

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF  
**CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)**  
**To be held on Thursday 8 February 2024 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 11 January 2024](#)
4. Matters Arising
5. 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
  - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour – Nothing to report
  - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc.
    - i. [Update on Fishing Rights](#)
  - D) Machinery Maintenance
  - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths. To inc. discussion and decision on resident request re Whitelands Path ([2524 8](#))
  - F) Village Greens
  - G) [War Memorial Playing Fields](#) – N. Horne to inc.
    - i. [Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower](#)
    - ii. CPC update on the proposal to enclosing the WMPF to be able to apply for an 'Enclosed Sports Area' under the TVBC Public Spaces Protection
  - H) West Down – to inc. 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) ([2524 22](#))
6. [Correspondence](#)
7. Questions from Public
8. Any Other Business – For information only
9. Items for the next agenda
10. Date of the next meeting – Scheduled date is Thursday 14 March 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)  
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## 5A. Finance report:

### Receipts: –

Wayleave - £10

Bank Interest - Batty acc £5.37 and WMPF Capital £6.30

### Payments: –

A Denyer (Common Educational Claim form postage) - £3.90

A Bond (repair of Coronation green bench) - £150.42

Business Stream - WD water 20/10/23-19/1/24 - £37.69

### Account balances for Ringfenced accounts are as follows: -

Common – £10332.68

West Down - £12221.70

Batty Account – £3266.01

WMPF Capital account reconciliation/Est. Year End Closing balance – £3456.86

### Agreed 2024/2025 Budget: -

[Precept accounts](#)

[Ringfenced accounts](#)

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## 5C. Common report:

### Common Report for December for the January Meeting

#### Update on fishing rights

No information since Deed of Grant submitted to Church Commissioners in December. *[Note from Clerk: The latest draft has been received from Strutt and Parker and forwarded to CPC Cllrs. This draft MAY be approved at the CPC 5/2/24 meeting]*

#### Delinked payments

A meeting with advisor James Waddington of Savills Winchester Land agent has been set up for February 7th at 09.30 on the Common. Attending will be Cllrs Julian Hudson and David Griffiths and Moya Grove. Cllr Hudson has agreed to take the negotiations forward but warns that he is in full time employment so his time is limited. It would be good if other COSC and/or CPC members could assist. I will minute on this occasion but have made it clear that current circumstances do not allow me to take charge of this.

#### Management

Clarification need on whether Rick Nightingale has agreed to deal with the tree over the fence the boundary

#### Flood hazard

Over pumping by Southern Water from the overflowing waste water pumping station to the Test has been cancelled So the Common and River are safe from that for now. Public pressure via social and tv media with a meeting on water keepers on the common has led to the following statement from the MP Caroline Nokes :

*Below is the update they have provided to me this afternoon, which is good news, and I have already previously posted on my facebook page. This may well be "old" news by now. However, Southern Water have confirmed they are not going to proceed with over pumping and the equipment is being removed. However please do remain vigilant!*

*To which SW replied:*

*We are not, and will not be, using the pipes set up to pump into the Test. At the moment tankers are taking excess flows away for normal treatment. This plan would only have been implemented in extremis as an absolute last resort to prevent flooding within homes, schools and businesses because groundwater levels are exceptionally high and overloading the system.*

*We have no current plans to initiate this, but we were testing our preparedness. It was last used during floods about three years ago and would operate for as short a period as possible.*

*Releasing highly diluted waste water into a watercourse like this is something we do everything in our power to avoid -- but the alternative might have meant homes suffering internal flooding.*

*We are now removing the overland pipes which were set up as a precaution.*

*Kind regards,*

*Christopher Janes*

*Stakeholder Officer, Water for Life - Hampshire Sent from my iPhone*

FAG tasked MG 23/1/24 with writing an article for local circulation explaining groundwater and overpumping. This went onto the Village webmaster's email and the CPC website on 29/1/24 having been approved by SG TG and GM. WRT will come in the Spring to review works needed by the Purleygig where the carrier has been flowing over the path on the Chilbolton side. CPC needs to pursue sealing of laterals with Tubogel with Nicole McNAb of SW. *Who states:*

*It is likely that groundwater is also getting into the system through private household pipework. At present, Southern Water doesn't have the necessary authority on sealing private pipes. We have run the trial in Andover to prove it works (using funds approved by Ofwat) and submitted plans to our regulator to expand the use of Tubogel on all parts of the network*

CLlr David Drew and CLlr Susanne Hasselmann are seeking TVBC to approve a motion deploring overpumping at their end Feb meeting.

#### **Warden**

Warden issue to be raised in the Spring.

#### **Educational Access**

Several visits from Sparsholt. From countryside and fisheries management courses. Paperwork being chased. Further visit on schedule for May

#### **Cows**

Adam Coutts is willing to graze next year.

#### **Residents parking on the Common**

No further details

Moya Grove 31/1/2024

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## 5G. WMPF Development Group update:

### CWMPF REPORT TO COSC FOR FEBRUARY 2024

#### Playing Field

Like the whole of this part of the village the playing field is still very damp, and any vehicle movements are leaving tracks. It will be helpful for vehicle visits to be minimised and it is anticipated that, as before, the natural drainage will see the ground surface recover by Spring.

Consideration is still being given to having the field acknowledged as a controlled open space by TVBC so that the Orders relating to its use by dogs can be formally controlled. Quotes are required for the additional fencing and gate required for this to be effected, and the CPC are considering the merits of this initiative.

#### Play Equipment

In August we finally arranged for a representative of Vita Play to look at the loose fixings on the scramble net structure and to let us have some caps to cover bolt holes in the swing set beams. Although we have had an encouraging visit from A Vita Play representative, we still have no confirmation of whether or when the defective timber will be replaced. Last chased in January and an update will be provided at the COSC meeting.

#### Trees

Thanks to a significant amount of work by David Griffiths we have a costed plan for the professional attention required to problematic trees on the CWMPF.

#### Development Group

There have been communications and discussions with Caledonia Play over some safety and longevity issues that we have with the **adventure tower** structure and workmanship. We have received input from the safety inspector to guide us. We have summarised and referred these items to the CPC and an update will be provided at the COSC meeting.

In the meantime, we are pleased that, subject to weather, this new play item is popular with users.

Although we have the design for the **cycle pump track** construction must await much better weather. We have received two offers of soil to create the track, one included transport in the New Year. The other did not and as we were not able to arrange transport we had to decline the offer. We continue to seek excess soil and will welcome contributions which result from projects within the village, or from further afield.

**Nick Horne**

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## 6. Correspondence:

18/1/24 - Resident email re Whitelands Path and WD barrier ([2524\\_8](#))

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 at CPC 5/2/24 meeting

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

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