with incursions by ‘travellers’ - the deposit of £100 with the solicitors has not yet been made, pending decisions by other Parishes whether to participate (which may affect the amount to be deposited by the Parishes which do take part).

Assistant Ranger: there have been several applications for the new post of Assistant Ranger, which are being reviewed (under arrangements with CWPC) by Watford Human Resources Department; applicants will be interviewed in Chorleywood by a panel of councillors and the Clerk, and will also meet the Rangers and be asked to undertake some practical tasks as part of the assessment procedure.

Village Day and Commons Day: the Council *accepted* (nem con, with one abstention,) the recommendation of Open Spaces Committee to hold one summer event only and include the best elements of Commons Day in Village Day. The budget for the event will include a further £2,500 (the full amount may not be needed) for the ‘birds of prey’ display and other ‘country crafts’ exhibitors who will require payment to attend. It is proposed to repeat the ‘cake off’, and to include tug-of-war competitions, possibly including events for school teams. *[See Notes of Open Spaces meeting, 22 November.]*

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Watkins reported that the Working Group have recently had a meeting with officers at Three Rivers, who have provided guidance on what the Plan should include. Considerable further work is needed to complete the Plan, which will then have to be put out to public consultation, agreed with Three Rivers and submitted to the Parish electorate in a local referendum - that, it seems, may now be timed to coincide with the Local Government elections in May 2018. *[Note: when the Plan is in force, it will become part of the planning policy regulating the way the Three Rivers local plan is applied in Chorleywood, and the Parish Council will receive 25% rather than 15% of the Community Infrastructure Levy raised from developments within the parish.]*

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