

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Tuesday 28th November 2023

## Public Participation:

Ray Frost attended the meeting to ask the council to consider naming and signing the parks in Chudleigh.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (Chair), McCormick, R Webb, Fuller, Bowling and Hadley. Also, in attendance was co-opted member Tess Frost and Amii Shelley (Deputy Clerk)

## Apologies:

Councillors Bayley and Mike Moyse.

## Declaration of members’ interests:

None.

## Confirmation of Part 1 and 2 of the meeting:

The chair advised there would be no part 2

## Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman:

Councillor Hares asked councillors to consider the land management behind Waterstream Square. Councillor’s decided to leave the land untouched, and not to fence the area at this current time.

##  Progress on action points from the meeting on 26th September 2023:

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** | **Update**  |
| 1 | Arrange for the war memorial to be weeded | Town Clerk | Completed  |
| 2 | Organise the biannual weed spraying within the 30mph limits | Town Clerk | Completed |
| 3 | Site visit to look at open spaces management | The committee | Completed |
| 4 | Contact a contractor to discuss winter planting  | Assistant clerk | Completed |
| 5 | Raise footpath concerns with DCC – Garden Spot Lane | Assistant Clerk | Completed |
| 6 | Raise footpath concerns with DCC – Millstream Meadow Kissing gate | Assistant Clerk | Completed.  |
| 7 | Organise a site visit to Millstream Meadow/ Waterstream Square | Assistant Clerk | Completed |

## Open spaces/wildlife gardener:

Councillor Hares proposed increased cutting of the verges along Lawn Drive and turning the wild planted sections to grass. Seconded my councillor McCormick, with the vote 4 in favour and 2 against. **Action point 1.**

Councillors would like to arrange for a contractor to complete routine land management works at the Cider Press, Sensory Garden and Bat Garden. **Action point 2.**

## Winter planting:

Nothing to report.

## Footpaths:

Nothing to report.

## Cider Press:

## Councillors noted the cider press is showing some signs of deterioration. Action point 3

## Two Oaks:

Nothing to report.

## Millstream Meadow:

There has been an increase in the volume of graffiti within the skatepark area. Councillors would like the area cleaned up. **Action point 4.** Councillors have been made aware of a local resident carrying out unauthorised maintenance work within the green space **Action point 5.**

## Town Centre Enhancement:

Councillor Hares proposed the expenditure of £80.00 to provide interested businesses with a Christmas tree for outside their shops. Seconded by Councillor Hadley, and unanimously agreed.

Councillor McCormick proposed the expenditure of £450 to replant the large containers in the town in the spring. Seconded by councillor Hadley, and unanimously approved. **Action point 6.**

## Culver Green:

Nothing to report

## Fore Street Park:

Councillor Bowling is concerned that the playhouse is missing seating/shelf, and that some of the discs in the shop area are showing signs of rust. **Action point 7**

## The Gardens:

Nothing to report.

## Highways Issues:

Councillors would like to arrange a meeting with Devon County Council to discuss Parkway Road and Rock Road. **Action point 8.**

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

Nothing to report

## Allotments:

Nothing to report.

## Cemetery:

Councillors approved the grass contractors suggested cutting regime for the green burial area.

## Date and time of next meeting: January 2024.

## Meeting closed at 8:30pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
| **1** | Seek costings for increased grass cuts on Lawn Drive | Assistant Clerk |
| **2** | Organise a contractor and costings for land management at Sensory Garden, Two Oaks, and Bat Garden | Assistant Clerk |
| **3** | Arrange for assessment of the cider press | Assistant Clerk |
| **4** | Organise graffiti removal at Millstream Meadow | Town Clerk |
| **5** | Contact local resident about land management of council land. (Millstream Meadow) | Town Clerk |
| **6** | Organise planting of the large containers in the town | Assistant Clerk |
| **7** | Arrange for the playhouse and shop to be checked. | Assistant Clerk |
| **8** | Organise a meeting with Ines to discuss highways concerns | Town Clerk |