

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2024
COMMENCING AT 18:30 at CHILBOLTON VILLAGE HALL
A G E N D A P A C K**

1. APOLOGIES
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON [8 JANUARY 2024](#)
4. [MATTERS ARISING](#) (Not covered within monthly routine reports)
5. TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ANY PROPOSALS WITHIN THE MONTHLY ROUTINE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS: -
 - A. [Finance Report](#) – Mandy Denyer – to inc.
 - i. approval of accounts for payment
 - ii. [SSE contract renewal](#) and DD approval (if agreed)
 - B. Flood Advisory Group – Cllr Marits
 - i. [Monthly report](#)
 - ii. [Minutes of the meeting held on 29/8/23](#)
 - iii. [Southern Water IRP and generic IRP appendix \(see correspondence\)](#)
 - iv. [Proposed draft letter to Southern Water CEO](#)
 - v. To discuss Southern Water overpumping on the Common
 - vi. [To discuss and decide on whether to join Houghton River Pollution working group](#)
 - C. [Highways](#) – Cllr Cockram
 - i. To discuss speed and village gateway signage
 - D. Open Spaces Committee (COSC)– Cllr Griffiths to inc.
 - i. [COSC meeting minutes](#) inc. [Tree works estimates](#)
 - ii. Fishing rights update (Cllr Ewer)
 - iii. To discuss and decide on Agreement for Common residents parking
 - iv. [To discuss and decide on enclosing the WMPF](#) to be able to apply for an ‘Enclosed Sports Area’ under the TVBC Public Spaces Protection Order
 - v. [To discuss and decide on Stop Chilbolton Overdevelopment groups](#) (SCO) concerns re Status of Improvised Track from West Down concrete road to Test Valley Farm (TVF)
 - vi. Common car parking signs update
 - vii. Adventure Tower update and decision on final payment
 - E. [Planning Committee](#) – Cllr Larcombe
 - F. [Village Hall](#) – Cllr Cockram
 - G. Community Fundraising update – Cllr Hall
 - i. [To include update on Solar Farm](#)
 - ii. Open Gardens event update
 - H. Strategy Working Group update – Cllr Ewer
6. HCC and TVBC Councillor report – Cllr Drew
7. Policy Reviews: [Delegation Scheme](#)

8. [CORRESPONDENCE](#)
9. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC – (3 mins. per person)
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information ONLY
11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
12. Date of next scheduled meeting – Monday 4 March 2024; 18:30, Chilbolton Village Hall

4. Matters Arising –

COSC –

A member of the public made a call to the police at the weekend to report antisocial behaviour, only to be told that the Andover Police Station is closed at weekend. DD advised contacting Police Commissioner Donna Jones and Caroline Nokes MP. TE has contacted Donna Jones but has had no acknowledgement. **Action: TE**

TE to talk to DVLA to see if car owner details can be given to CPC of those vehicles that park inappropriately so that CPC may write to the owners warning that if they are caught parking inconsiderately again they may be fined. **Action: TE**

There is a dead ash trees that have fallen on the Common boundary fence. TE to ask Freelands if they can remove these trees. DG to check with RN this week. **Action: DG/Ongoing**

RPA grants - TE has asked K Bradley if she is able look into the RPA grants. KB unable to assist at this time. **Action: Complete**

JH has agreed to take the lead on this matter, with assistance from MG and DG.

Flooding on Common – COSC to contact Wessex River Trust. ([See correspondence](#)) **Action: Complete**

DG to arrange with Vesper Conservation to carry out works to clear the open area at the top of the slope on WD. Cllrs agreed and set a limit of £1700 for these works (i.e 1 weeks work for 2 men using brushcutters). **Action: DG**

Planning/SL and TE –

Request for TPOs to be placed on trees at Winston, Village Street not granted – Response from TVBC ([6223 2](#)). CPC to challenge this decision. SL email to TVBC ([6323 11](#)). SL to chase. **Action: SL/Ongoing**

TE and SL to introduce CPC to the residents of Valley Field Park in early spring 2024. **Action: TE/SL**

Highways/ GC–

GM informed that the HCC are giving away speed signs. GC to investigate. This applied to East Hampshire. But GC to investigate if any are left that may be available for Chilbolton. No response as yet. **Action: GC**

First Aid course – Still no response from R Mawer. **Action: MD**

Finance –

2024/25 precept application – MD has sent the application to TVBC. **Action: Complete**

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5A. Finance report

S106 Funds as at November '23 – (TVBC s106 [Explanation of categories](#)): -

Available (spreadsheet) -	Outstanding (to be paid prior to occupation) (Spreadsheet) -
Children's Play Space = £ 1771.90	Children's Play Space = £ 1220.10
Informal Recreation = £121.43	Informal Recreation = £ 2628.99
Formal Recreation = £ 4531.61	Formal Recreation = £ 2865.53
TOTAL available for CPC = £ 6424.94	TOTAL outstanding for CPC = £ 6714.62

NB from TVBC: The amounts shown on the outstanding list are not guaranteed payments; this is because of a variety of reasons such as the permission not being implemented or the amounts being superseded by a later application or agreement.

Unfortunately TVBC don't have the resource to investigate each contribution across the borough but if you as the Parish feel that the amounts shown on the outstanding list should have been paid please do let TVBC know and they can get it investigated.

Payments necessary since 4 December 2023-

NO Online payments were made

DD payments – SSE (WMPF Running costs – Pavilion electric) £3.82 NB: credit now used up (yet to be taken.

February '24 payments for approval –

A Denyer (Salary, Exps, Postage, Reimbursement WMPF misc and stationery/paper) £28.08

Business Stream – WD water - £37.69

Current Account Receipts – Receipts since last report –

L Wild wayleave (Abbots Leigh) £10 chq

HMRC 3rd quarter VAT reclaim - £611.88

2023/24 Accounts -

Bank Reconciliation as at 23/11/23 attached [here](#)

Current acc Receipts, Batty and WMPF acc's spreadsheet attached [here](#)

1st Quarters Payments spreadsheet attached [here](#)

2nd Quarters Payments spreadsheet attached [here](#)

3rd Quarters Payments spreadsheet attached [here](#)

4th Quarters Payments spreadsheet attached [here](#)

SSE Contract renewal invite ([2524_20](#))

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5B. Flood Advisory Group report – Cllr Marits

A further report has been issued by the Environment Agency outlining that river and ground water levels in Hampshire are the highest ever, since records began back in 1800's

Groundwater levels are now so high, on certain parts of the Common, ground water can be seen bubbling up from springs.

Southern water have now had approval from the Environment Agency to start the Infiltration Reduction Plan. Parish Councils have no say in the decision making process of these matters. The FAG whilst not happy with this decision, accept it as a necessary protection for the village as a whole.

A copy of the plan has already been circulated to both members of the P.C. and those members of the public who have requested it. It is available on the Southern Water Website, under Hampshire Infiltration Reduction Plans. It is expected that operations, now the equipment is in place, will begin on 25/01/24.

The Plan involves the use of in effect 4 filters. One on the hose extracting the water from the manhole opposite the pub. This sits in the manhole above the sewage discharge pipe, so it only picks up water. The filter is there to ensure that no solids get through. A single tank holding two sediment filters and finally a sac filter on the discharge end.

This action is aimed at protecting customers facilities, and preventing flooding and uncontrolled pollution. Southern Water will be monitoring this closely with water quality monitoring Sondes with live data and a weekly laboratory sampling regime, the results of which will be shared directly with the Environment Agency.

Highways have jetted the culvert under the road, now the ditch water level by the pub has dropped dramatically. We have checked the outflow of this ditch repeatedly and it is running into the Abbotts stream at a good rate.

I have put another request in to Highways to jet Frog lane weir drain, as our rodding is detecting some leave debris/silt build up.

We have checked, as per the Wessex River Trust report, our downstream boundary and removed the large limb of a tree that had fallen into the main channel, along with debris clinging to the fence. This was especially difficult as it was difficult to wade through water not knowing what was under foot nor to distinguish between river and bank. Often up to our waists to carry out this work. It was noted on our inspection that the attached limb of a Willow is resting on the common side of the bank and now in the water, but was not holding back flow.

There is a further attachment of a letter the FAG would advise the PC to send to Southern water, outlining our observations and requests.

We urge anyone else thinking of complaining to Southern Water to do the same.

Send a letter to the CEO of Southern Water

M G Marits

FAG minutes of meeting held on [29/08/23](#)
Southern Water IRP ([Sept 2021 Version 2.2](#)) and [generic IRP appendix](#)

FAG DRAFT proposed letter to Southern Water CEO

Mr. Lawrence Gosden
Chief Executive
Southern Water

Dear Mr. Gosden

I am writing to advise you regarding a matter which I believe you would wish to know about. This is of the utmost importance to this village and in need of urgent consideration.

It concerns the Southern Water pump-house and pipework in Chilbolton. The Pump-house is immediately adjacent to the Abbot's Mitre public house in the middle of the village. The pump-house is unfortunately sited very close to a natural spring. The combination of the recent torrential, persistent rainfall has led to the water table rising to an unprecedented level, and the spring bursting, flooding the pump-house. Southern Water responded very quickly, for which we are most grateful, and we have now had tankers in the village on a 24/7 basis since well before Christmas. The water table levels required to permit Southern Water to implement their Infiltration Reduction Plans were reached in October but have only recently been agreed by Southern Water and we are currently waiting for the necessary equipment to arrive to permit implementation to begin.

We are well aware of the scale of the current flooding issue in Hampshire, and the challenge this must present to Southern Water. We are also well aware of the plight of other villages in the area, and are not seeking to prioritise Chilbolton. We do, however, feel that when you are discussing the remedial needs of the Chilbolton pump-house and associated pipes in a budgetary framework you should do so in the clear understanding that it is currently dealing with sewage from both Chilbolton and Wherwell. Both villages have seen considerable building development over the last 25 years and the existing pump-house and pipework is clearly no longer 'fit for purpose'. We sympathise with your financial constraints but when your financial experts come to evaluate the cost of tankering they will in all probability be led to the conclusion that the time has come to look at the need either for new pipe and a pump-house, to meet the combined needs of the two villages, or a reconfiguring of the Wherwell pipeline, with its own pump-house, to enable the Wherwell sewage to be treated independently.

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5Bvi. Discussion and decision on whether to join the Houghton River Pollution working group –

The Houghton River Pollution Working Group would like to invite you to this first meeting, at Houghton Village Hall on Tuesday 27 February at 7pm.

Following recent sewage discharges into the River Test and concerns raised by a number of our parishioners, Houghton PC have set up a working group to see what can be done to find out more about the extent of the problem concerning pollution of the river, to see if we can monitor it and be alerted to further spillages, and to give our parishioners and other interested parishes and groups a voice to lobby to prevent further pollution.

Houghton Parish Council has authorised the working group to contact other Parish and Town Councils along the River Test with a view to setting up a pan-parish group where we can share information and ideas and, where those parishes agree to do so, to lobby the relevant bodies and organisations as a group to prevent further pollution of the river.

We believe that, although landowners and those with fishing rights are among those most immediately affected by the condition of the water in our river, the ecosystem and the impact that pollution has on all manner of insect and other wildlife should be a concern for everyone as well as those who have children or dogs who might play in stretches of the river.

We do hope that you and your fellow parish councillors will be interested in working with us on this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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5C. Highways report –

Last October there was an article on the BBC website that twenty speed cameras were being offered to community groups across East Hampshire in a bid to put the brakes on dangerous drivers. The district council had set aside funding to pay for cameras as part of the Speedwatch project.

The response from my enquiry with Hampshire Traffic Management was as follows:

"A programme was funded by East Hampshire District Council for several speedwatch cameras, for local communities in East Hampshire to record number plates, vehicle speeds, times of high traffic and other related data which may then be passed on to the police to see if there is a pattern of traffic issues in certain areas. Hampshire County Council speedwatch policy has not changed and there are no planned changes to the scheme operated for HCC to supply cameras at this time."

G Cockram

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5Di. COSC DRAFT minutes of the meeting held on 11/01/24

PRESENT: Cllr David Griffith (DG), Chair; Moya Grove (MG), Trish Heaton (TH), Julian Hudson (JH)

1. Apologies: Cllr Rick Franke (RF), Nick Horne (NH), Terry Gilmore (TG)
2. Declaration of Interests: Nil.
3. Approval of Minutes – Thursday 14 December 2023: amendments were made to the draft minutes:
 - NH should be added to the apologies.
 - TH has suggested an addition to the last para under H) about the discussion of West Down grazing: ‘The arrangement for the grazing on Test Valley Farm is a private agreement between the grazier and the owner of Test Valley Farm.’
 - MG commented that she did not comment on the name of Delinked Payments - delete ‘MG confirmed that’ at the start of para C) III

These amended minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising: discussed under the items below.
5. Finance. The clerk has circulated the monthly update (11124 3). There were no queries on the finance statement.
6. Allotments. Prior to the meeting TG circulated his report on allotment rental charges (11124 1).

Wherwell and Andover charge the same for equivalent square metre, but Wherwell includes water supply while Andover charges for this separately. Chilbolton has no permanent water supply. Our current charges equate to approximately 40p/square metre. Andover proposes increasing their rental by 10% next year and a similar increase would result in an additional £27 income for CPC. TG recommends not increasing the Chilbolton rental above that of Wherwell considering the lack of water supply. COSC agreed with this.

COSC recommend to CPC: no increase for the coming year.
7. The Common. MG had provided an updated report (11124 2a).
 - I. Fishing rights draft. DG reported that the solicitors for the CPC had altered the draft document but the Church Solicitors had found it unnecessarily complex. Tony Ewer had sent the Church Solicitors comments to our solicitors who have yet to reply.
 - II. Delinked payments. Chairman of CPC has made enquiries with a former Cllr to investigate this on behalf of CPC and a response is awaited. In view of the lack of reply, DG and MG will take up the matter with Savills; MG agreed to arrange the meeting. JH volunteered to attend the meeting also.
 - III. DG had walked the Common with Rick Nightingale (RN) to view the ash trees on the far side. RN commented that the tree leaning on the fence was a big job and would need to be undertaken by professional tree surgeons. However, this would be expensive and he judged that the fence appeared to be intact and the tree prevented the cattle from escaping. He recommended that the branches across the footpath should be trimmed and would provide a quote for the work. The work would need to be done before the end of February. The other trees in the tree survey had been checked and RN would report back to COSC/CPC.
 - IV. Flood hazard at The Old Cottage. The ditch and culvert close to the cottage had been cleared but this would make no difference to the risk because of the high level of the river and water table. MG commented in her report that she had never previously known the cottage to be flooded. River levels are at their highest since the Flood Advisory Group began recording in 2013. It was possible that the river may be constricted below the Common - this should be taken up with the landowners downstream.
 - V. Corrections to CPC minutes - flooding. MG had contacted Mike Blackmore of the Wessex River Trust about the work undertaken on the river, seeking his advice on whether this had any unexpected consequences and, if so, how these might be addressed. His response of 9th January is included in MG’s updated Common Report. Essentially, it is the amount of water this winter that has affected the catchment area and is therefore extremely unlikely that the works on the Common would have caused the flooding. COSC therefore recommends that the CPC statement in the minutes that the work ‘has had an unexpected consequence’ should be amended. Mike Blackmore has volunteered to visit to see the problem and his email has been forwarded to Cllr

George Marits who may be arranging a meeting. MG's report also includes an email from SW Water about groundwater levels.

- VI. Warden. To be reviewed in the spring
- VII. Educational Access. One visit planned so far for 16th January
- VIII. Grazing. MG will speak to the grazier about 2024 grazing.
- IX. Sleeper Bridge. DG reported that another sleeper may need adding to this bridge once conditions permit.
- X. Parking on the gravel frontage to the houses on the Common was considered, but this is a matter for CPC.

D) Machinery Maintenance: Nothing to report

E) Parish Paths: DG had contacted HCC about filling the gully on the Whitelands path. The tree blocking the bridleway entrance to the Common had been cleared. The Mark Way remains uncut; DG agreed to chase up HCC.

F) Village Greens: Nothing to report

G) War Memorial Playing Fields

Trees. DH would be walking the playing field with RN on 15th January to assess what needs attention following the tree survey. The tree across the fence needed action and has now been cleared by Rick Nightingale free of charge. Thanks are due to Rick.

Enclosing the field. DG confirmed that TVBC Animal Welfare Officer has advised that if the playing field was enclosed the Public Spaces Protection Order would apply. Nevertheless, enforcement would be an issue; CPC would need to decide whether to proceed with the fencing. He also recommended that the children's play area be fenced off to exclude dogs.

Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower: TH advised that the Delivery Group (DG) had been in touch with the safety inspector to clarify his advice. Based on that, the DG proposed entering into conversation with Caledonia Play over issues of safety and, predominantly, longevity of aspects of the installation. The DG was firm that the split Timber supporting the tunnel should be replaced and the scramble net should be reversed - both longevity issues. Regarding the unevenness of the rubber matting, we need to obtain written assurance from Caledonia Play that the matting provides protection for the potential fall heights. In addition, and potentially rather more problematic, we need to negotiate to see what Caledonia Play is prepared to do to level the matting once the weather permits such work. Some of these conversations may be difficult, so TH asked for support from COSC, which was agreed. In addition, CPC should be aware of the current situation in the event that difficulty is encountered.

H) West Down:

Trees. DG would also be walking around West Down with RN on Monday to assess the tree situation. MG commented on the proposal to place markers around the oak tree in Station Road Wood and move the path around it. After discussion on the responsibility for the ash trees, MG agreed to speak to Glynne Evans about the boundary along the Mark Way adjacent to the recycling centre.

6. Correspondence: There was no correspondence relating to COSC since the last meeting.

7. Questions from Public: Not applicable

8. Any Other Business: JH agreed to pursue the proposal for paintings on the junction boxes.

9. Items for the next agenda: Nil

10. Date of the next meeting – Scheduled date is Thursday 8 February 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

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Tree Work estimates: -

[\(One document with hyperlinks to Bawden 2022 tree survey, GE tree warden report June '22 and RN estimates\)](#)

West Down ([map of trees](#))-

[Chilbolton Parish Council](#)

[ProMow Landscapes Ltd - Further assessment - Spring 2024](#)

[West Down Revised estimates.](#)

[22nd Jan 2024](#)

Based on Bawden Tree Surveys and GCE comments of June 2022.

Where no comment made it can be assumed that RJN is in agreement with GCE comments.

General comment being that since the survey was done there have been numerous storms with subsequent changes in tree damage and health etc etc. Assessment therefore reflects current situation as at January 2024.

Ref GCE comments of June 2022 page 9 - items listed as 'tree missing from report' - some of these are now attended to as below after the DG/RJN walkround.

West Down

Band of trees running T11 to T09 via T06 etc.

There are a number of hung-up limbs, dead trees with lean over path and so on, not necessarily reflected in survey report. Any items deemed to be at risk to RoW or areas of general public access to be dealt with.

**Further trees and limbs added subsequent to site visit DG/RJN
Mainly Silver Birch and White Poplar**

Path adjacent to tree marked G10.

No works to G10 per se but there is one snapped tree directly over the path - requires immediate attention.

Number of other small low limbs to attend to.

T15

Tree now dead and could be felled to fall away from the road, then cut to be safe and left on the ground, close to TW.

Some storm damage to clear to be safe in area of T12.

Path that runs behind houses on Station Rd.

One tree growing in footpath to rear of Pine Cottage, requires some dead wood and low limbs clearing.

One tree growing on field boundary to rear The Hollies, needs some dead wood and low limbs clearing.

T22

Agree with GCE that a 40% crown reduction is drastic given the woodland situation of the tree - were it in a more open public area then this would be the route forward.

There is some dead wood directly over the public path as well as one hung-up limb that should be removed, to reduce risk over RoW.

Path leading South East from recycling centre

Various sized trees to fell as viewed on site, all leaning over the RoW and/or in poor health, ivy to be ringed as required.

For the above estimate cost = £1,325.00

All timber to be left on site, stacked for wildlife habitats, no burning allowed for.

Within the above there is an element of aerial works required.

Common, WMPF, Allotments and Village Pond Green: -

(Map of trees: [Common](#) [WMPF](#) [Allotments](#) [Village Pond Green](#))

Chilbolton Parish Council ProMow Landscapes Ltd - Further assessment - Spring 2024

Based on Bawden Tree Surveys and GCE comments of June 2022.

Where no comment made it can be assumed that RJN is in agreement with GCE comments.

Cow Common

T71 Remove lower limbs heavily covered in ivy where overhanging car park - H&S risk.

T72 & T73 Trees now dead - fell to ground level.

T49 & T50 Remove lower level limbs where presenting risk to pedestrians.

T54 Fell to ground level - can only be done when water levels are low.

North side of Purleygigg bridge - remove lower level limbs from fallen and low willow to remove risk to pedestrians. (To incl similar on south west side of fencing to private garden).

T64 Fell small number of dead/dying Elder around base of T64, no works to T64 itself.

T66 - G22 General area of a number of fallen trees - clear away from fence line where required to enable checking of fence line.

Remove and stack upper sections of fallen trees to remove risk of injury at head height to pedestrians.

War Memorial Playing Field

T27 & T28 Fell as detailed - stack timber on site.

T29 Remove lower limbs to reduce risk to playing field users at and below head height.

T34 to T41 All works as listed and agreed by GCE

T43 Remove one main lower limb going towards pavilion and lower dead/dying limbs above container. *Assess further need for climbing survey and/or attendance with cherry picker to reach higher dead wood. Care needed not to unbalance this mature tree. To be further assessed*

Test Way - section behind Pavilion on Common side of fence.

Tidy and remove bramble, hawthorn, random lower limbs etc to keep Test Way clear and free of head height and below injury.

Allotments

T74 Clearance around wires
Raise lower limbs as deemed necessary on site

Pond Green

T76 - T85 All as listed less T83

T83 *This will need a specialist contractor due to proximity to overhead lines - I will see if I can source as such.*

For the above estimate cost = £840.00

All timber to be left on site, stacked for wildlife habitats.

Items in Italics still to be costed

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5Dv. Stop Chilbolton Overdevelopment groups (SCO) concerns re Status of Improvised Track from West Down concrete road to Test Valley Farm (TVF)

Status of Improvised Track from West Down concrete road to TVF

SCO continues to be concerned about the status of this track which was created by COSC in November 2020 to facilitate the movement of Cattle from WD to TVF, during a period of drought, without the need for them to be TB tested.

Assurances were given by CPC that this was a temporary measure to overcome the problem that pertained at the time but it still remains in existence.

In researching this arrangement the following facts have emerged.

- The WD Lease between HCC (Landlord) and CPC (Tennant) states in

3.7.2 Not to make or permit or suffer to be made any alterations or additions to the property

3.7.3 Not to erect or permit or suffer to be erected and new structures or features or materially alter the existing structures at the Property.

- West Down Management Monthly Reports presented to COSC Meetings between September 2020 and April 2021 state that the construction of the track was undertaken in agreement with G Evans (COSC), M Thompson (Grazier) and A Gibson (TVF Landowner) and supported by COSC.

- CPC have no record on file, of HCC being consulted about this alteration although G Evans states in an email on 15/12/23 that he 'did email HCC, and they had no problem with it'.

Without copies of this correspondence including the date, its content and HCC's reply it leaves the CPC somewhat exposed in terms of the Lease Agreement.

Background

- It would appear COSC was under the impression the track in question was an 'old pathway' that gave access to TVF via a field gate on the boundary fence, thought to have been there since the 1990's. This is factually incorrect.

- The map which accompanies the Lease indicates no such access exists.

- The previous TVF owner, up until 2006, confirms there never was any right of access to West Down. The only access to TVF was through the main entrance at the end of Little Drove Road and there were no gates on the boundary fence with WD.

- Local residents observed the installation of the said field gate in 2018 when A Gibson was applying to TVBC for a relaxation of the agricultural tie on his properties. (Refused in June 2020).

- There is no evidence that the current TVF Landowner has ever secured any rights of access to West Down and it is certainly not indicated on his Title deeds or in the WD/HCC Lease.

These facts along with the apparent absence of a formal agreement between CPC and HCC suggest if the track, forged by COSC, remains it could well be in breach of the Lease Agreement.

Current Situation

As a result of two planning applications in 2021 and 2022 to build housing on TVF the Developer has provided mitigation measures resulting from the loss of biodiversity if either of the applications are successful. These include using the same cattle to graze TVF as those used on WD in conjunction with CPC and presumably expecting them to be transferred along the concrete road via the 'improvised' track and field gate.

· CPC vehemently oppose any development on TVF and they and COSC confirm they are not aware of any agreement between CPC and the Developer re grazing cattle for mitigation purposes.

· Obviously it would be in the interests of the Developer to have access to TVF via this track for the movement of cattle to meet mitigation obligations rather than using the main entrance and driving them through the proposed new housing development if granted permission.

· However, this appears to compromise CPC's position as on the one hand it objects to the housing development but on the other appears to be assisting the Developer by retaining this track for the movement of cattle irrespective of whether or not they also graze WD.

· In 2022 and 2023 there is evidence to suggest the Grazier used the track to transport and service cattle on TVF that were unrelated to the WD agreement with CPC.

In bringing this matter to the attention of the CPC/COSC and on the basis the 'improvised' track was indeed a temporary measure SCO request the following:-

1. Work be undertaken to repair the severely rutted, crater like condition of the track. It is a health and safety hazard for any unsuspecting person or animal that may wander onto or across it.
2. Re-planting of foliage to compensate for that removed when the track was created in 2020 so as to prevent any ongoing use of the area as a convenient 'back door'/ alternative route to TVF.
3. Properly secure the manhole cover over the deep sewer chamber adjacent to the track. It is loose and could be dislodged, as it was last year, creating a further hazard.
4. Cattle required for grazing on WD have a perfectly good entrance at the bottom of the concrete road and this should always be used and specified in the Licence granted to the Grazier.
5. Advise the Grazier, in writing, that if he negotiates to graze cattle on TVF they should always be transported and serviced via the main entrance along Little Drove Road. This will avoid compromising the CPC with regard to its continued objections to the proposed planning applications and ensure compliance with the WD Lease Agreement.

LB on behalf of SCO Residents Group.

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5E. Planning report

Planning Report February 2024

1. – Anomaly of full planning being needed for new sheds at Tuxford House. It was agreed that when SL replied to application we would ask for clarification.
2. Pineroft in Station Road are in breach of their landscaping conditions. The planning officer is aware and action is being taken by TV.
3. A meeting was held with Cllr Geoff Cooper who has agreed to stand in for David Drew ref: TVF as he as expressed a conflict of interest. It was a very positive meeting. Cllr Cooper will talk to Karen Dunn (head of legal) to discuss his remit. It was agreed that traffic safety survey should be done ref: Little Drove Road. TFV will not be called to committee before mid February/March and we will have another meeting when we have a date.
4. A meeting was held with the developers for site next to copyhold to discuss their plans. Various ideas were discussed and they are producing an amended plan.
5. Developers of Fenstanton are appealing against the decision not to allow the removal of condition 15 of their planning permission. (Loft development). In the mean time they will not be able to develop the 2nd floor as this would be in contravention of their permission. This could effectly 'stall' the site for quite a considerable time.
6. **Lynton Meadow** This was discussed at some length with the owners. There does not appear to be anything in the updated application that is likely to change the planning officers decision. The cutting down of trees and clearing of the site which borders the common was discussed. Owners were made aware of the cattle coming back to the common in March/April and the need for them to secure the site with suitable fencing and planting to comply with the VNP. Natural England notes 27 were sent to them.

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5F. Village Hall report –

Last month I reported that the committee would seek a grant from the TV Community Asset Fund for a mechanical floor cleaner and also 120 replacement chairs. Having researched further, the committee has decided on hiring a mechanical floor cleaner for deep cleaning every 6 months. This will be sufficient and far more cost effective at around £45/day than purchasing.

The committee continues to investigate suitable replacement chairs and will seek a grant from the Community Asset Fund at the next quarterly round in the Spring.

Geoff

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5G. COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING REPORT

January 2024

The draft agreement relating to regular Community Benefit payments to Chilbolton Parish Council from Wherwell Solar Farm Limited (£5000 per annum, index linked) was forwarded to Fiona Barrie for review as previously agreed. Fiona's comments were helpful and non-controversial and will now form part of a summary of "areas for discussion" requested by REPD, the company managing the project. This will be discussed at the February CPC meeting before comments are sent.

Wherwell PC are negotiating their agreement separately and the two PCs are now acting wholly independently.

The Planning Application (23/02225/FULLN) remains undetermined on the TVBC website. There are now 119 documents linked to the application and new documents relating to the heritage impact have been added in January. Further detailed archaeological surveys of the land and adjacent listed properties is advised meaning that no recommendation seems imminent.

David Hall

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8. Correspondence: -

9/1/24 -HCC Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan - Partial Update - Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission) Consultation 9 January 2024 to 5 March 2024 ([2524_1](#))

9/1/24 - Test Valley Draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 ([2524_2](#))

10/1/24 - Hampshire County Council Future Services Consultation - Information for Parish Councils ([2524_3](#))

18/1/24 - HALC January '24 newsletter ([2524_6](#))

18/1/24 - Resident email re Whitelands Path and WD barrier ([2524_8](#)) – on COSC 8/2/24 agenda for discussion and decision

19/1/24 - Mike Blackmore, WRT, report re The Chilbolton carrier ([2524_9](#)) 22/1/24 further info from Mike re Water Situation Report for December, compiled by the area Environment Agency hydrology team ([2524_9a](#))

23/1/24 - Sothern Water re Chilbolton Groundwater Management ([2524_10](#)) (Chilbolton IRP Sep '21 V2.2 EN approved overpumping plan ([2524_10b](#)) and generic appendix ([2524_10c](#)))

24/1/24 - HCC Local Nature Recovery Strategy workshop for Test Valley ([2524_12](#))

25/1/24 - Chilbolton resident email re Discharge of Untreated Sewage into the Test at Chilbolton Common ([2524_14](#))

26/1/24 - TVAPTC Update re Houghton River Pollution Working Group ([2524_15](#)) – to be discussed under item Bvi of the agenda

26/1/24 - Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Council meeting - Thursday 7 March - Longstock Village Hall ([2524_16](#))

27/1/24 - resident email re SW Chilbolton Groundwater Management ([2524_19](#))

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