

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

To be held on Thursday 10 February 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 13 JANUARY 2022](#)
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. TO TAKE QUESTIONS AND/OR DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON ANY PROPOSALS WITHIN THE MONTHLY UPDATE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS
 - A) FINANCE [report \(10222 1\)](#) – Clerk
 - B) ALLOTMENTS – T. Gilmour – Nothing to report
 - C) COMMON [report \(10222 2\)](#) – M. Grove to inc.
Update re Wessex River Trust proposal
Update on Sparsholt Purlygig repairs and
Update on Common Information Boards
 - D) MACHINERY MAINTENANCE –
 - E) PARISH PATHS [report \(10222 3\)](#) – Cllr D. Griffiths
 - F) VILLAGE GREENS –
 - G) WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS [report \(10222 4\)](#) - N. Horne. To inc.
Update on WMPF Development group
 - H) WEST DOWN – G. Evans [report \(10222 5\)](#) to inc.
Update on Coley Lane Tree planting project
Update Permissive Bridleway
6. [CORRESPONDENCE](#) – for information
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 March 2022 at Chilbolton Village Hall.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)

5A – Finance report from Clerk –

OVERVIEW SUMMARY	HSBC No.2 / Batty acc	HSBC Deposit/WMPF Capital acc	Ringfenced accounts		West Down	Other (i.e. precept funded)	VAT	TOTAL
			WMPF Capital (held in current account)	Common				
OPENING BALANCES FOR 2021/22 as at 01/04/21	5902.39	1777.36	0.00	17187.36	8319.45			33186.56
COSC related Receipts total to date (Hyperlink to receipts and other accounts spreadsheet)	0.50	0.12	2000.00	5771.00	3226.17	1211.32		12209.11
COSC related payments total to date (Hyperlink to payments spreadsheet)	-803.19			-3291.80	-952.76	-	-	-
Closing Balance as at 03/02/2022	5099.70	1777.48	2000.00	19666.56	10592.86			39136.60
Notification of receipts from 13/01/22 - 03/02/22 inc. in above figures): -								
RPA - West Down Countryside Stewardship					1026.72			1026.72
								0.00
Notification of payments from 13/01/22 - 03/02/22 (exc. VAT) (inc. in above figures): -								
D Griffiths (new chain and 2 stroke)				13.71	13.71	18.29	9.14	54.85
Abbots Ann Pest Control (8 moles caught on WMPF)						310.00		310.00
Business Stream (WD water supply to trough)					78.00			78.00
*D Griffiths (Scalpings on WMPF)						59.90	11.98	71.88
								0.00

COSC related Community Projects Allocations/reconciliation -	Budgeted	Expenditure	Balance
WMPF improvements to Play Area	10000.00		10000.00
West Down Tree Planting (balance to be used for acquisition & planting of bigger trees in the autumn)	2000.00	193.22	1806.78
Further enhancements to WMPF	5000.00		5000.00
Contribution to May Fly footbridge project re allocated for 2022/23 budget to Common gravel area redesign	5000.00		5000.00
	22000.00	193.22	21806.78

Hyperlink to [Lengthsman Scheme spreadsheet](#) for 2021/22 – NB no change from last month

Hyperlink to [WMPF Capital account](#) spreadsheet - NB no change from last month

*The full cost of the scalpings for WMPF have been allocated to WMPF Running Costs. However, do you wish for half of this cost to be allocated to WMPF Capital, assuming that some of the scalpings will be used as a base for the table tennis table?

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5C – Common report from M Grove –

1 Access -Decisions have been made by PC re the gravel area where cars park – DG to report please.

2 Signage -A further critical letter from AJ has been received by PC

The ladder sign between the track to the three cottages and the Purleygig has been moved by George nearer to the boundary of the wildlife area after discussion with PC, DG and MG . MG wishes to remind all that the original proposed site for this sign was circulated to all before installation and no adverse comments were received at the time.

3 WRT plans – email from Mike Blackmore suggesting that it is time to start public consultations on this. I liaised with FB (PC Chair) on this. She is writing to ask for clarification on the stage they have reached with their consultations. She wishes to have a meeting with PC before any public consultation which will be a separate meeting not a PC meetings with WRT.

4. Bank restoration - Permits and permissions all in place with NE and PIns. On track for March 9th/16/23. (2/3)

Public notice to go on fencing as work proceeds.

Funds up to £500 have been approved. We have to buy fencing, posts and tools MG and DG to action

5. Barbed wire fencing at the Long bridge -Concern has been raised with me by a Wherwell Parish Councillor about the safety to people and wild life of the several strands of barbed wire up and downstream of the Long bridge. Our problem with it is also that it has been anchored on the Common. We own the land to the waters edge and no permission was sought to put these posts in. FB and I have pursued this. A whatsapp message was passed to me by D N and forwarded by me to FB and DG. The wire was erected by a certain MT presumably a river keeper. FB is pursuing this with the owners of the riparian and fishing rights. It is rumoured that EP is selling the fishing rights. I will report on progress at the meeting 10/2/22. The land between the stock fence and the river is ours and no work by the Freelands estate should touch it. If they own the river bed and only if, it would seem that they should liaise with us on anything they do to the river that affects our banks.

Moya Grove 1/2/22

ATF Fencing – 10 yards of 4’high 3 wire £108

7-8 10 posts £9.00 per post £100

Gravel ?

Dragons teeth ?

Contribution to cost of Sparsholt materials ?

6 pairs of loppers - TABOR TOOLS GG12E £35 approx. amazon £210

TOTAL £418 +

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5D – Footpaths report from Cllr Griffiths –

1. There is very little to report this month. The footpaths/bridleways are being heavily used so they are very muddy. However, they are all clear as far as I am aware. The only one I have not checked recently is the southern section of the Mark Way. I must do so soon as if it has not been cleared we must press HCC to do it before growth resumes in the spring.
2. The large tree that had been leaning across Frog Lane has been removed by HCC.
3. I don't know if anyone has walked the Brockley Warren path recently and can report on its condition?

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5G – WMPF report from N Horne –

Playing Field

The second contractor to set mole traps appears to have been more successful but we are monitoring the situation. The excess soil on the pitch area has been raked away.

Minor adjustment to the handle of the entrance gate by the cattle grid resulting from one of the regular safety inspections.

One tonne of scalpings have been spread to fill the dip in the ground near the entrance. A further tonne has been set aside for the table tennis table base. My thanks to DG for ordering the scalpings.

The pile of brash has been burnt. Thanks to DG for his assistance.

Encounters that day with four dog owners who used the field with dogs off the lead to explain the reasons for the notices which require all dogs there to be on the lead. No confrontation and we shall see if they have been persuaded to comply and act as “role model” dog walkers.

Vehicular use of the field has depressed the grass and left tracks which are not serious providing we do not have prolonged wet weather.

Playing Field Equipment - LTL continue to work on the repairs and strengthening of the backboards

Pavilion

Has not been used since December but the cold weather has not adversely affected the water supply and pumps. All clean and ready for the resumption of football in the near future.

Development Group

Trish and I have been very pleased to welcome Emma to the DG and we held our first meeting together on 26 January. We have set out the positions for the table tennis table and its base and begun our work on the requirements for an adventure tower and to select the companies we will ask to assist us to produce a specification, costings, and recommendation to the CPC. In the meantime, the slide and mound remain usable.

Contact will be made with EP to arrange for the wooden benches to be relocated closer to the Pavilion to make space for the table tennis table. The estimated arrival date for the table is still March.

The result of the CPC application for a grant from the TVBC Community Asset Fund for the costs related to the table tennis table should be made known on 4 February.

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5H – West Down report (06/01/2022 – 31/01/2022) from G Evans -

Tree planting: I thought useful this month to review story so far on tree planting.

Initial priority has been to satisfy Forestry Commission (FC) felling licence conditions, by planting a large number of replacement trees on roadside slope where Ash trees had been felled.

Plan A: Was to fence a 10m wide strip parallel to the road, and plant a large number of unprotected small trees.

When investigated in detail, as well as being very expensive, this option proved not realistically feasible (steep slope, ground conditions, obstructions, etc).

Plan B: Was to plant a small number (25) large trees with substantial post & wire protection to each. This also proved unrealistic within the required timescale, partly to do with logistics of materials & tree delivery, but also due to difficulty in getting machinery into the slope planting areas.

Plan C: What we have actually done, is gone ahead with planting of c.200 small trees – with roughly half protected by stakes and tube shelters, and the others by short spirals. Fifty have been planted so far, fifty are ready to be planted, and a further 100 are not yet delivered. The trees are all UK-sourced native species – a mixture of oak, cherry, beech, hornbeam, rowan, alder, aspen, field maple.

The advantage of this approach is that the planting will be completed within this winter (the timescale required by FC), and the many tube shelters are very visible from the road – hopefully satisfying any FC inspector. It's unlikely

that all of the shelters will withstand attention by grazing cattle in the summer, but some losses can be expected with any kind of planting.

Expenditure: Ninety trees with shelters were obtained from Woodland Trust as “targeting tree disease packs”, for a highly-subsidised price of £202 (tubes alone would have cost more if purchased separately). One hundred trees with spirals are expected shortly for “free” through a community support scheme called “I dig trees”, run by “The Conservation Volunteers” (TCV) and funded by OVO. Other trees have been donated, and a few purchased. Total expenditure to date is £227.

Future: For tree planting on West Down, the PC earmarked £2000 of the Island Films donation. If COSC and PC agree, I propose that we plan (for 2022-23 winter) on using the remainder of this money for acquisition and planting of larger trees (“standards”) on the top area of West Down (outside the enclosure). Here, machinery access will be possible for hole-digging, and minimal protection will be required. Some species are cheaper, but a 3-metre Standard Oak tree costs about £100, so we could reasonably afford 15 to 20 trees. I would also hope to acquire disease-resistant Elms, for which I’m sure we could seek donations.

Other volunteer work: Many people help with picking up litter around the car-park; overall it’s not too bad. The Tuesday work-parties have continued through January with cutting and burning of bramble cover on the grassland. There have been issues with operating the stop-cock at the water trough, and better arrangements need to be made for future winters.

Stewardship & Agri-environment payments: Changes to the payment rates mean that West Down’s Countryside Stewardship income increases from £1026 pa to £1523 pa from Jan 2022. However, and as mentioned previously, the Agri-environment “Base Payment” is being phased out and is reducing from the original £2000pa – to about £1600pa in 2022, down to around £1000pa in 2024, and zero by 2027. Therefore total West Down income will be almost unchanged in 2022. But it will go down thereafter unless there are additional opportunities presented by the anticipated “Local Nature Recover” scheme of the new Environmental Land Management (ELM).

Future West Down work:

Continuation of annual bramble cutting and burning

Dragons teeth installation near Bottle Bank

Path from bottom kissing-gate to connect with Test Way crossing

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

Annual clearing of debris from concrete road

Annual clearing of concrete road verges

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6 – Correspondence – For information/ to be discussed, if necessary, by CPC at meeting to be held on 7/2/22

14/1/22 - H Bradley email (and MD response) and letter from Land Registry re land adj to SW pump house

[\(7222 4,4a\)](#)

13/1/22 – Environment Agency preparedness for flooding information [\(7222 7, 7a, 7b\)](#)

19/1/22 – A James letter re ladder boards [\(7222 9\)](#) and FB response [\(7222 9a\)](#)

18/1/22 – SSE Compensation letter [\(7222 8\)](#) - £60 has been credited to SSE account.

19/1/22 – SW Futureproofing our water supplies WRSE [\(7222 10\)](#)

20/1/22 – Theft of Catalytic Converter from WD car park [\(7222 13\)](#)

24/1/22 – B Abbatt 2022 tree survey estimate [\(7222 14, 14a, 14b\)](#)

26/1/22 – Wessex River Trust re River bank restoration on Cow Common [\(7222 19\)](#)

31/1/22 – HCC email re Common signage [\(7222 27\)](#)

1/2/22 – HCC new date for Parish and Town Council evet (17/3/22) [\(7222 28, 28a\)](#)

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