

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Tuesday 28th May 2024

## Election of Chair:

Councillor Webb proposed Councillor Hares. Seconded by Councillor McCormick and unanimously agreed.

## Election of Vice Chair:

Councillor McCormick proposed Councillor Webb. Seconded by Councillor Hares and unanimously agreed.

## Public Participation:

Mr Harvey-Howard provided the committee with information on “wireless and health”.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (chair), McCormick, and Webb. Also, in attendance was co-opted member Tess Frost and Amii Shelley (Assistant Clerk)

## Apologies:

Apologies received from Councillors Powell, Fuller and Hadley.

## 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 would like it noted that apologies should be received from all members who are not able to attend.

## Progress on action points from the meeting on 30th April 2024

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Status** |
| 1 | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | Carried Forward **Action point 1** |
| 2 | Contact DCC footpaths team about the rotten gate on footpath 14 | **Agenda item 9** |
| 3 | Contact Vistry Homes to remind them of the land management agreement | Carried Forward **Action point 2** |
| 4 | Use local monthly newsletters to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs | Completed |
| 5 | Contact the contractor and organise the commencement of tree works at Millstream Meadow | Completed |
| 6 | Obtain a price for a wooden picnic bench for the bat garden | Committee decided not to proceed |
| 7 | Contact the landowner of the footpath at Lawell House regarding an access gate | Completed |
| 8 | Review the condition of the cider press and provide potential solutions for refurbishment | **Agenda item 12** |
| 9 | Obtain a price for bark flooring covering for the sensory garden | **Agenda item 14** |
| 10 | Monitor the condition of the dog bin at Two Oaks | **Agenda item 14** |
| 11 | Contact the resident with the council’s decision regarding suggested tree works at Millstream Meadow | Completed |
| 12 | Arrange for the bus shelter glass to be cleaned at Millstream Meadow | Completed |
| 13 | Arrange for the multiplay panel to be repainted at Fore Street Park | **Agenda item 13** |
| 14 | Contact DCC regarding blocked roadside drains on Station Hill | Completed |
| 15 | Follow up with DCC regarding the possibility of double yellow lines near the cemetery and at the bottom of Clifford Street | Completed |
| 16 | Respond to the resident about a 20mph speed limit on New Exeter Street | Completed |
| 17 | Seek potential locations for a vas on Exeter Road | **Agenda item 18** |
| 18 | Obtain cctv solutions for the allotments | Carried Forward **Action point 3** |

## Bat Garden:

Councillor Hares proposed the expenditure of £30 to allow the contactor to supply insect friendly planting. Seconded by Councillor Webb, unanimously agreed. **Action point 4.**

Councillors would like to the grass cut more regularly, and for the area of nettles lining the hedgerow to be reduced in width. **Action point 5.** Concerns continue to be raised surrounding the level of dog fouling within this area. **Action point 6.**

## Footpaths:

An update on the rotten gate at footpath 14 has been requested. **Action point 7**

## Cider Press:

The report on the cider press refurbishment has yet to be completed. **Action point 8.** Councillors would like a site visit, to discuss a planting and maintenance programme. **Action point 9.**

## Two Oaks:

Councillor Hares proposed the expenditure of £132.50 to provide a dumpy bag of woodbark to the sensory garden, to improve the floor covering. This was seconded by Councillor McCormick and unanimously agreed. **Action point 10.** The dog bin will need replacing in the future. **Action point 11.**

## Millstream Meadow:

1. Councillor McCormick informed the committee that the proposed designs for refurbishment of Millstream Meadow Play Park had received positive feedback.
2. Tess Frost noted that some of the willows between the footbridge and the cherry trees will need pollarding later this year. **Action point 12.**
3. Councillors would like to include expenditure for a new recycled plastic picnic bench, appropriate concrete pad, and fixings in the budget for next year. **Action point 13.**

## Town Centre Enhancement:

Nothing to report.

## Culver Green:

The committee would like to express thank to the volunteers who are working hard to plant up the area from which the dogwood was removed.

## Fore Street Park:

Councillors still have concerns about the way in which graffiti is covered. Noted.

## The Gardens:

Nothing to report.

## Highways Issues:

a) Councillor Hares is due to visit with a concerned resident about a potential vas position and requested bus stop on Exeter Road.

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

Correspondence was received surrounding the possibility of planting a new oak tree in line with an arts and science project. Councillors will wait or more information before a decision can be made. Noted.

## Allotments:

It was noted that the non-cultivation letters have started to be sent out to residents on the allotment sites, who are behind in terms of percentage of plot cultivation outlined in the signed allotment agreement.

## Cemetery:

Nothing to report.

## Date and time of next meeting: 25th June 2024

## Meeting closed at 7:50pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
| **1** | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | All Councillors |
| **2** | Contact Vistry Homes to remind them of the land management agreement | Assistant Clerk |
| **3** | Obtain cctv solutions for the allotments | Assistant Clerk |
| **4** | Arrange for the contractor to purchase plants for the bat garden. | Assistant Clerk |
| **5** | Organise the cutting of the grass and reduction of the nettles at the bat garden | Assistant Clerk |
| **6** | Contact the TDC dog warden about regarding dog fouling in Chudleigh | Assistant Clerk |
| **7** | Feedback to the committee regarding the rotten gate at footpath 14 | Mike Moyse |
| **8** | Provide a report and solutions for refurbishment of the cider press to the committee | Mike Moyse |
| **9** | Organise a site visit to discuss planting and maintenance at the cider press | Assistant Clerk |
| **10** | Organise the purchase of woodbark for the sensory garden | Assistant Clerk |
| **11** | Monitor the condition of the dog bin at Two Oaks | All councillors |
| **12** | Arrange a visit to Millstream Meadow to outline tree pollarding works for the autumn. | Assistant Clerk |
| **13** | Propose the inclusion in next years budget for a new picnic bench at Millstream Meadow to Full Council. | Assistant Clerk |