

## CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)

To be held on Thursday 9 March 2023 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 16 February 2023](#)
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
  - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour – to include discussion on proposal to CPC re final increase in allotment rents
  - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc.
    - I. Update on Common signage
    - II. Update on Fishing Rights
  - D) Machinery Maintenance
  - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths
  - F) Village Greens
  - G) War Memorial Playing Fields – N. Horne - Nothing to report
    - I. Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower proposal update
    - II. Discussion on installation of CCTV (Advice from HALC [12123 1](#))
    - III. Discussion on the WMPF boundary
  - H) West Down
6. Green Canopy Project
7. To discuss ways to make [Virgin Media and BT junction](#) boxes around the village more aesthetically pleasing ([21623 1](#))
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 13 April 2023 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)

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5A.

**COSC Finance report – March '23**

Pavilion Electric supply contract has been renewed with SSE

Hyperlinks to: 22/23 [Receipts spreadsheet](#)      22/23 [Payments spreadsheet](#)

OVERVIEW SUMMARY	Ringfenced accounts						VAT	TOTAL
	HSBC No.2 / Batty acc	HSBC Deposit/WMPF Capital acc	WMPF Capital (held in current account)	Common	West Down	Other (i.e. precept funded)		
<b>Opening Balance as at 1/4/22</b>	<b>5099.97</b>	<b>3747.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19165.59</b>	<b>10029.01</b>			<b>38042.16</b>
COSC related Receipts total to date	14.40	5.85	2612.50	5359.56	3269.68	765.82		12027.81
COSC related Expenditure to date	-1898.00		-2597.87	-7697.38	-3106.95	-6138.61	-3056.43	-24495.24
<b>Closing Balance as at 1/3 /23</b>	<b>3216.37</b>	<b>3753.44</b>	<b>14.63</b>	<b>16827.77</b>	<b>10191.74</b>	<b>-5372.79</b>	<b>-3056.43</b>	<b>25574.73</b>
<b>Notification of receipts from 14/2/23</b> inc. in above figures								
NONE								
<b>Notification of payments from 14/2/23</b> (inc. in above figures): -								
Abbots Ann Pest Control (WMPF mole catching)						275.00		<b>275.00</b>
CABI (supply of weevils for riverbank - £145.51 from riverbank budget and £62.49 from vegetation management budget)				208.00			41.60	<b>249.60</b>
HCV (Clearing brambles and hawthorn on Common)				70.00				<b>70.00</b>
TVBC - bin emptying on WD and WMPF					212.62	212.62	85.05	<b>510.29</b>
								<b>0.00</b>
								<b>0.00</b>
<b>COSC related Community Projects Allocations/reconciliation -</b>	Budgeted	Expenditure	Receipt	<b>Balance</b>				
WMPF improvements to Play Area	10000.00			<b>10000.00</b>				
West Down Tree Planting (balance to be used for acquisition & planting of bigger trees in the autumn/Green Canopy)	2000.00	-315.45	835.00	<b>2519.55</b>				
Further enhancements to WMPF	5000.00			<b>5000.00</b>				
Common gravel area redesign	5000.00	-277.19		<b>4722.81</b>				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22000.00</b>	<b>-592.64</b>	<b>835.00</b>	<b>22242.36</b>				

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### 5B. Allotments:

At the 12 April '21 CPC meeting Cllrs discussed and agreed that allotment rental fees should, in increments over 3 years, increase to reach the benchmark rate of 40p/sq.m. However, this is to be reviewed prior to the final increase as the third-year increase may not appropriate for the site.

Plot	plot size sq.m	Rent 2019	rent 2020	1st of 3yrs agreed increases in rent 2021	rent 2022	<b>FINAL INCREASE for review 2023</b>
GH1	22	£4.00	£4.80	£6.10	£7.50	£8.80
A1	28	£5.00	£6.00	£7.70	£9.50	£11.20
A2	46	£8.50	£10.20	£12.90	£15.60	£18.40
A3	46	£8.50	£10.20	£12.90	£15.60	£18.40
A4	56	£10.00	£12.00	£15.50	£18.90	£22.40
A5	56	£10.00	£12.00	£15.50	£18.90	£22.40
A6	26	£5.00	£6.00	£7.50	£8.90	£10.40
A7	70	£13.00	£15.60	£19.70	£23.90	£28.00
A8a}	42	£8.00	£9.60	£12.00	£14.40	£16.80
A8b)	56	£10.00	£12.00	£15.50	£18.90	£22.40
A9a	42	£8.00	£9.60	£12.00	£14.40	£16.80
A9b	28	£5.00	£6.00	£7.50	£8.90	£11.20
A10a	35	£6.00	£7.20	£9.50	£11.70	£14.00
A10b	44	£8.00	£9.60	£12.00	£14.40	£17.60
A11	60	£11.00	£13.20	£16.80	£20.40	£24.00
A12	23	£4.50	£5.40	£6.70	£7.90	£9.20
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL RENTS</b>		<b>£124.50</b>	<b>£149.40</b>	<b>£189.80</b>	<b>£229.80</b>	<b>£272.00</b>

### 5C. Common report

I dont think there is anything to report except that HCV volunteers did a good job of scrub clearance along the bridleway this month.

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## **7. BT and Virgin boxes proposal**

### **NH proposal re making Virgin Media and BT junction boxes around the village more aesthetically pleasing**

24 Jan 2023,

Whilst we accept the need to have them they are not aesthetically pleasing and I would like COSC to consider a solution which has proved popular and widespread in New Zealand and Australia. Local artists have been invited to display their skills and at the same time bring life and interest to utilitarian objects.

I suggest that local artists could be invited which would promote their abilities and at the same time increase interest in something unique to the area, and raise the village profile as a promoter of local talent. Not to mention brightening the lives of villagers!

All subject to the agreement of Virgin and BT whom I sincerely hope would co-operate, if correctly approached.

Here is the BT policy on decorating their street furniture

<https://www.openreach.com/help-and-support/damage-health-and-safety/cabinet-art>

I have not found anything online about a Virgin Media policy so it will need someone to enquire via their local team. It does seem there may be an overheating issue with their cabinets - hence the use of grey - so light colours only may be allowed.

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## **8. Correspondence**

8/2/23 - email to SSE re pavilion electric contract ([6323\\_3](#)). 9/2/23 SSE renewal confirmation email ([6323\\_3a](#))

13/2/23 - HCC response re Barbed wire adjacent to Footpaths (Whitelands Path) ([6323\\_6](#)) – Forwarded to COSC

17/2/23 - Lengthsman Scheme 2023/24 agreement ([6323\\_10](#)) – signed and returned 22/2/23

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