

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 April 2024 at Poplar Dene, Cart Lane,
Chilbolton; 18:30

Present: David Griffiths (DG), Emma Noble (EN), Trish Heaton (TH)

1. Apologies: Nick Horne (NH), Moya Grove (MG), Rick Franke (RF), Terry Gilmour (TG), Julian Hudson (JH)
2. Declaration of Interests: None
3. Approval of Minutes – Thursday 14 March 2024 – approved with some minor amendments.
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
 - i. Finance transactions since last COSC meeting.
Noted with no comments.
 - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour
Nothing to report
 - C) Common – M. Grove to inc.
 - I. Update on Fishing Rights – a signature is still awaited.
 - II. Discussion on extension of Purlygig Bridge. Adjourned. This will be considered at the next meeting.
 - III. The small tree which has fallen above the purleygig was discussed. COSC will continue to take advice and Rick Nightingale has been contacted. At present the river is still flowing.
 - IV. Regarding the horse gate at the bottom of Joys Lane, EN will re-submit the grant to HCC. EN will have a look at the configuration of the fencing around the gate to see if it can go over the ditch to reduce costs. DG will then contact Andy Bond (AB) to see if he can do the fencing work.
 - V. AB has also fixed the horse gate at the Long Bridge.
 - VI. DG will arrange a replacement of the dragon's teeth which have been knocked over by cars or become rotten.
 - VII. DG will contact AB about the repair of the sleeper bridge.
 - D) Machinery Maintenance
Nothing to report
 - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths
See below, under Chilbolton War Memorial Playing Field

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F) Village Greens
Nothing to report

G) War Memorial Playing Fields – N. Horne to inc.

I. Update on WMPF Development Group and Adventure Tower update

TH reported that the development group plan to attend the CWMPF when the weather improves and will re-lay the rubber mats onto less muddy soil.

DG agreed that he would reply to the email from Jenny Brain, thanking her.

TH reported that Caledonia play have rectified the issue with the fireman's pole but we are waiting to hear back from Vitaplay about the rotted area on the clamber stack, the wear on the toddler swing and the basketball hoop.

II. CPC update on the proposal to enclosing the WMPF to be able to apply for an 'Enclosed Sports Area' under the TVBC Public Spaces Protection -

DG wrote to Corinne Davis-Smith (Community Ranger at HCC) and asked if she would pay for the scalplings in this area where it has become very waterlogged. She said she would if the path following the current course and it was done to HCC's standards. DG to obtain a quote for doing the work from AB.

H) West Down

- i. To discuss and decide on request for memorial plaque on a WD bench (or installation of a new bench with memorial plaque). COSC agreed that before getting back to Mr Dodd, an assessment should be carried out to identify which benches are available to be dedicated.
- ii. DG confirmed that AB is scheduled to erect fencing to close the gap in the hedge which leads to Test Valley Farm.
- iii. The bent overhead barrier has been reported. DG to contact HCC again as there was no funding in the last financial year for it to be repaired.
- iv. There has been a report of fly tipping of green garden waste between the back of the Station Road houses and Test Valley Farm. Mandy Denyer to contact the house responsible.
- v. The perimeter fence needs checking before the cows return. EN to check and mark wobbly fence posts.
- vi. DG reported that the working party is carrying on doing small jobs which can be done without troubling nesting birds.
- vii. EN will meet George Whitfield next Friday 19th April to install the bridleway marker posts. COSC will then give thoughts to waymarking using finger posts.

6. Correspondence

Agreed and Signed (Chairman)
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6/3/24 - MD email to Sparsholt re extension of Purlygig Bridge ([8424_3](#)) – awaiting response

7/3/24 - Cow Common sampling request ([8424_6](#)) – Consent was given and MG has made contact

12/3/24 - Savills re Future Farm Resilience Fund Report - Chilbolton Common and West Down ([8424_9](#))

14/3/24 - HCC RoW Officer email to GM re Purlygig Bridge extension ([8424_10](#))

7. Questions from Public

8. Any Other Business – For information only

9. Items for the next agenda

10. Date of the next meeting – Scheduled date is Thursday 9 May 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.