

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S
OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)**

To be held on Thursday 13 January 2022 at Chilbolton Village Hall; 18:30

NB: You will be required to a) give personal contact details for Track and Trace purposes and b) adhere to the Covid safety rules of the Village Hall before entry to the meeting. Details available [here](#) or at chilboltonandwherwell.info/index.php/parish-council

AGENDA PACK

1. APOLOGIES
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2021](#) (These inc. Cllr Griffiths updates in bold)
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND/OR DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ANY PROPOSALS WITHIN THE MONTHLY UPDATE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS
 - A) FINANCE – Cllr Hall – Nothing to report prior to the meeting
 - B) ALLOTMENTS – T. Gilmour – Nothing to report prior to meeting
 - C) COMMON – M. Grove [report \(13122 2\)](#)
Update re Wessex River Trust proposal
Update on Sparsholt Purlygig repairs and
Update on Common Information Boards
 - D) MACHINERY MAINTENANCE – [report](#) from Cllr Griffiths ([13122 3](#))
 - E) PARISH PATHS – Cllr D. Griffiths – nothing to further to add, than that in the minutes of 9/12/21 above.
 - F) VILLAGE GREENS –
 - G) WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS – N. Horne. To inc.
Update on WMPF Development group – Nothing to report prior to meeting
Update [report](#) on Moles from Cllr Griffiths ([13122 4](#))
 - H) WEST DOWN – G. Evans [report](#) to inc. ([13122 1](#))
Update on Coley Lane Tree planting project
Update Permissive Bridleway
6. CORRESPONDENCE – [Ecorys Educational Access Survey](#) and [Rural Payments Agency](#)
7. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC – 3 mins. Per person
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – For information only
9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA
10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Scheduled date is Thursday 10 February 2022 at Chilbolton Village Hall.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)

5C. Common report from M. Grove

Little to report

No flooding - George Maritz has rodded the culverts. Abbotts stream seems to be flowing ok

Signage – wording agreed after precis by MG and is with PC

Gates – thanks to the person who attached a spring to the Long Bridge Gate.

Fence – still down on far side under trees in SW corner.

Bank restoration – no progress – will try this week to speak direct to AGS AGAIN.

Need PC confirmation of the funding allocated for this. Fencing, materials and tools to be bought.

WRT – No progress

Survey form from BTO to be completed by MG will circulate before meeting

Countryside Stewardship (CS) revenue payment rates are changing from 1st January 2022 CRM:08437130033816 – MG to review and report

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5D. Machinery Report from Cllr Griffiths

On Tuesday last a bracket securing the fairing on The Beast snapped. Luckily Keith retrieved the broken bracket. Today, Saturday 8th January, Ed Treadwell welded it back on. If it snaps again he will make a new bracket. The new lights and electricity supply made it possible to do this job in the container. This was just as well as it was raining at the time.

Ed also took off the hedge trimmer attachment from the second of our two brush cutters and replaced it with a brush cutting blade. We can now use both brush cutters plus The Beast on Tuesday afternoons.

I am very grateful to Ed for his assistance.

David Griffiths

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5G. WMPF update re Moles from Cllr Griffiths

As a further up-date to the above: mole activity has continued particularly on the south side of the field. The mole has now tunnelled onto the football pitch something I was keen to prevent. I think ERG are pretty useless. I would not recommend using them again. I have made contact with Jonathan of Abbotts Ann Pest Control. He is going to take a look and get back to me. He seems a much better prospect and is local and cheaper. We will probably need his services regularly!

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5H. West Down management report – 02/12/21 to 05/01/22 from G. Evans

Stewardship & Agri-environment payments: The Environment Secretary George Eustice has recently been making plenty of political noise about the new agricultural subsidies. Of the three new Schemes, the “Local Nature Recovery” scheme would appear to be the one that might be appropriate for the PC. But information so far has been focused on the “Sustainable Farming Incentive” and “Landscape Recovery” schemes, Details of what might be involved in the “Local Nature Recovery” scheme, or how it might work, apparently won’t be available till later in the year.

Volunteer work: Cutting & burning of bramble continued through December, and good progress has been made. Further progress has also been made with tree-planting on the roadside slope. So far, 26 small trees have been planted (20 of these with shelters), and a further 25 (with shelters) are ready for planting. Another 45 small trees will be arriving in February. All of the trees are UK-sourced native species – a mix of Hornbeam, Cherry, Field Maple, Aspen, Beech, Rowan, Alder, and Holly.

Other matters: Nothing new to report.

Future West Down work:

Continuation of annual bramble/gorse cutting and burning

(Hampshire Conservation Volunteers are visiting on Sat 11th Dec to assist)

Dragons teeth installation near Bottle Bank is being arranged by DG

Path to connect with Test Way crossing is being arranged by DG

Permissive bridleway signing

Install additional permissive bridleway marker posts (DG plan agreed by PC)

Install sign-posts at the two Test Way gates to direct off-road cyclists to the permissive bridleway (hopefully discouraging them from lifting their bikes over the fence!).

Cut back overhanging trees on concrete road as necessary

Further tree planting: I am anticipating that the planting of 100+ trees (albeit small ones) and presence of 50 shelters on the roadside slope, will be sufficient to demonstrate that the PC has satisfied its obligations under the Ash tree felling licence. The additional funding that is available, might then be used for acquisition and planting of larger trees (including disease-resistant Elms) outside of the enclosure. This would be for 2022-23 winter.

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