

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
To be held on Thursday 11 April 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 14 March 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 – still awaiting return of Grant of Deed
 - II. [Discussion on extension of Purlygig Bridge](#)
 - D) Machinery Maintenance
 - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths
 - F) Village Greens
 - G) [War Memorial Playing Fields](#) – N. Horne to inc.
 - I. Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower update
 - 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
 - i. [To discuss and decide on request for memorial plaque on a WD bench](#) (or installation of a new bench with memorial plaque)
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 9 May 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)
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5A Finance Report

Receipts since last report – TVBC CAF grant (Adventure Tower) £15172.00

Payments since last report – Vesper (WD enclosure works) - £1700

Ringfenced accounts as at 31/3/24

Ringfenced Common Funds (held in current account)	
Opening Balance 2023/24	17085.31
Income to date - PRA grants	3838.25
Income to date - Other	883.36
Expenditure to date	-11795.19
Closing Balance	10011.73

Ringfenced West Down Funds (held in current acc)	
Opening Balance 2023/24	10191.74
Income to date - RPA grants	3198.92
Income to date - Other	0.00
Expenditure to date	-4486.71
Closing Balance	8903.95

HSBC No. 2 Savings (Batty & WMPF Capital)	
Balance as per bank statement/recent transactions as at 29,	7123.82
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Less payments uncleared	0.00
Closing balance	7123.82

WMPF and Batty accounts balances		%
Batty account	3278.93	46.0
WMPF Account	3844.89	54.0
Closing balance	7123.82	100.0
WMPF account est. adjustment (transfer to current acc)	-172.00	
Batty Account balance	3278.93	
WMPF Balance	3672.89	
Closing balance	6951.82	

2023/24 - WMPF Capital reconciliation			
Opening Balance WMPF acc	£ 3,777.08		
Opening Balance Community Projects	£ 15,000.00		
bank Interest	£ 67.81		
Calendonia Play (35% deposit exc VAT)		-£ 10,438.75	
removal of slide and mound		-£ 324.00	
Post installation (AT)		-£ 195.00	
Calendonia Play (75% of balance exc VAT)		-£ 14,539.69	
Calendonia Play (balance exc VAT)		-£ 4,846.56	
TVBC CAF grant	£ 15,172.00		
Closing Balance to date	£ 34,016.89	-£ 30,344.00	£ 3,672.89

Community Projects – Zero funds remaining for COSC related expenditure.

2023/24 Precept budget review attached [here](#)

2023/24 Ringfenced budget review attached [here](#)

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5C March 2024 Report for the Common for April Meeting

The Common is as wet as it has ever been. The Purleygig stream has eroded a channel on the Chilbolton side of the Purleygig bridge affecting the Test Way Long distance footpath. This carrier is still over-topping its banks downstream of the Purleygig bridge.

Water also flows across the Test Way on the Chilbolton side of the Long Bridge.

The paths are all severely poached by walkers.

It will be interesting to see what changes there are in the flora on the SSSI as the Spring progresses as a result.

FAG measurements of ground water levels show April level at 6.02 metres below the surface at the dip site in the recycling car park at West Down. This is the highest ever April reading since records began in 2014. These are official readings and are shared with the Environment Agency.

Tankering continues from the pumping station on Village Street but no further plans to overpump into the river have been announced by Southern Water.

It has been impossible (because impassable) to do any serious management.

Purleygig bridge

Agreed that Sparsholt College should be enabled to construct an extension to the Purleygig Bridge; however HCC currently are uninterested in helping to resolve the issue and have advised that we should simply wait for water levels to fall; also HCC advise no budget is available.

MG Agreed with DG to contact HCC to see what they say about the plan to allow Sparsholt to extend the bridge. This will be done in time for the meeting but has not been possible at the time of writing.

Update on horse gate catch DG

Andy Bond asked to fit missing part

Update on parking fencing and dragons teeth DG

Some of the fencing placed to restrict parking has been damaged. Also a few dragons teeth have rotted and need replacing. AB has agreed to do this.

Update on progress re the RPA new agreements JH

Update on repair of sleeper bridge JH

Fence issues and tree removal Removing the tree that is lying on the fence will still have to wait until the common dries out but should now wait until after the nesting season.

Update on the Fishing Rights

As far as I am aware we are still awaiting the return of the signed documents by the Church Commissioners.

I am scheduled for knee surgery in May so am unlikely to be able to host any visits to the Common from 20 May through June and into July. I can however contact Schools and Colleges and see to the paperwork from mid June. I will also not be able to attend the June meeting.

MG 2 .04. 2024

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5G CWMPF REPORT TO COSC FOR APRIL 2024

Playing Field

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 formalised. 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.

As part of this initiative the creation of a new route for the Test Waty is being explored. This would remove the need for a significant amount of new fencing, and avoid the badly churned-up area near the Whitelands gate. Any re-routing would require the appropriate permissions.

Play Equipment

Vita Play have now concluded that our claim to have a failed wooden beam replaced falls outside the timber guarantee period. We are continuing the dialogue.

One of the toddlers' swing seats is showing signs of wear and we are investigating replacing at least that one.

Trees

We need to appoint a professional arboriculturist to deal with the large branches above the container.

Volunteers have done an excellent job in clearing the area under the trees.

Development Group

The final payment has been made to Caledonia Play for the supply and installation of the **adventure tower**. We await promised work on the fireman's pole as their part in the agreement. Application has been made to TVBC for the grant funding that they generously agreed to contribute to this project.

When the weather is drier, the rubber mats will be lifted, cleaned off, additional soil added beneath, and grass seed applied.

A recent meeting indicates there are a group of young bike riders, and adults, interested to see the **pump track** project pursued and we are discussing the detailed work that will be needed. In the meantime, any offer of excess soil will be both very necessary and welcome – please contact the Parish Clerk: 07514 670919 or chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk

Nick Horne

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**5H West Down (re request for memorial plaque on a WD bench (or installation of a new bench with memorial plaque)
Commemorative Bench - Stephen Budd**

To:Chilbolton.clerk@hotmail.co.uk

Thu 15/02/2024 17:53

Dear Parish Council,

Unfortunately, I recently lost my dear father - a truly lovely man and would like to enquire of the possibility of providing funding for a commemorative bench.

He frequently walked the dogs with my mum at West Down Nature Reserve - would it be possible to add a bench with a plaque? I'd be very grateful for any information you can provide.

Many thanks,

The Clerk requested consent from COSC members and Cllrs. There has not been a majority decision (see next page).

Mr Budd hasn't informed the Clerk if he would consider a plaque on/by one of the newly planted trees if a bench was not approved.

Spreadsheet of comments received

Mr Budd request for memorial bench responses from COSC members and Cllrs

Cllr COSC	new Bench & Plaque (+ upkeep costs)	plaque on existing bench	plaque by one of the new trees	comment/Note
NH			x	careful consideration of the materials to avoid downstream upkeep and restoration costs
TE	x	x	x	It may be difficult to make them responsible for upkeep though
DH		x		
EN		See note		at the last cosc meeting it was agreed that Abby Purver's husband could put a plaque on the bench just outside the enclosure on the bottle bank side (at the top of the bridle path). So if there's a plan to dedicate an existing bench, can we make sure that one is excluded!
GM			x	
MG			x	The seat overlooking the Anton valley and Mayfly has been allocated to Abby Purver but there are many others existing with no dedication. These are maintained by the parish already. I support the idea of a tree having a plaque instead especially as new ones are being planted on West Down. (and a tree should last longer and maintain itself!!)
DG	x			HCC permission will be required?

COSC	0		2
Cllrs	2	2	2

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6 Correspondence

6/3/24 - MD email to Sparsholt re extension of Purlygig Bridge ([8424_3](#)) – awaiting response

7/3/24 - Cow Common sampling request ([8424_6](#)) – Consent was given and MG has made contact

12/3/24 - Savills re Future Farm Resilience Fund Report - Chilbolton Common and West Down ([8424_9](#))

14/3/24 - HCC RoW Officer email to GM re Purlygig Bridge extension ([8424_10](#))

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