

YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
To be held on Thursday 20 July 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 15 June 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
 - i. [To include update on weeds growing on allotment plots](#)
 - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc.
 - I. Update on Fishing Rights –
Cllr Ewer has been informed that Strutt and Parker's client solicitors are drafting a deed. Once Strutt and Parker have a copy they will send it to CPC for final review.
 - II. [To discuss](#) and propose a Stocks Green cutting policy (CPC to approve).
 - III. To discuss and decide on wording for 'alternative car parking' signs – Suggested signage agreed by CPC ([3723 11](#)). Cllr Larcombe to draft wording for approval (not available at time of publishing).
 - IV. [To discuss](#) and make a recommendation to CPC to the resident request to put up a electric fence on the Common
 - D) Machinery Maintenance
 - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths
 - F) Village Greens
 - G) [War Memorial Playing Fields](#) – N. Horne to inc.
 - I. [Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure](#) Tower proposal update
 - II. To discuss and decide upon action to take re the damaged [basketball systems](#)
 - III. [To discuss and decide on CCTV proposal.](#)
 - H) West Down
6. [To discuss ways to make Virgin Media and BT Junction boxes around the village more aesthetically pleasing](#)
7. [Correspondence](#)
8. Questions from Public
9. Any Other Business – For information only
10. Items for the next agenda
11. Date of the next meeting – Scheduled date is Thursday 10 August 2023 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)

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5A Finance Report

Hyperlinks to Budget reviews: - [Precept accounts](#) [Ringfenced accounts](#)

Date	to	RINGFENCED ACCS					PRECEPT ACCS						TOTAL	
		Common	WD	WMPF Capital	Batty Acc	Community Projects	WMPF - Running Costs	Allotments	Greens	Footpaths & Tree Man	Machinery Costs	Misc		VAT
01.04.2023	Opening Balance	17085.31	10191.74	3777.08	3225.35	21644.55								55924.03
INCOME														0.00
17.04.23	Interest			5.11										5.11
30.4.23	Interest			2.86	2.44									5.30
31.5.23	Interest			4.60	3.92									8.52
	Allotment Rents							269.55						269.55
23.5.23	SSE Wayleave								69.68					69.68
26.5.23	D Saunders (re GPS boundary mapping)						150.00							150.00
4.7.23	JD Sports Coaching						35.00							35.00
30.6.23	Interest			4.69	3.99									8.68
														0.00

EXPENDITURE	to	Common	WD	WMPF Capital	Batty Acc	Community Projects	WMPF - Running Costs	Allotments	Greens	Footpaths & Tree Man	Machinery Costs	Misc	VAT	TOTAL
04/04/2023	ProMow Landscapes (Green Canopy Trees)					2016.00								2016.00
04/04/2023	D Griffiths reimbursements	19.04	19.04			58.25					25.37	21.21	23.89	166.80
17/04/2023	J Hudson (parking signs for gravel area)	33.78											6.75	40.53
06/05/2023	A Denyer (Green Canopy comp. winner plaques)					31.20								31.20
9.5.23	Business Stream (19/1-19/4/23 WD water)		36.51											36.51
16.5.23	A Bond (green canopy tree planting, installation signage on Common, adjust. to gravel area)	465.00				440.00								905.00
16.5.23	D Griffiths (materails for gravel area adjustment & parking signs)	70.44				191.30							14.08	275.82
6.6.23	Grass and Grounds (21/4 & 4/5 cuts)						270.00						54.00	324.00
6.6.23	RoSPA Play Safety (annual inspection)						92.50						18.50	111.00
13.6.23	D Griffiths (materials for dragons teeth on Village pond Green)								164.48					164.48
13.6.23	A Bond (WD dragons teeth, labour village pond green, WMPF gate)		305.00				90.00		305.00					700.00
19.6.23	Greenspace Designs (Common information boards)	3423.75											684.75	4108.50
22.6.23	Grass and Grounds (19.5.23)						135.00						27.00	162.00
5.7.23	JD Sports Coaching return of fee						35.00							35.00
														0.00
														0.00
														0.00
	TOTAL income	0.00	0.00	17.26	10.35	0.00	185.00	269.55	69.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	551.84
	TOTAL expenditure	4012.01	360.55	0.00	0.00	2736.75	622.50	0.00	469.48	0.00	25.37	21.21	828.97	9076.84
11.07.23	Closing Balance	13073.30	9831.19	3794.34	3235.70	18907.80								

5Bi. i. To include update on weeds growing on allotment plots

A complaint has been received (in person) regarding weeds growing on some plots that are encroaching onto adjacent plots and that weed seeds are falling onto adjacent plots. TG has/will email tenants to remind them of Clause 4 of the Allotment agreements make provision that 'The Tenant shall use the plot as an Allotment Garden only (that is to say wholly or mainly for the production of vegetables or fruit crops for consumption by the tenant and his/her family) and for no other purpose and **to keep it clean and free from weeds and in a good state of cultivation and fertility and in a good condition**)'.

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Common Report for June(July meeting)

Notices

Access.

Problems with the gate . Loose when closed. Temporary chain and padlock in use at weekend (7419). NO progress yet on bridleway gate and access to ford – Urgent this needs to be scheduled.

Public Spaces Protection order – we need to discuss this. Can everyone read the correspondence so far so we can advise the CPC.

Educational Access

Markway school brought 11 students and 2 staff. One further booking this school year- Rookwood . Broughton Primary pulled out as no money for transport. I have updated the Teachers' Information Pack.

Wessex Rivers Trust

Decision made to leave fencing as it is. No news on WRT visit to assess. Early indications are that the stream side is being protected from people and cows.

Fly fisherman seen heading from Long bridge to Purleygig stream to fish (he said he had a permit) – but then he disappeared! Probably from Freelands.

Cows

Unusually damage is being done to paint work on "Swan" cottage by cows licking it for salts. CPC discussed. Salt licks not allowed on SSSI (Jasper) but I cant confirm. [Images of damage – [20723_3](#)]

Visitors.

Cooler weather has kept numbers low but **decision** must be made now re closing the gate in the Summer hols

ITV Meridian filming

7th July am synopsis of info used in the interview attached (sent to CPC chair and COSC chair in advance and approved by COSC chair) ([20723_2](#)). 28'C Some very pretty shots of the Common. Responsive interviewer (Andrew Pate) and cameraman (Graham....) very aware of the sensitivities. "Spirit of the South" goes out at 6pm on ITV Meridian and is likely in early August. We will be told when. Fingers crossed.

Management

Hampshire Conservation volunteers

7 volunteers (none from village) cleared wide strip to South of the bridleway where the rabbit warrens are. Thanks sent to them. Many thanks to Emma Julian and Nick for traffic and gate management.

Autumn Stream Clearance

No reply from AGS but Sparsholt lecturer Stuart Robinson has indicated that his Countryside Management students are likely to take up the challenge of stream clearance in early autumn.

We need to schedule scrub clearance from boundary as per the management plan **Decide date and personnel.**

HCV volunteers are pencilled in for Abbotts stream clearance on 7th or 8th October I will finalise with Jenny Wedick . They have the right tools. Andy ? has said he will put a team of peer/friends together for this too. I suggest we go for the 7th as the 8th is my birthday.

Jack Davidson -Greenjack Countryside Services has contacted us with info about a newly acquired small tractor which he could use to cut our grass/ scrub etc. <https://www.instagram.com/greenjackcountrysideservices/?hl=en-gb>

Moya

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I was therefore on the common for the CPC/ COSC three days running. Markway school -cold and damp, ITV – blazing, HCV – rain storm . Not sure I can work at this intensity.

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5G. WMPF REPORT TO COSC FOR JULY 2023

Playing Field

The recent good weather has seen numerous families enjoying the facilities for play and picnics. Walkers, with and without dogs, abound. It is clearly fulfilling a great need for locals and visitors to benefit. Grass & Grounds have continued their fortnightly cuts and the field is looking in good condition.

Wherwell Royals football club commenced their use of the facilities for training on 12 July and will continue, on Wednesdays, until the start of the season in September. In August there will be friendly matches on Sundays.

The parish council have agreed that the facilities will be used for the annual social event of the Andover Swimming and Water Polo Club, on 2 September.

A copy of the boundary which the survey produced is still awaited for COSC, from the CPC for future reference, but it is anticipated that the boundary will be marked clearly soon.

Play Equipment

With the approval of a grant from TVBC the installation of the adventure tower and removal of the slide mound can proceed. Please see below for details.

Work is underway on the items highlighted in the recent play equipment safety inspection report. This primarily comprises precautionary maintenance, but one issue has been referred to Vita Play who supplied and installed the wood structures.

The basketball court currently lacks complete backboards and hoops – all due to vandalism. The source and cost of metal backboards is being investigated as possible replacements for the Perspex that are supplied as standard. Communication with Spalding continue over faulty the parts we wish to have replace and once the situation is clear it will be possible to assess the overall financial implications and decide whether to continue to provide this facility for use.

The extent to which the basketball court has attracted vandalism which has resulted in a loss of use of the amenity and additional cost for the parish council will be part of the considerations. As should the use of some form of CCTV to deter and monitor further vandalism.

Pavilion

The problems with two of the showers have been diagnosed and should be dealt with in the next two weeks.

It has been decided that once professional tree work has been undertaken the remedial works to the pavilion roof can proceed.

Development Group

The 50% grant from the TVBC Community Asset Fund towards the adventure tower, slide mound, and cycle bumps track has been approved. The parish council has formally accepted the grant on the basis that the conditions can be met, and the order has been placed with Caledonia Play. Currently their lead time is 10 to 12 weeks for an installation which will take two days.

Preparations are needed for the removal of the slide mound and relocation of the spoil, and the installation will need to be project managed on behalf of the parish council. Work on the design of the proposed cycle bumps or pump track is in hand.

It is too late to publicise this via the community magazine this month, but it will be essential to keep the community informed on progress with this exciting initiative. Consideration needs to be given to how and where this will be publicised.

Nick Horne

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5Giii. To discuss and decide on CCTV proposal

Suggested CCTV camera - <https://shop.naturespy.org/products/browning-recon-force-elite-hp5>

Suggested signage - ["CCTV in Operation" Sign 420mm x 297mm - Screwfix](#) or ["CCTV In Operation" Sign 210mm x 148mm - Screwfix](#)

[HALC advice re installation of CCTV \(9123_8\)](#)

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6. To discuss ways to make Virgin Media and BT Junction boxes around the village more aesthetically pleasing:

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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7. Correspondence –

8/6/23 - HCC email re Purlygig Bridge ([3723_6](#))

12/6/23 - ITV request re Common ([3723_9](#)) – 26/3/23 response to ITV ([3723_9a](#))

12-13/6/23 - Cutting of Stocks Green ([3723 8](#)) – on agenda for discussion and proposal to CPC

13/6/23 - Resident email to TVBC re Common bins ([3723 7](#)). TVBC to replace Black and Gold bins with smaller lidded wheelie bins that can be emptied using the small refuse van.

15/6/23 - Common moth recording request ([3723 15](#))

20/6/23 – Common Residents letter to CPC requesting closure of Common gate June, July and August weekends ([3723 16 letter](#), [16a photos](#))

23-26/6/23 – TE email to DEFRA re Bye-laws and DEFRA response ([3723 17](#))

5/7/23 - TVBC Public Spaces Protection Orders ([4923 2](#))

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