

Chilbolton Parish Council

Chilbolton Open Spaces Committee

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting held on 9th December 2021 at 18.30 hours in Chilbolton Village Hall

Present

David Griffiths (DG) – Chairman; Glynne Evans (GE), Moya Grove (MG), Nick Horne (NH), Emma Noble (EN).

On behalf of COSC the Chairman warmly welcomed EN as a new member of the committee.

Apologies

Trish Heaton (TH), Edward Painter (EP).

Members of the public present

None

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on November 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Matters arising are covered under the main headings below.

Finance – report from Cllr Hall 91221 4

A financial Update by DH accompanied the agenda. Available balances:

Cow Common £14,794.49

West Down £ 9775.80

CWMPF £18,777.44

Batty Fund £5099.50

A draft budget for 2022/23 also accompanied the agenda and committee members were asked to submit and further comments directly to him as soon as possible.

Allotments

Nothing to report from TG.

DG reported that the unsafe trees had all been felled. On the day it had been agreed that similarly affected trees on adjacent land would also be felled.

Chilbolton Cow Common – report from M Grove 91221 3

MG updated that report as follows:

Access

COSC requested that the results of the CPC review are share with it as soon as possible.

Signage

MG to provide to COSC a shorter version of the proposed information board wording that was considered at the meeting.

MG had experienced difficulty in obtaining a response from Alison-Graham Smith but would to explore aspects of access under the CROW Act with Natural England

Bank Restoration

Agreed that a contribution would be made to Sparsholt College to cover materials and equipment costs, including gravel, tools, and wooden fencing around the restored area. MG to liaise with Stuart Robinson. It was not anticipated that the total contribution would exceed £500.

MG to continue to seek a response from Alison Graham Smith to the draft bank restoration scheme.

Chain at the cattle grid entrance

Agreed to leave it padlocked in place as the pin of shackle has been filed down presumably to prevent removal

Potential cattle grid gate and barrier

NH had forwarded quotes for a metal gate and metal barrier from LTL Group to the CPC.

DG has asked Hurstbourne Forge to provide quotes for a gate and barrier. DG was asked to also seek quotes from a Wherwell contractor. **(Hurstbourne Forge have provided a quotation)**

Machinery Maintenance

The Parish Clerk has obtained warning notices relating to the storage and use of inflammable liquid. DG has affixed them outside and inside the container.

Parish Paths

DG had asked the Parish Clerk to contact HCC regarding the section of the Mark Way south of Thirt Way which has not been properly cleared by their contractors. **(As far as I am aware HCC have yet to carry out this work.)**

Village Greens

Nothing to report

War Memorial Playing Field

Playing Field

NH reported that Paul Lawton-Bryant of LTL Group, Chilbolton will complete his work on the security barrier when he has completed work to repair and strengthen both the basketball backboards which have been removed for that purpose.

NH would liaise with Wherwell Football club to monitor the condition of the field for play and parking.

DG will arrange for additional scalping to be laid inside the field entrance to remove the low-lying area which tends to flood. **(This will be done next week)**

DG is to meet with a mole catcher to arrange for the large number of mole hills, which are threatening the pitch, to be dealt with. This may require the area to be fenced off or, in extremis, for the field to be closed whilst the traps are in place. **(Mole work carried out. No security measure required as mole traps buried. Cost £240 plus VAT)**

Development Group

NH reported that the Development Group proposal had been discussed by the CPC on 6 December and their recommendation had been accepted and approved. Installation will take place in early 2022 and EP has kindly offered to provide machinery to relocate the existing benches and locate the table.

NH to request the Parish Clerk to place the order for the table with Bendcrete Limited and to prepare an application for a 50% grant from the TVBC Community Asset Fund on behalf of the CPC.

COSC thanked NH and TH for their work on the table tennis table research, procurement, and proposal.

NH reported an email to the CPC relating to the replacement of the slide mound and agreed to circulate a copy of the response to COSC.

West Down – report from G Evans 91221_2

Path works

HCC have completed their works and will liaise with the Hampshire Countryside Service to continue the path up to the Common gate and deal with the manhole cover. It is anticipated that the kerb will be re-aligned as part of that process and that the road markings will also be replaced to align with the crossing points.

Tree planting

GE has ordered 100 small trees from the Woodland Trust (arriving December) and 50 trees donated by The Conservation Trust (arriving February). These will be native trees and are

understood to be disease resistant. It is hoped that tree guards can be re-used from around trees that are now sufficiently mature, but GE will arrange for any additional guarding or supports directly with the parish Clerk. **(Trees have arrived and GE and SE have begun planting them).**

GE underlined the planting work that will and would welcome any additional volunteer assistance with that.

Dragon's Teeth

DG having advised HCC of the intention to install and had no objection or comment, it was agreed that the work could go ahead. **(GW has agreed to carry out this work after Xmas)**

Tree Warden Report – Report from G Evans 91221 1

GE highlighted the conclusion that no trees required immediate attention.

COSC endorsed the report's recommendation that the CPC should have a professional tree survey in 2022. DG to request that the Parish Clerk obtains quotes for that survey and includes the cost in the Parish budget. **(Mandy has this in hand)**

Recruiting COSC members and volunteers

The Parish Clerk had circulated a draft flyer/advert which was discussed. It was agreed that distribution would best be as an insert for the October Community magazine and 500 copies would need to be with the magazine distribution team by 26 September.

All – to review the draft and submit any comments to DG no later than 23 September.

Correspondence

Discussed under CCWMPF

AOB

Agreed to reimburse DG for the cost of a replacement chainsaw chain which had been used extensively on West Down.

Items for the Next Meeting

None

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th January 2022 at 18.30 hours at Chilbolton Village Hall.