

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF
CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE (COSC)

To be held on Thursday 21 November 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 17 October September 2024](#)
4. Matters Arising
5. Chairman's Report - No report at time of publishing
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 discuss draft 25/26 COSC Budget for CPC approval
 - B) Allotments – T. Gilmour – Nothing to report
 - C) [Common](#) – M. Grove to inc.
 - I. Update on Purlygig Bridge
 - 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](#) –
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 14 November 2024 at Poplar Dene, Village Street.

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

3/10/24	Southern Water (WD/TVF barrier)	£ 250.37
11/10/24	Common residents Sleeper bridge contribution	£ 1000.00

TVBC S106 funds to be received for installation of Adventure Play Tower £ 1771.90 (to be allocated to WMPF Cap)

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

8/10/24	Huttons (Andover) Ltd – Sleeper bridge repair	£ 2083.20
8/10/24	Grass and Grounds (5 & 8/7, 2, 15 & 27/8, 21/9/24)	£ 1025.50
14/10/24	E Noble reimbursement WMPF padlocks	£ 58.99
17/10/24	A Bond (Rectory Green Repair – materials)	£ 385.00
28/10/24	A Bond (Rectory Green repair – labour)	£ 175.00
5/11/24	Business Stream (WD water)	£ 84.03
5/11/24	D Griffiths reimbursement Machinery Fuel	£ 24.50
13/11/24	D Griffiths reimbursement (Common – Gravel for TW)	£ 528.60
15/11/24	A Bond (Abbots Leigh verge post)	£ 90.00
19/11/24	I Daubney – various works inc cutting of greens	£ 1150.00

Ringfenced balances as at 15/11/24:

Ringfenced Common Funds (held in current account)	
Opening Balance 2024/25	10011.73
Income to date - PRA grants	0.00
Income to date - Other	2282.47
Expenditure to date	-6997.24
Closing Balance	5296.96

Remaining Common Budget:

Income - RPA payment and Educational visits est.	£ 4551.00
Expenditure – remaining budgeted items	
+ temp repair of Test Way/Purlygig (exc. labour charges re gravel)	<u>-£ 6090.49</u>
Estimated Closing balance at FY end	<u>£ 3757.47</u>

Ringfenced West Down Funds (held in current acc)	
Opening Balance 2024/25	8903.95
Income to date - RPA grants	1091.33
Income to date - Other	250.37
Expenditure to date	-3859.60
Closing Balance	6386.05

Remaining West Down Budget:

Income – RPA payments	£ 2059.67
Expenditure -	<u>-£ 3124.88</u>
Estimated closing balance at FY end	<u>£ 5320.84</u>

WMPF Capital and Batty accounts	WMPF Cap	Batty	
Opening Balance as at 1.4.24	3683.23	3280.33	
Plus income - Interest	23.86	20.33	
Plus income - Sale of slide (within Metro savings acc)	200.00		
Balance held on Metro Saving account	3907.09	3300.66	7207.75
Transactions within Current account: -			
Plus income -Sale of fridges	60.00		
Plus income - re allocation of internal audit costs	220.00		
Less current acc expenditure to date	0.00		
closing balance as at 02.10.24	4187.09	3300.66	7487.75

Remaining WMPF Capital budget:

Income – s106 funds	£ 1771.90
Bank interest	£ 43.14
Expenditure	<u>-£ 5200.00</u>
Estimated closing balance at FY end	<u>£ 802.13</u>

Remaining Batty Account budget:

Income – Bank interest	£ 26.67
Expenditure	<u>£ 0.00</u>
Estimated closing balance at FY end	<u>£3327.33</u>

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

2024/25 Ringfenced budget review attached [here](#) [NB: highlighted items are suggested savings on remaining budget]

2024/25 Overall budget summary attached [here](#)

2025/26 DRAFT budget

Precept accounts (spreadsheet attached [here](#))

Precept accounts (Word doc attached [here](#))

R Nightingale suggested budget re Trees, footpaths, and WD vegetation attached [here](#)

Ringfenced Accounts (spreadsheet attached [here](#))

2025/26 Draft budget summary:

2025/26 DRAFT Budget Summary	Precept acc	Common	WD	WMPF capital	Batty	Community Projects	TOTALS
Est. Opening Balance	£8,589.84	£3,757.47	£5,320.84	£802.13	£3,327.33	£9,997.44	£31,795.05
Budgeted Income	£4,898.00	£8,757.00	£3,151.00	£5,095.00	£80.00	£1,000.00	£22,981.00
Budget Precept (recommended)	£ 36,312						£36,312
Budgeted expenditure	-£47,009.82	-£15,165.66	-£9,078.43	-£5,200.00	£0.00	-£500.00	-£76,953.91
Est. Closing Balance	£2,790.36	-£2,651.19	-£606.59	£697.13	£3,407.33	£10,497.44	£14,134.48
Plus Est 24/25 un used budget		£ 1,322.34	£ 1,057.67				
therefore 25/26 Est opening bal		£ 5,079.81	£ 6,378.51				
Therefore est 25/26 closing bal		-£1,328.85	£ 451.08				

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6C Common report:

Bridleway repairs -

Temporary Repairs:

In the light of information or help from HCC it was decided, after a useful on site meeting with Mike Blackmore of WRT (5 11 24 – DG, MG, G.Marits) to go ahead with the temporary repair. Details of the work are included in the [attached doc](#) which is the draft permission form from NE. Because this permission will take some time the safety aspects are key.

Culverts under the gravel have been added to give some protection against upstream flooding.

[CPC have given the go ahead for this project]

Long term repairs:

We have received a quote from Nick Gibbs of Enviro- aqua which is felt to be expensive. It included a spec for a board walk and this solution was felt to be the better one. The river is likely to continue to seek a new course in the future, rainfall is likely to be higher and a solid solution with plastic geobags is not therefore felt to be sustainable. We will be seeking other quotes for a boardwalk.

The tree trunk stepping stones are a danger have been removed by Andy Bond and Andy Smith. Notices asking that they should not be removed have been put up but are being repeatedly torn down.

We are informed that Alison Graham Smith is no longer the nominated NE rep for the Common SSSI. However she is still the nominated rep for the River Test SSSI so needs to be informed of all activities nonetheless (Mike Blackmore)

Autumn cut – Should happen this week

Sleeper Bridge - A watching brief on flows through all 4 culverts is being kept.

Cattle - TB test carried out and cows likely to be removed soon

Visits – **Next visit booked for January/February . The CPC are warned that this source of income may dry up if the current reading of the new Govt. grants is correct. Visits will only be funded for SCHOOLS. Our visits are all tertiary colleges.**

Gates - Cows continue to escape through the Grindstone Green gate. Repairs in hand

New Government grants - As I understand it there is no one currently looking at this and it is urgent.

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6I Tree Warden Report for end October '24:

- West Down - trees marked with three red dots have been felled. Other trees marked to monitor remain being monitored.
- West Down Access Rd - a number of trees that had fallen across the road have been dealt with.
- Ivy Down Farm entrance - there is a group of Ash level with the electric barrier on the drive to Ivy Down Farm - they show signs of dieback distress and will be monitored.
- Joys Lane - there are a number of trees on both sides of the lane just before the cattle grid - heavily ivy infested showing signs of stress/death and leaning over the road - rooted in some cases on the edge of the ditch - they are of concern.
- Frog Lane - there are a number of mature Ash along the full length of the footpath on Frog Lane that show signs of stress/death. To be monitored and again some heavily infested with ivy.

The reason I mention the ivy cover on trees is that in winter, when the ground is wet & soft, the heavy weight of ivy in strong winds is often the cause of trees falling. Appreciate that ivy provides superb habitat for all sorts of creatures but it does have to be managed.

In particular I shall soon ring the ivy on the trees to the front of the pumping station.

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7 Correspondence:

9/10/24 -Letter to HCC and NE re Chilbolton Common SSSI bridleway repairs ([41124 4](#))

9/10/24 - Email to HCC M Hardy re WD barrier to TVF ([41124 17](#))

25/10/24 – HCC response re WD barrier to TVF ([41124 24](#)) – DG to meet M Hardy and COSC to action installation of barrier

23/10/24 - COSC letter to WRT re help with Test Way/Purlygig path repair ([41124 16](#)) WRT Response ([41124 16a](#))

24/10/24 - Track repairs not holding ([41124 22](#)). CPC draft minutes extract - DG agreed that due to the exceptional wet weather the new repair is not holding up as well as expected. JH agreed to investigate whether there is a more substantial/permanent/cost effective solution. Of course any permanent alterations to the track will require NE consent. Clerk has informed resident.

30/10/24 – SW letter re tanker damage to Rectory Green ([41124 28](#)). Copy of repair invoices sent to SW. They have requested that they be notified at the time of ‘suspected’ damage so that they can investigate immediately.

11/11/24 - SW response re Rectory Green repair ([21224 8](#)) –awaiting Cllrs instructions

1/11/24 - Southern Water Infiltration Reduction Plans 2024 ([41124 31](#))

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