

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
To be held on Thursday 9 November 2023 at Poplar Dene, Cart Lane, Chilbolton; 18:30
A G E N D A P A C K

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Approval of Minutes – Thursday 13 September 2023
4. Matters Arising
5. [Update report from COSC Chairman](#)
6. To take questions and/or discuss and decide on any proposals within the monthly update reports as follows: -
 - A) Finance – Clerk
 - i. [Finance transactions since last COSC meeting](#)
 - ii. Discuss and decide on 2024/25 budget for CPC approval (*A very draft budget was circulated to COSC members as a starting point for discussions*)
 - iii. To discuss and decide on the registering of interest for the RPA Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)
 - iv. To discuss the RPA change from BPS to Delinked payments
 - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour – NOTHING TO REPORT
 - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc.
 - I. [Update on Fishing Rights](#)
 - II. To discuss and decide on whether to stipulate a number of cattle to be grazed on the Common at any one time
 - III. [To discuss and decide on Agreement for Common residents parking](#)
 - IV. To discuss and decide on criteria for allowing Common gate code to be released to blue badge holders
 - D) [Machinery Maintenance](#)
 - E) [Parish Paths](#) – Cllr Griffiths
 - F) Village Greens - To discuss and decide on proposal to CPC re Cutting of Stock Green Policy
 - G) War Memorial Playing Fields – N. Horne to inc.
 - I. Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower proposal update – NOTHING TO REPORT
 - H) Discuss and Decide on proposal to CPC re enclosing the WMPF to be able to apply for an 'Enclosed Sports Area' under the TVBC Public Spaces Protection Order
 - I) [West Down](#)
7. [Correspondence](#)
8. Questions from Public
9. Any Other Business – For information only
10. Items for the next agenda
11. Date of the next meeting – Scheduled date is Thursday 14 December 2023 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

5 Update report from COSC Chairman

1. There was no meeting of COSC last month as only 3 persons could attend , including myself.

2. Moya Grove will report on issues concerning the common.

3.Fishing Rights: we have received the latest draft deed. TE and myself will consult a solicitor before responding. At first glance it looks fine.

4.Machine Maintenance: one brush cutter is currently being repaired as drive shaft broke. Emma working it too hard! Cost about £160.

5. West Down: as I think everyone is aware we are short of volunteers. The operator of The Beast has a full time job and is no longer available. Currently, there is no-one else as I have a bad back. There is only Emma Noble to operate a brush cutter. The rest use loppers which is slow going.

I have asked Rob West, who currently cuts the area outside the enclosed area, if he will cut as much as he can in the enclosed area as well. He has agreed to do so. The approximate cost is £350. This will leave the less accessible areas for us to clear. Hampshire Conservation Volunteers are coming on 10/02/24. I can't remember how much they charge but it is not much and they do a good job. I have also been in touch with HCC as they have a group of volunteers who may well assist us. Will all this I think we have a decent chance of clearing sufficient ground in the enclosed area but at a cost.

6.WMPF: the new play tower has been installed and looks great. Hopefully inspection by TVBC will be OK. We need to agree an opening ceremony.

7. Footpaths: The Mark Way is in a very bad state and is virtually impassable. I have been pressing HCC to clear it for months. They told me it would be cleared weeks ago but then decided that something else was more important. They now say they will cut if hard back during this winter. We have no option but to accept this but it is not good enough.

I have asked the lengths man to clear the bit of the Mark Way that runs from the Little Drove Path to the entrance to West Down plus the Whitelands Path this month.

Mandy has written to the residents of Tuxford House asking them to clear the Grindstone Green Path. While passable the side growth needs trimming back.

Three fingers have been added to the signs indicating the three paths from the village street that lead to the common.

The marker post opposite the Coronation tree will be replaced as it is too short. I obtained a new post from HCC free of charge. This will indicate both the Test Way and Cow Common. Andy Bond has agreed to erect it in the next few weeks.

Other matters outstanding are: the cutting of Stocks Green; residents parking on the common; making the WMPF an "enclosed sports area" and blue badge parking on the common need to be discussed by COSC at the next meeting.

David Griffiths 30/10/23

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6A COSC Finance report – November '23

Receipts since last report – Savings account interest £11.12 (£5 for Batty acc and £6.12 for WMPF Capital Acc)

Payments since last report –

EXPENDITURE	to	Common	WD	WMPF Capital	Batty Acc	Community Projects	WMPF - Running Costs	Allotments	Greens	Footpaths & Tree Man	Machinery Costs	Misc	VAT	TOTAL
19.9.23	Your Parking Signs (Cow Common Parking) additional payment for channel fixing	38.70											7.74	46.44
4.9.23	D Griffiths (AB reimbursements - Common, Village Greens, WMPF adventure tower + salt licks and fuel)	3006.83	12.00			324.00			467.10		16.00		8.00	3833.93
25.9.23	A Bond (Common Signs, WMPF gate, WD install post)	329.50	60.50				339.00							729.00
3.10.23	Grass and Grounds (18 & 29 august)						270.00						54.00	324.00
6.10.23	A Denyer reimbursement for no horse riding discs	11.11	11.10										4.44	26.65
4.10.23	ProMow Landscaping (Frog Lane and Joys Lane ditch clearing)								198.00	396.00				594.00
16.10.23	Hampshire Conservation Volunteers (Abbots Stream)	48.00												48.00
31.10.23	The Acorn workshop (2x finger posts ' Cow Common' and 'Test Way' for Coronation Green crossing)	175.00											35.00	210.00
	Grass and Grounds (15 + 29 Sept)						270.00						54.00	324.00

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6C Common Report for October/November meeting

Notices

No news re WRT info notice

Access.

Regarding the horse gate: HCC have agreed to pay most of the cost of supplying a gate the same as already installed on the far side. The current gate will be removed and replaced with this gate to satisfy the horse riders. Andy Bond has agreed the proposed changes with them. Unsure how much the gate will cost as Emma is looking into this. She intends to apply for a grant to cover the balance of the cost of the gate and the cost of installation.

Public Spaces Protection order No decision. CPC to follow through.

Educational Access

Evaluation sheets submitted to Clerk

Cows

Likely to be removed mid November MG to clarify with Adam Coutts

Jasper tells me that since we put down salt licks the cows have done less damage but still some damage is occurring. He wants to speak to Adam Coutts .

Visitors.

No issues, weather very changeable and wet

Management

No activity this month DG and MG surveying boundary needs. We need to schedule scrub clearance from boundary as per the management plan **Decide date and personnel.**

Autumn cut to be wb. 6th November Rob West of Vespers Conservation. MG to meet him to select areas to be cut.

Autumn Stream Clearance

Very successful effort on the part of Sparsholt College, Hampshire Conservation Volunteers and a family from the village working with Emma Noble

Residents parking on the Common

DG has drafted a letter for Mandy to send the residents of the common re parking on the common. SWalsh asked for time to consult and respond, nothing received at this time.

[Note from Clerk: 3 of the 4 properties have responded to say that they are willing to enter an agreement. SWalsh commented that properties may need, on occasion, permissive permission for more than 2 vehicles such as when contractors are working on their properties]

Moya 30 10. 2023

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7 Correspondence since last COSC meeting –

10/9/23 - Complaint re common parking (21023_2). Further response and reply (21023_2a)

12/9/23 - HCC explanation re cutting of the Mark Way (21023_4)

19/9/23 - slow Ways walking network invitation (21023_6)

28/9/23 – Hedgehog Highway Project (21023_16)

12/10/23 - HCC re Letters for Parish and Town Councils regarding overgrown vegetation and ditch clearance (61123_6)

20/10/23 - River Test Pollution (61123_11)

31/10/23 - RPA re Delinked Payments Information Statements are coming soon (61123_18) – to be discussed under Finance 6Avi

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