

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
Thursday 8 December 2022 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 10 November 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](#) – Clerk ([81222 2](#))

 - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour – Nothing to report

 - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc. ([81222 1](#))
 - i) [Update on Wessex River Trust works](#)
 - ii) Update on Common Gravel area proposal from resident
 - iii) Update on Fencing Issues
 - iv) [Update on Common signage](#)
 - v) [Update on Fishing Rights](#)

 - D) Machinery Maintenance

 - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths

 - F) Village Greens

 - G) [War Memorial Playing Fields](#) – N. Horne to inc. Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower proposal update following CPC meeting to be held on 5/12/22 ([81222 3](#)).

 - H) West Down
6. To discuss and decide on tasks for the Lengthsman to be carried out in January 2023 (inc. time to complete task/s)
7. Green Canopy Project
8. [Correspondence](#)
9. Questions from Public
10. Any Other Business – For information only
11. Items for the next agenda
12. Date of the next meeting – Scheduled date is Thursday 12 January 2023 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

5A Finance report – Clerk

2022/23 – [Receipts spreadsheet](#)

[Payments spreadsheet](#)

OVERVIEW SUMMARY	Ringfenced accounts					Other (i.e. precept funded)	VAT	TOTAL
	HSBC No.2 / Batty acc	HSBC Deposit/WMPF Capital acc	WMPF Capital (held in current account)	Common	West Down			
Opening Balance as at 1/4/22	5099.97	3747.59	0.00	19165.59	10029.01			38042.16
COSC related Receipts total to date	4.58	1.51	2612.50	508.56	873.17	575.82		4576.14
COSC related Expenditure to date	-1898.00		-3251.87	-7120.04	-2754.31	-4217.30	-2773.08	-22014.60
Closing Balance as at 30/11/22	3206.55	3749.10	-639.37	12554.11	8147.87	-3641.48	-2773.08	20603.70
Notification of receipts from 8/11/22 inc. in above figures								
Green Canopy tree sponsorships						50.00		50.00
								0.00
								0.00
Notification of payments from 8/11/22 (inc. in above figures): -								
D Griffiths reimbursement for machinery fuel				12.75	12.75	17.00	8.50	51.00
A Denyer reimbursements Common				42.15			6.90	49.05
Vesper - Common and WD top cuts				1050.00	700.00		350.00	2100.00
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COSC related Community Projects Allocations/reconciliation -								
	Budgeted	Expenditure	Receipt	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/Green Canopy)	2000.00	-244.72	835.00	2590.28				
Further enhancements to WMPF	5000.00			5000.00				
Common gravel area redesign	5000.00	-277.19		4722.81				
	22000.00	-521.91	835.00	22313.09				

5C – Common report – M Grove Environmental Stewardship

1. The extension for the Environmental Stewardship to 2028 has been applied for. We are waiting for an extension from Natural England to the SSSI to 2028 which the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) need to accompany the agreement. Mandy has sent the agreement to RPA on 24th Nov whether this doc has been received or not. We await the decision of RPA
2. Educational Access. I have stated that I cannot commit to running this to 2028. Parish council have decided to run with it as is and bank on finding someone to take over when I stop or risk having to pay back grants received

Total raised by Ed Access since inception 2010

£15,728

Two bookings have already been received for 2023.

7 visits have been made this year.

Fishing rights agreement with Church commissioners.

A new legal document is being drafted by the Parish Council for the Church Commissioners who own the Fishing Rights A final draft has been agreed. The tenancy is to be let to Freelands Wherwell MG and DG are very clear that there should be no right of vehicular access enshrined in the agreement but permissions must be sought on each and every occasion, specifying timings and route.

Tom Skipsey is the Freelands river keeper. He was busy working with WRT throughout the construction of the berms on the Purleygig stream and has been charged with cutting back the posts to river level. Decision – In a discussion with him he expressed a desire to attend one of the COSC meetings. Yes/No

Wessex Rivers Trust river restoration

WRT work has been completed early on the Purleygig leader. Volunteers were sourced by WRT, Sparsholt and 2 from the village. All is well and the work excellently carried out. The decision on the WRT information board has been forwarded to Amy Ellis. Many positive comments.

Gravel area

George has started work on the gravel area redesign. The gate has been moved and posts put in to mark the reduced area where cars can park

Cattle

Adam Coutts grazier will be gathering in early November. The cows should be off by the date of the meeting.

Scrub clearance

HCV have been booked for February to clear the scrub from the north boundary of the common where the blackthorn scrub has encroached on the line of the bridleway. We need to book Vesper's Rob West to do more.

We urgently need to take the fallen ash from the boundary fence by the main river. **Decision – when?**

Information boards

DG has finalised the draft with Sue Larcombe. CPC has handled this throughout

Autumn cut

Vesper Conservation and Ecology LTD of Chilbolton Down Farm have completed the cuts

Common Management plan

After a long silence on many current matters Natural England have requested a detailed Common management plan. MG is to try to finalise and present at the December COSC meeting but circumstances are working against this at the moment. This is in hand and may be needed to meet requirements of the Nature Recovery part of the proposed Environmental Land Management (ELM) proposal which are due in 2024. Unlikely as they are extending existing agreements to 2028

5G WMPF and Development Group report from N Horne –

Playing Field

I await details from Jason Holmes about Shooters FC having use of our pitch for their youth teams. Once I have them, I shall advise COSC and make a formal proposal to the Parish Council. Wherwell Royals FC have confirmed they wish to use the pitch when their Wherwell Playing Field pitch is not available, and I will include that in my proposal.

No more grass cuts planned for 2022 but the area around the play equipment may need to be strimmed.

The Parish Council has decided to seek a professional survey of the playing field.

Equipment

The zip wire trolley has been fully serviced and our thanks are due to Ed Treadwell and his son for undertaking that task. The zip wire is now back in action. We are prepared to do that which will involve an outlay equivalent to 25% of the cost quoted by the installers, Vitaplay.

Communications continue between with Spalding over the failed basketball ring bracket and the peeling coating on the posts. It seems the former is likely to be replaced under their warranty, but a decision is still awaited on the coating.

Development Group

Following a series of meetings with the four play equipment companies we selected, a proposal and recommendation has been submitted to the Parish Council for their meeting on 5 December. We have recommended a three-tower adventure tower which facilitates the widest range of interest and features that we could include within the budget the DG has worked to.

As part of this project, the slide mound will be replaced, and a cycle bump track will be created. The CWMPF will therefore gain a greatly increased range of activities to suit a wider range of ages, and more of the longer-term plan for its improvement will have been completed.

If there is a decision to proceed it will be necessary to make the anticipated detailed application to TVBC for a Community Asset Fund grant; for which the deadline is 23 January. Also, a further request to TVBC to release S106 monies is anticipated.

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8 Correspondence –

20/11/22 - Resident email re WMPF and praise re Common ([51222 8](#))

27/11/22 -TE email to Strutt and Parker re Fishing rights ([51222 13](#))

28/11/22 - Environment Agency chairman lecture on Restoring confidence in the quality of English rivers ([51222 19](#))

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