

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Tuesday 27th February 2024

## Public Participation:

None.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (chair), McCormick, R Webb, Fuller, and Matthews. Also, in attendance was co-opted members Frost, and Moyse, and Amii Shelley (Deputy Clerk)

## Apologies:

Councillor Bayley

## 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 commented on the quote received for bridge repairs needed at Millstream Meadow. Councillors decided they would need more information on the breakdown of the costings and the work that will be carried out before they could proceed. **Action point 1**

Councillor McCormick proposed the expenditure of £228.00 to carry out the redecoration of the notice board at Culver Green. Seconded by Councillor Hares, all in favour. **Action point 2**

##  Progress on action points from the meeting on 9th January 2024

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Update 27/2/24** |
| 1 | Amend committee’s terms of reference to allow for monthly meetings | Completed |
| 2 | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | Carried forward **action point 3** |
| 3 | Include a proposal to full council for the expenditure of £700 for a one off clean up, and £100 per month thereafter for maintenance at the bat garden, cider press and sensory garden | Completed |
| 4 | Make structural improvements to the cider press | Carried forward **action point 4** |
| 5 | Amend the bin emptying procedure | Completed |
| 6 | Check the bench at Milestone Cross | Completed |
| 7 | Organise site clearance of plot 53 Exeter Road | Completed |

## Open spaces:

Chudleigh Wild would like to replace some of the netting surrounding the plants at the bat garden, and add additional fencing supports for planting.

## Footpaths:

Mike Moyse provided an update on the footpaths within Chudleigh:

1. Footpath 9 has had a new post and gate.
2. Footpath 1 has had areas of brambles cleared from the front area of the path. The gate at the beginning is to be removed as it is no longer fit for purpose. **Action point 5**
3. Footpath 14, the gate at the bottom is rotten. **Action point 6**
4. Footpath 17, the kissing gate has been removed.

## Cider Press:

Nothing to report.

## Two Oaks:

Nothing to report.

## Millstream Meadow:

Councillors noted the play park area needed litter picking and weeding. **Action point 7**

## Town Centre Enhancement:

Nothing to report

## Culver Green:

Nothing to report.

## Fore Street Park:

Councillors have raised concerns about the litter surrounding the pagoda and the Muga **Action point 8**

## The Gardens:

Nothing to report.

## Highways Issues:

Nothing to report.

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

1. Correspondence received from a resident of The Oaks development. Bringing the councillors attention to the land alongside Gordon Lodge where the bat run was supposed to be protected. The contact noted that some of the whips including those on the bund had been removed/destroyed. **Action point 9**
2. Correspondence from a local resident, regarding a local group of volunteers taking over the management of a section of land at Culver Green where the dogwood was removed in 2023. Councillors agreed to the proposal and will review after the summer. **Action point 10**

## Allotments:

Nothing to report.

## Cemetery:

Nothing to report.

## Date and time of next meeting: 26th March 2024

## Meeting closed at 8:20pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
| 1 | Organise contact between the contractor and councillors regarding bridge repairs at Millstream Meadow | Assistant Clerk |
| 2 | Organise the redecoration of the notice board at Millstream Meadow | Assistant Clerk |
| 3 | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | All Councillors |
| 4 | Make structural improvements to the cider press | Mike Moyse and Councillor Fuller |
| 5 | Remove the gate from the beginning of footpath 1 | Mike Moyse and Councillor Fuller |
| 6 | Contact DCC footpaths team about the rotten gate on footpath 14 | Mike Moyse |
| 7 | Arrange for Millstream Meadow to be litter picked and the park weeded | Assistant Clerk |
| 8 | Arrange for the pagoda and MUGA to be litter picked | Assistant Clerk |
| 9 | Contact Vistry Homes to remind them of the land management agreement  | Town Clerk |
| 10 | Respond to the management request for the area of Culver Green where the dogwood was removed | Assistant Clerk |