

# Open Spaces Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/15 and 10/09/15 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.  
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/15

		2015/2016	Actual Net	Balance
<b>Open Spaces</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
20	Allotment Rents	£3,650.00	£3,693.75	£43.75
21	Grants	£5,800.00	£0.00	£-5,800.00
22	Interment Charges	£33,660.00	£9,076.00	£-24,584.00
23	Memorial Plaques	£28,650.00	£9,888.00	£-18,762.00
24	Miscellaneous	£250.00	£10,175.72	£9,925.72
26	Trade Concessions	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
27	Wayleaves/Easements	£50.00	£3,350.00	£3,300.00
28	Allotments Keys	£25.00	£0.00	£-25.00
29	Parish Paths Grant	£2,000.00	£0.00	£-2,000.00
30	Common Lettings	£1,750.00	£3,090.90	£1,340.90
31	Memorial Benches	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
32	Admin Fees	£50.00	£0.00	£-50.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£75,885.00</b>	<b>£39,274.37</b>	<b>£-36,610.63</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
200	Salaries	£65,500.00	£26,063.40	£39,436.60
201	Income Tax & NI	£22,500.00	£8,880.21	£13,619.79
202	Superannuation	£24,500.00	£10,873.66	£13,626.34
203	Travelling Expenses	£1,550.00	£403.65	£1,146.35
204	Cemetery Rates	£975.00	£324.00	£651.00
205	Allotment Services	£1,500.00	£254.45	£1,245.55
206	Allotment Maintenance	£1,225.00	£310.00	£915.00
207	Cemetery Maintenance	£1,225.00	£0.00	£1,225.00
208	Cemetery Services	£55.00	£28.26	£26.74
209	Christchurch Cemetery	£4,200.00	£1,098.00	£3,102.00
210	Contribution to Funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
211	Dog Bin Maintenance	£3,775.00	£1,241.20	£2,533.80
212	Equipment & Tools	£1,020.00	£0.00	£1,020.00
213	Seats	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
214	Grass Cutting/Grazing	£6,120.00	£1,419.45	£4,700.55
215	Skip Hire	£1,635.00	£280.00	£1,355.00
216	Tree Surgery & Inspection Reports	£5,100.00	£200.00	£4,900.00
217	Ground Maintenance	£5,100.00	£190.14	£4,909.86
218	Grovewood & Tree Inspection	£1,530.00	£0.00	£1,530.00
219	Legal fees	£2,000.00	£1,323.50	£676.50
220	Maintenance of Horse track	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
221	Memorial Plaques	£16,700.00	£5,096.20	£11,603.80
222	Miscellaneous	£1,500.00	£953.38	£546.62
223	Refurbishment of Plaques	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
224	Refuse Collection	£875.00	£784.95	£90.05
225	Mobile Telephone	£400.00	£150.00	£250.00
226	Vehicle Maintenance	£5,350.00	£2,175.29	£3,174.71
227	Litter Bins	£1,000.00	£828.00	£172.00
228	Chiltern AONB	£1,900.00	£974.00	£926.00
229	Health & Safety	£2,000.00	£152.80	£1,847.20
230	Parish Paths	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
231	Allotment Competition	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00
232	Parking Meters	£1,580.00	£1,279.50	£300.50
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£182,165.00</b>	<b>£65,284.04</b>	<b>£116,880.96</b>

**CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Agenda Item 6**

**Date: TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Subject: OPEN SPACES OFFICERS REPORT**

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**Committee Member:**

**Officer Contributors:** Andrew Goddard Parish Ranger, Claire James Deputy Clerk

**Status (public or exempt):** Public

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:**

**Contact for further information:** Parish Rangers, Deputy Clerk

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. **Travellers** – to consider whether further measures need to be taken, including the installation of a height restriction barrier at Christchurch, beyond the extra measures taken, to deter further incursions of travellers onto the Common. ***(See Para 5.5 Common – General – last paragraph)***
2. **PONDS:** To consider whether quotes are now sought based on tth revised specification following consultation for the clearing of the Top Common South Pond. ***(see Para 5.5 Common – Ponds – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph)***
3. **PONDS:** To consider whether CMS are engaged to consult on the proposed location for the new pond adjacent to Darvells Pond. ***(See para 5.5 Common – Ponds – last paragraph)***
4. **Allotments:** To consider whether the Fly tipping at Copmans Week is addressed and cleared and a robust high fence put up in conjunction with TRDC (who own the land adjacent to the Allotment site) to prevent further fly tipping from taking place. ***(See Para 5.6 Allotments – penultimate paragraph)***
5. **Allotments:** To consider at what date, if any, the allotment rental be reduced for new allotment holders taking on a plot over halfway through the year and if so, by how much the rental should be reduced. ***(See 5.6 Allotments – last paragraph)***

**2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

2.1 None Specific

**3. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 None Specific

## **4. LEGAL ISSUES**

### 4.1 None Specific

## **5.BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **5.1 Cemetery**

Grass cutting, weeding of beds and topping of graves with mole hill soil continues and some plots have been seeded. One mole has been caught but it is likely that others will move in to replace it. The rose bed at the end of Section B has been cleared ready for planting this Autumn.

Some of the Memorial Plaques have been lifted, the ground levelled and the plaques re-laid and levelled.

The two unoccupied sections of the cemetery which were left uncut over the Summer to attract the wildlife have now been cut and cutting of the hedge around the Cemetery has been started.

The process for letting out the holders for potted plants over the winter months (November to February) is being established.

### **5.2 Christ Church Cemetery**

A date for the works to the wall at Christchurch to commence is awaited. A meeting is being arranged with the Church to discuss the process for laying down of the memorials that failed the stress testing. It is hoped that the meeting will take place in the next few weeks.

### **5.3 Village Halls**

Grass and hedge cutting at the War Memorial and Hollybush Halls took place prior to the building works. However with the current building works no further activity has been possible. A tidy up will take place once work is completed.

### **5.4 Grovewood**

Litter picking has been taking place regularly.

### **5.5 Common**

#### **General:**

Anti-Social behaviour, evidenced by the rubbish that the Rangers come across in their regular litter picking has continued, although the weather plays a part in the volume of evidence found. These instances continue to be reported to the PCSO's who have advised that they are regularly patrolling these areas. It is mainly, although not exclusively, the parking areas that are the worst for this. Evidence of the Lorry permissive parking area being used inappropriately by vehicles was recently seen, this is more regularly seen at Christchurch car park.

Grass cutting has taken place of the less flower rich verges. Cut and lift and regular mowing has been and continues to take place in amenity areas around the Common. The fire ride area has had the cuttings removed to try to benefit the Tormentil present in these areas.

The contractor has completed the annual cut and lift and has removed 58 bales of hay. The bales have been removed this year due to the repeated incursions of travellers experienced this year. It was felt to be unwise to leave the barrier to the Lorry Permissive parking area open which would have been necessary for people to remove the hay from this area. Cut and lift by the Ranger has started and is ongoing. Areas to be set aside for overwintering invertebrates will be opposite the Kennels and the area east of Cherry Tree Cottages. Strips may be cut through the latter area to prevent decline in the ground flora. Prior to the cut and lift, Ragwort was pulled by the Common Ranger with the exception of plants being used by Cinnabar moth caterpillars and also some of the plants in the grazing areas as the cattle will graze around it. It is a very beneficial plant for Cinnabar moths as they rely on it in their larval stage and it is also a good plant

for pollinating insects. The track from Cherry Tree to Artichoke Heights has been cut. The cutting back of the woodland paths has been completed.

The Common Ranger met with Contractors for London Underground with respect to tree works on the railway embankment from the Station car park to Shepherds Bridge. Due to the nature of the bank, vehicular access was required from the Common. The Ranger cut and lifted access ways to prevent them crushing all the grass in that area. Following the completion of the works it is likely that some coppicing works will be required by the Rangers.

Travellers have entered the Common on three occasions so far this year. Whilst the points used to access the Common have had measures taken to prevent further incursions, it is worth considering whether anything else can be done to deter such events. It should be noted that anything viewed to permanently impede pedestrian access may require Section 38 permission. Consideration could be made to the installation of a height restriction barrier at Christchurch to prevent access from large vehicles at this point. **(Recommendation 1)**

### **Grazing:**

The cattle returned to the Common on the 25<sup>th</sup> August to graze the whole of the Larks Meadow area and the May bushes. Initially three returned who were joined by a further two a few days later bringing the total to 5 for this grazing period. They are making good progress across the area, encouraged towards specific areas by the selective cutting and lifting of areas within the enclosure. Cutting and lifting has to take place to remove woody material that the numbers of cattle we have will not graze sufficiently when areas of more appealing fodder exist. Also we are preventing undesirable species of plants setting seed and Tor grass from swamping ground flora and reducing bio diversity. The lower chalk slope has been cut and lifted for similar reasons and also to benefit the Bee Orchids which are a winter green species i.e. they are growing in the autumn and Winter.

After a request at the annual Allotment holders meeting last year, at Dog Kennel Lane Allotments a post was fitted next to the gate at the top of the allotments to form a squeeze to deter cattle from accessing the allotments if anything fails with the fencing. Unfortunately a water pipe was pierced during the process which was repaired by the Ranger.

It should be noted that just prior to the cattle returning, the wire of the fencing was pulled up on a couple of occasions and had to be reburied. So far there has been no reoccurrence of this whilst the cattle have been present. The Rangers check the cattle and fencing daily.

### **Plants:**

A Pyramidal orchid has been found on the verge by the driveway to the Paddocks. It is the first time one has been spotted in this area and the furthest away from Larks Meadow yet seen. This could be due to the verges being maintained at a narrower width than in previous years using the new ride on mower.

Progress is being seen on this year's Heather scrapes with some seedlings apparent. Many of last year's scrapes had heather flower showing this year. However some of the mature heather plants were damaged, possibly beyond regeneration, when the Travellers were present on the Common Road side of the Common during the summer. Some of the degenerate plants have died back as would be expected, it is hoped that new seedlings will emerge where these were present. Overall the size of the area where heather occurs is increasing which is working towards meeting the Stewardship aims. Brambles and saplings have been removed from around the Heather, and the grass has been cut and lifted to allow for the best possible chances of natural succession.

Eyebright, an annual species mentioned in the historical records for the Common has been found this month in the Larks Meadow grazing area. There are many species and hybrids of this and the specific species is unknown at present. Some of the species are endangered, vulnerable and near threatened according to the 2014 Red Data list and all are quite rare. It is hoped that we may be able to get someone to identify it on a species level but there are very few experts on this particular species across the country. Whatever it turns out to be however, it is good news to see that it is still to be found on the Common. Fortunately it was found in the grazing area, had it been elsewhere it is likely that it

would have been cut and lifted and a lot less seed produced. It relies on setting seed on an annual basis and is therefore quite vulnerable. The Environmental Records Centre will be advised of the presence so that it might be recorded.

#### **Wildlife:**

Wasp spiders have again been recorded on the Common in two locations away from the original location they were found in last year. Again it is pleasing to see them in other locations as this indicates that their future on the Common is a little more secure.

A number of birds of prey have been following the Ranger and tractor during cutting and lifting, taking advantage of any small animals exposed by this activity. These have included a Kestrel, a buzzard and a pair of red kites along with a large number of Corvids (members of the crow family).

A slow worm was seen on the grass below the Station Approach which will again be reported to the Environmental Records Centre for recording. Further sightings were made at Copmans Wick Allotments.

A grass snake has once again been spotted in the Cemetery.

No Glow worms were noted this year as part of the Glow worm surveys undertaken. However this does not mean they are not present, just that they were not recorded on the three occasions the surveys were undertaken. This is not uncommon for this species. However, reports of Glow worms in some of the gardens on Whitelands Avenue were received. This is on the Railway embankment side so it is hoped that they are therefore present on the Common.

#### **Butterflies:**

We are now up to twenty-six recorded species of butterflies and day flying moths on the Common to date, it is unlikely that this will increase further this year. It is noted that there are 52 species of butterflies classed as UK natives.

#### **Ponds:**

The water levels in the ponds have risen slightly due to the inclement weather experienced towards the end of the Summer. The deeper ponds have good numbers of newt larvae present, with the exception of Darvells Pond. It is particularly pleasing to see an abundance of newt larvae in Christchurch pond despite the presence of fish highlighted earlier in the year. There does however seem to be a decline of invertebrates in this pond. Some of the duckweed has been cleared from Christchurch pond, however with so many newt larvae present, it was felt that clearing the remainder of the duckweed would cause more harm than good. If the opportunity arises a further attempt to clear the duckweed may be made.

The Ranger has been in discussion regarding the clearing of the Top Common South Pond. A process has been established that would enable maintenance work to be carried out on the pond without incurring damage to the newts. Therefore if the Council agrees, quotes can now be sought with the specification amended to take account of the revised process. **(Recommendation 2)**

Contact was been made with the Open Spaces Society with respect to the recreation of the second pond at Darvells. They are happy that the creation of a pond in this location would not affect access; however they did express concern over the mature Oak tree nearby. Therefore it is hoped that CMS can be engaged to advise not only on the tree but whether the whole plan is viable. **(Recommendation 3)**

#### **Education:**

The Common Ranger accompanied the Friends of the Common on their wildflower and butterfly walk. The weather was good and the event was well attended with several new faces present. As usual it is believed that most enjoyed themselves.

The Chorleywood and Loudwater Children's Centre were taken on a bugs and butterflies walk. This was when one of the wasp spider locations was found. Considering the weather, it was a good turnout mainly on the bug front rather than the butterflies.

A planned walk with U3A was cancelled by them due to the heavy rain on the day, it is understood that they would like to reschedule this. A Friends of the Common Butterfly survey was also cancelled that day due to the weather.

The Ranger ran a pond dipping and bug hunting session with the Chorleywood Beavers. 36 beavers, their leaders and some parents attending and everyone enjoyed themselves whilst learning a lot about the ponds, their inhabitants and surrounding habitats. Plenty of newt larvae were caught from the ponds and two newts were found under logs a little distance away.

## **5.6 Allotments**

Empty plots at all the allotments have been strimmed by the Rangers to provide new tenants with a less daunting task on taking these up.

The top gates at Copmans Wick have been damaged and have now been repaired.

General mowing has also taken place at all three sites.

Ragwort has been cleared (pulled) on one of the empty plots at The Swillett Allotment site.

Fly tipping at Copmans Wick is becoming a big issue and needs to be addressed in conjunction with TRDC who own the land next to the site. **(Recommendation 4)**

New Allotment holders take on plots throughout the year. Guidance is sought on whether there should be a date at which the allotment rental is reduced for a tenant picking up a plot after the growing season has finished although preparation of the plot for the next season can take place, and if so, by how much the rental should be reduced. **(Recommendation 5)**

## **5.7 Office**

Grass cutting and weeding of the bed outside the office has taken place around the office on a number of occasions.

A letter has been received from the Rural Payments Agency stating that they have decided to write off the alleged overpayment of Stewardship money.

## **5.8 Parish Paths**

Strimming and trimming has been taking place on the parish paths as required.

## **5.9 Equipment**

- The usual maintenance of the vehicles and machinery has taken place.

**Date: TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Subject: FOUR YEAR VISION**

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**Committee Member:**

**Officer Contributors:** Clerk

**Status (public or exempt):** Public

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:**

**Contact for further information:** Clerk

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 Members are asked to agree items for this Committee as part of the Four Year Vision.

## **2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

### **2.1 Policy & Resources 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### **1. Four Year Vision**

Cllr Jane White noted the comments that the Four Year Vision was fluid and items could be added at any time and therefore felt that each committee should proceed with their visions. Anything coming out of the Community Plan could be added to the relevant committee at a later date.

Before discussing the items for the P&R Committee members asked for an update on the Nature Trail. The Clerk confirmed that no work had been carried out since her return to work on this topic, however she had spoken to an officer from the Chilterns Conservation Board who said she may be able to help to progress the project with perhaps a further application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Clerk emphasised that this project was about education about the Common and not about play.

The Committee

##### **RESOLVED to Recommend to Open Spaces**

That they allow officers to pursue the Nature Trail with the help of the officer from the Chilterns Conservation Board (if available) and that the cost of engaging the officer is taken from the Stewardship grant given to increase education on the Common.

This was proposed by Cllr Jane White, seconded by Cllr Steve Watkins and unanimously approved.

2.2 The following was agreed as part of the Four Year Vision for the period up to 2015

Item	Detail	Resource required (PC Staff/Councillors/External)	Anticipated Cost
Establish a 10 year calendar of surveys	Surveys to be undertaken on the Common	Consultation required with CMS – type and frequency of surveys needed (Clerk to action) A number of surveys have taken place, grassland, birds, reptiles and annual flower surveys by the Rangers. All catalogued.	
Investigation of a leisure trail	An informal nature trail on the Common –	To establish a nature trail on Chorleywood Common with educational resources on the website. Seek funding opportunities through Grant Funding and CIL	
Allotment water harvesting & storing	Facilitating the harvesting and storing of water at the allotment sites	Understand costs with Affinity water  If nothing available directly through water companies, other avenues being investigated.	

### 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 None specific at present.

### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None specific

### 5. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Part of the funding from the grant given annually as part of the Stewardship Agreement is for the Council to educate people about our Common. The Nature Trail would be a perfect resource to facilitate new and interesting ideas.

5.2 Help would be required for any applications for grant funding and also would be appreciated in the setup of the trail. The Committee may wish to consider using some of the grant funding towards employing a temporary officer with the relevant experience to help move this project forward.

### 6. LEGAL ISSUES

6.1 None specific

### 7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

7.1 Listed above are the priorities for the previously agreed Four Year Vision for this committee. Members will now need to decide if they wish to continue to pursue all or any of the above.

7.2 For staff PDR's to be meaningful – the council should be setting targets, or key objectives/tasks which can be measured and achievable.

7.3 Members need to be mindful that this document will be fluid, and can be added to or projects put on hold depending on priorities. Therefore anything coming out of the Community Plan could be added at a later stage and should not hold up the current process.

7.4 Other items Members may wish to consider or that have been discussed in recent agendas include

- ❖ Signage on the Common
- ❖ Copmans Wick Allotment Site – clearance of tipping and security of the site.

**CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Agenda Item 11**

**Date: TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Subject: REQUEST FOR A GOLF BUGGY ON CHORLEYWOOD COMMON**

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**Committee Member:**

**Officer Contributors:** Clerk

**Status (public or exempt):** Public

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:** Letter from Chorleywood Golf Club, Letter from Applicant

**Contact for further information:** Clerk

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 That the Committee consider the request for the use of a golf buggy on Chorleywood Common
- 1.2 That Members agree 1.1 they set a criteria for future applications

**2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

**2.1 Open Spaces 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**13/49 REQUEST TO USE A GOLF CART ON THE COMMON**

Cllr Mrs Jarrett advised that permission had been granted in the past, but with conditions that it was for the applicant only and that permission did not set a precedent for the future,

The Council

RESOLVED

That permission be granted for a golf cart on the common to the applicant as a one off permission.

This was proposed from the Chairman and unanimously agreed.

**3. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None Specific

**4. LEGAL ISSUES**

#### 4.1 The Common Byelaws

3 (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle on the Common or bring or cause to be brought onto the Common a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except on any part of the Common where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.

(3) This byelaw shall not extend to invalid carriages.

#### 5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 5.1 A request has been made from a member of Chorleywood Golf Club for the use of a golf buggy on Chorleywood Common. The byelaw relating to wheeled vehicles is listed in item 4 above.
- 5.2 The applicant has a doctor's certificate confirming that he is unable to walk more than nine holes which is approximately 2.5 miles. Without help the applicant is unable to enter Club competitions, nor play for the Club in competitions, prohibiting his enjoyment of the game and full membership of the club.
- 5.3 The applicant is requesting the Council allow him use of a small single seater golf buggy for personal use.
- 5.4 Members are aware of the implications with regard to the Byelaws and should consider these when deciding how to move forward.
- 5.5 Should Members wish to grant the application under 'express permission' they may wish to set criteria for the future.

**CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

**OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Agenda Item 12.**

**Date: TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Subject: SIGNAGE FOR THE COMMON**

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**Committee Member:** Cllrs Barbara Dickens and Alison Preedy

**Officer Contributors:** Clerk

**Status (public or exempt):** Public

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:** Map showing locations of current signage  
List of conditions of signage

**Contact for further information:** Clerk

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 That the Committee consider the contents of the report and decide on a way forward.
- 1.2 That Members consider seeking the advice from the British Horse Society on the type of signage required and the current route of the permissive track.

**2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

2.1

**3. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There is a budget of £500 for maintenance of the Permissive Horse Track, however this may need to be revised depending on the type and number of the signs recommended.
- 3.2 Members will need to decide if the signage is carried out over two financial year or if additional funds should either be vied from another budget head or taken from Reserves

**4. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 4.1 There have been an number of articles regarding the use of the permissive horse track. There appears, on occasion that there are conflicts between horse riders, cyclists and dog walkers. Better signage should help the horse riders, who have no choice but to use the horse track, and advise users of their presence.
- 4.2 Byelaws relating to this subject are listed below
  - 3 (1) No person shall, without reasonable excuse, ride or drive a cycle, motor cycle, motor vehicle or any other mechanically propelled vehicle on the Common or bring or cause to be brought onto the Common a motor cycle, motor vehicle, trailer or any other mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a cycle), except on any part of the Common where there is a right of way for that class of vehicle.  
Byelaw 17

(1) No person shall on the Common intentionally or negligently ride a horse to the danger of any other person using the Common.

(2) Where any part of the Common has, by notices places in conspicuous positions on the Common, been set apart by the Council as an area where horse-riding is permitted, no person shall, without the consent of the Council, ride a horse on any other part of the Common.

4.3 There are a number of restrictions within the Byelaws that currently not publicised on the Common.

4.4 The Council is aware of conflicts between users and better any signage could incorporate information such as keeping dogs under control in these areas and no cycling.

## **5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

5.1 Cllrs have inspected the signage around the horse track and attached in appendix 1 of this report is a schedule of condition and map showing the location of each sign.

5.2 The signs have been in situ for at least 18 years and most are in a poor state of repair.

5.3 There have been reports in the past of conflict between users of the horse track, between dog walkers and riders. Better signage may help alleviate some of these problems.

5.4 It has been suggested that to ensure the signage and route of the Permissive Horse Track are suitable the Committee consider contacting the British Horse Society for advice.

**Date: TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Subject: REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR TABLES OUTSIDE THE OLD SHEPHERD PUBLIC HOUSE.**

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**Committee Member:**

**Officer Contributors:** Clerk

**Status (public or exempt):** Public

**Wards affected:** All

**Enclosures:**

**Contact for further information:** Clerk

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 That the Committee consider the request from the Landlord of the Old Shepherd Public House for the siting of benches outside the pub.

**2. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

2.1 None specific

**3. LEGAL ISSUES**

3.1 The Parish Council own the

**4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

4.1 About five years ago the Council wrote to the Landlord of the Old Shepherd public house asking him to remove benches from the outside of the pub. This was due to complaints from residents and the police of antisocial behaviour.

4.2 The current landlord, has over the past four years worked hard to transform the pub.

“I have worked hard to drive it from a pub full of undesirables to the quaint traditional pub Chorleywood deserves and this is testament to the direction they wish to take”.

4.3 The Landlord has asked permission to place three small benches on the hardstanding directly in front of the building. To avoid complaint from residents, he will not permit drinks to be taken out to the front past 9pm.

4.4 The reasoning is because during the day this area is a sun trap and also so that users can enjoy the Common.

4.5 The pub now operates an over 21 policy which he feels should alleviate concerns that the Councillors may have regarding antisocial behaviour and has agreed that should any issues arise the benches would be removed immediately.

4.6 Members should be aware that permission has been given for benches outside the Black Horse Public house.