

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
To be held on Thursday 16 May 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 April 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
 - 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 - NONE
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 13 June 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)
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5A Finance report:

Receipts since last report –NONE

Payments since last report –

15/4/24 – A Bond (WD fencing £333.13, WD Dragons teeth £30 and Common gate adjustment £87.50) - £450.63

24/4/24 – SSE Pavilion Electric - £38.05 (inc. £1.81 VAT)

Ringfenced accounts as at 30/4/24

Ringfenced Common Funds (held in current account)	
Opening Balance 2024/25	10011.73
Income to date - PRA grants	0.00
Income to date - Other	0.00
Expenditure to date	-607.50
Closing Balance	9404.23

Ringfenced West Down Funds (held in current acc)	
Opening Balance 2024/25	8903.95
Income to date - RPA grants	0.00
Income to date - Other	0.00
Expenditure to date	-363.13
Closing Balance	8540.82

WMPF and Batty accounts balances		%
Batty account	3284.33	46.0
WMPF Account	3851.23	54.0
Closing balance	7135.56	100.0
WMPF account adjustment (transfer to current acc) for 23/24	-172.00	
Batty Account balance	3284.33	
WMPF Balance	3679.23	
Closing balance	6963.56	

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

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

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5C Common report:

The Common is still very wet. 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. Access to the Long distance Test Way bridle way is difficult

The paths are all severely poached by walkers.

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.

To have water still lying in the depressions and low areas of the Common at the end of April is unknown until this year.

1.Purleygig bridge plan

MG has been unable to talk about the plan with HCC (see 2 below)

2.Meeting with Andy Blincow Wessex River Trust and David Griffiths 29th April

Subject to confirmation email Andy proposed :

1. that SRT would rake the gravel up to the bank upstream of the Purleygig when river flows subside
2. He confirmed that HCC were consultees in the plans to restore the river in 2022
3. that he would contact HCC re the bridge project
4. The WRT would, when river flows reduce take away the temporary fences and cut the poles to water level leaving some as perches. (Stonechats seen doing just that soon after)
5. He confirmed that the new berms were being colonised by new plants
6. He confirmed that the situation on the Common is the same as all rivers on the south currently

Tree fall in river

With the help of heavy machinery Andy Smith managed to pull a large fallen tree out and saw it up. Many thanks to him. The tree was causing the river to back up, waterlogging the footpath and threatening the cottages.

Update on parking fencing and dragons teeth DG progress DG

Update on progress re the RPA new agreements JH

Update on repair of sleeper bridge JH

Update on Evaluation forms for Educational visits.

A new form has been forwarded from RPA. Fortunately, it is the same as the one we have been using. (Thank you Mandy)

Three further visits are planned for the summer. Rookwood, Sparsholt, Barton Stacey. I will organise and support but not attend. With the 6 we have already had this this will total 9 visits this year.

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 DG

Azolla fern infestation

I have had a contact from Karl Dean of the Wessex Rivers Trust asking about our experience with Azolla fern . This is an Invasive Non – Native Species (INNS) which can block waterways.

This was removed from the Purleygig stream in 2022 using weevils. He was interested to know how successful the treatment has been and will keep an eye on the water (when the river flows reduce).

My view is that it won't like the roaring flood we have now.

MG 01 05 2024

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