

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)
To be held on Thursday 12 September 2024 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 8 August 2024](#)
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. 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](#)
 - ii. To update on Natural England meeting to discuss Rural Payment Agency stewardship agreements and future funding arrangements
 - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour – Nothing to report
 - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc.
 - I. [Update on Purlygig Bridge](#)
 - II. [Update on Sleeper Bridge repair](#)
 - D) Machinery Maintenance – No report at time of publishing
 - E) Parish Paths – Cllr Griffiths – No report at time of publishing
 - F) Village Greens – No report at time of publishing
 - G) War Memorial Playing Fields – N. Horne to inc. (No report at time of publishing)
 - I. Update on Wild Flower areas
 - II. Update on play equipment repairs following annual inspection
 - III. Update on communications with Vita Play re play equipment timbers
 - H) West Down – No report at time of publishing
 - I) Tree Warden report – No report at time of publishing
7. To Discuss and decide on Lengthsman tasks for the following month (**to include number of hours allocated per task**)
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 10 October 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

Mandy Denyer (Clerk)
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6A Finance report:**Receipts since last report:**

1/8/24 – RPA WD Delinked payment - £545.67

1/8/24 – Track repair contribution - £197.04 (a reminder has been delivered to the remaining 2 properties that have not yet made their contribution to the recent track repair)

Payments since the last report (inc. VAT where appropriate):

11/8/24 - ProMow Landscapes- WD Paths £485.09 and Footpaths (Mark Way £139.13, other paths £117.78)

15/8/24 - A Bond (Common car parking signage installed near WD) - £90.60

3/9/24 - Your parking signs (common signage) £216

Ringfenced balances as at 04/09/24:

Ringfenced Common Funds (held in current account)	
Opening Balance 2024/25	10011.73
Income to date - PRA grants	0.00
Income to date - Other	888.39
Expenditure to date	-4815.64
Closing Balance	6084.48

Ringfenced West Down Funds (held in current acc)	
Opening Balance 2024/25	8903.95
Income to date - RPA grants	545.67
Income to date - Other	0.00
Expenditure to date	-3420.47
Closing Balance	6029.15

WMPF Capital and Batty accounts	WMPF Cap	Batty	
Opening Balance as at 1.4.24	3683.23	3280.33	
Plus income	223.86	20.33	
Less current acc expenditure to date	0.00		
closing balance as at 04.09.24	3907.09	3300.66	7207.75

2024/25 Precept budget review attached [here](#)

2024/25 Ringfenced budget review attached [here](#)

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6C Common Report for August for COSC September meeting:

Bridleway repairs:

The repair is urgent but no reply has been received from Beth Rutterford about a meeting to finalise plans. Water levels are low and the ground is hard for equipment so it is essential to make our own plans. DG has met with Simon Frost and Peter Harvey of Wherwell who have volunteered to install 4m of boards up stream of the bridleway and back fill with gravel from the river courtesy of Mr Rich of Freelands. We are aware that boards will not please Natural England but they see no alternative if the path is to be raised to make the gradient to the bridge shallower. WRT are clear that it was high water and NOT the removal of boards which caused the erosion, as asserted by HCC. It remains to establish who is to actually carry out the work. Wessex Rivers Trust should be involved. AGS should be informed as she could halt the work and it will probably need an official form completion and SSSI approval. HCC are responsible for maintaining the Bridleway. CPC has tasked David Drew, HCC councillor, with contacting Ms Rutterford to hasten the process which is now urgent.

Meeting with Alison Graham-Smith 2.15 on 12th September at the Durnford Room CVH:

The bridleway plan should be mentioned to AGS at the arranged meeting. Main topic to be Management plan for the Common (MG) and the future with ELMs and new Government plans (JH).

Sleeper Bridge:

Repairs are to be carried out this month by Huttons and the residents of the cottages have been informed of the date.

Ditches:

Thanks to Rick Nightingale for clearing the ditch past the Old Cottage which has allowed pumping there to be more effective. Sparsholt are planning to bring students in September to help clear the Abbots Stream as last year. However, HCV are booked up and cannot help this time. I have sent a list of our yearly requirements to their scheduler for next year so we should be able to use them for some tasks.

Barrier:

The barrier has been unlocked from its summer closure. The Common and its residents have benefited. Problems have arisen with occasional inconsiderate parking near the top of Joys lane – NB cones needed!! and with double parking on the concrete road to West Down. New carpark signs have been erected by the CPC at West Down. One further sign pending at Joys Lane. Blue Badge holders must apply to the clerk in advance for the gate code.

Cattle:

Poor state of fencing led to cows escaping into Rowles garden. The fence has been repaired by Simon Martin at DG request (cost should be borne by resident as should fence against the Common). No info from Painters re fence problems at Frog Lane.

No info from Adam Coutts on when Cows to leave – assume early November if not too wet.

Visits:

Sparsholt Andover to visit Oct 4th all day. MG to host. Pavilion and playing field parking needed from 09.30

MG has been asked to give talk at Sparsholt in January 2025 on common management to Fisheries Course students at request of Nick Richards, lecturer.

Moya Grove 3rd September 2024

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8 Correspondence:

31/7/24 - Contact form for 101 online re parking at Joys Lane junction ([2924 16](#)) 12/8/24 response from TV Rural Neighbourhood Policing team re Parking Restriction Joys Lane junction ([2924 16a](#)). CPC also informed that police cannot place police cones at junction. 12/8/24 JH and DD emails re parking restrictions ([2924 16b](#)). 30/8/24 HCC response re Parking Restrictions ([2924 16e](#)).

[Extract from the CPC Sept '24 draft minutes – MD contacted the police and asked for enforcement but was told that this is a HCC matter and that they would not put out police cones on the junction. MD contacted HCC and via DD was told that because HCC have limited funding and there have been no reports of Personal Injury Accident (PIA) data on the Police database for this junction there was nothing they could do to. However, they did mention that the police can, even without there being yellow lines; enforce the Highway Code (Waiting and parking - Parking (239 to 247) - Highway Code for parking causing an obstruction) under their powers within 10m of a junction. Therefore it was agreed that next year MD will contact the police prior to the gate closure and ask that they regularly visit the area to enforce the Highway Code at this junction. DD suggested that CPC also investigate the possibility of having white lines (e.g virtual footpath) installed].

25/7 and 30/7/24 - Chilbolton Residents emails re Parking on Village Street and Joys Lane junction ([2924 17](#)).

05/8/24 - COSC response re WD teasel field query 1724_9 ([2924 18](#)). 8/8/24 further email and COSC response ([2924 18a](#))

2/8/24 - Wherwell resident email re Cow Common footbridge repair and MD response ([2924 20](#)). 5/8/24 Further email and response ([2924 20a](#)) – Wherwell resident liaising with JH re their proposal for repair to path.

30/7/24 - Non-resident email re Common and River and TE response ([2924 21](#))

16/8/24 - Common access for disabled and response ([2924 26](#) photo not inc. in attached). Permission was given to use email and photo as evidence and therefore sent to Beth Rutherford (HCC Countryside services).

21/8/24 – Letter to Vita Play re Clamber Stack ([2924 29](#)). 21/8/24 Vita Play response, 4/9/24 further email from Vita Play ([71024 3](#)).

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