

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Tuesday 30th April 2024

## Public Participation:

None.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (chair), McCormick, R Webb, Fuller, Hadley and Bowling. Also, in attendance was co-opted member Mike Moyse, and Amii Shelley (Assistant Clerk)

## Apologies:

No apologies received.

## 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:

Nothing to report.

##  Progress on action points from the meeting on 26th March 2024

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Update** |
| 1 | Promote the litter pick on 8th April on social media | Completed |
| 2 | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | Carried forward **action point 1** |
| 3 | Make structural improvements to the cider press | Agenda Item 12 |
| 4 | Remove the gate from the beginning of footpath 1 | Completed |
| 5 | Contact DCC footpaths team about the rotten gate on footpath 14 | Carried forward **action point 2** |
| 6 | Contact Vistry Homes to remind them of the land management agreement  | Carried forward **action point 3** |
| 7 | Use local monthly newsletters to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs | Carried forward **action point 4** |
| 8 | Contact the landowner of the footpath near Lawell House about the damaged gate | Completed |
| 9 | Contact Devon County Council about the uneven footpath on Lawn Drive opposite the school | Completed |
| 10 | Contact the contractor following Millstream Meadow bridge site visit to provide an updated quote | Completed |
| 11 | Organise for Culver Green play park to be weeded | Completed |
| 12 | Organise removal of graffiti at Fore Street (multi-play) | Completed |
| 13 | Contact DCC about manhole on Station Hill and the surrounding surface | Completed |
| 14 | Arrange for the vas to be turned to face oncoming traffic going down Station Hill | Completed |

## Agreement of the committee’s terms of reference:

Proposed by Councillor McCormick, seconded by Councillor Webb, unanimously agreed.

## Resolution: The committee approves the expenditure of £330.00 for the removal of a fallen ash tree and works outlined within the tree report for Millstream Meadow:

Proposed by Councillor McCormick, seconded by Councillor Hadley, unanimously agreed. **Action point 5.**

## Bat Garden:

Councillors would like to obtain prices to provide a picnic bench within the open space. **Action point 6.**

## Footpaths:

Councillor Hadley noted the gate on the footpath near Lawell House is still not easy to access. **Action point 7**

## Cider Press:

Councillor Fuller noted the materials for structural improvements have been purchased, dry weather is now needed for the works to be completed. The actual press will require repairs in the future from where it has tilted. **Action point 8.**

## Two Oaks:

The ground covering of weeds have now been removed. **Action point 9.** The dog waste bin is showing signs of wear **Action point 10.**

## Millstream Meadow:

1. Councillor Hares informed councillors of a site visit with a resident who was concerned over height of trees adjacent to his property. Councillors agreed to the request to pollard the trees, at the expense of the resident, but the works would need to be completed outside of bird nesting season. **Action point 11.**
2. Councillor McCormick noted that when the graffiti was removed from the bus shelter, it has left a residue on the glass. **Action point 12.**

## Town Centre Enhancement:

Councillor Hares raised the possibility of increased tree planting within the Town.

## Culver Green:

Nothing to report.

## Fore Street Park:

Councillors have raised concerns about how the graffiti on the multi-play equipment was covered and would like the complete panel painted. **Action point 13.**

## The Gardens:

Nothing to report.

## Highways Issues:

1. The roadside drains on Station Hill are blocked, leading to water constantly running down the road. **Action point 14.**
2. Councillors would like to follow up with DCC regarding the possibility of double yellow lines near the cemetery and at the bottom of Clifford Street. **Action point 15.**
3. A concerned resident has requested support from the Council for a 20mph speed limit for New Exeter Street. After much discussion councillors made the decision not to proceed with a 20mph limit request to DCC, they felt it would not improve people’s driving, and they had received very little support for a change in speed limit when they previously investigated it. **Action point 16.** Councillors would like to revisit the possibility of a vehicle activated speed sign on Exeter Road. **Action point 17.**

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

Nothing to report.

## Allotments:

Councillor Hares, Bowling and Webb to act as the committee’s allotment liaison representatives. Councillors would like to investigate the possibility of cctv at the allotment sites. **Action point 18.**

## Cemetery:

Nothing to report.

## Date and time of next meeting: 28th May 2024

## Meeting closed at 7:54pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility**  |
| 1 | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | Environment Committee |
| 2 | Contact DCC footpaths team about the rotten gate on footpath 14 | Councillor Fuller |
| 3 | Contact Vistry Homes to remind them of the land management agreement  | Assistant Clerk |
| 4 | Use local monthly newsletters to remind dog owners to pick up after their dogs | Assistant Clerk |
| 5 | Contact the contractor and organise the commencement of tree works at Millstream Meadow | Assistant Clerk |
| 6 | Obtain a price for a wooden picnic bench for the bat garden | Assistant Clerk |
| 7 | Contact the landowner of the footpath at Lawell House regarding an access gate | Councillor Fuller |
| 8 | Review the condition of the cider press and provide potential solutions for refurbishment | Councillor Fuller |
| 9 | Obtain a price for bark flooring covering for the sensory garden | Assistant Clerk |
| 10 | Monitor the condition of the dog bin at Two Oaks | Assistant Clerk |
| 11 | Contact the resident with the council’s decision regarding suggested tree works at Millstream Meadow | Assistant Clerk |
| 12 | Arrange for the bus shelter glass to be cleaned at Millstream Meadow | Assistant Clerk |
| 13 | Arrange for the multiplay panel to be repainted at Fore Street Park | Assistant Clerk |
| 14 | Contact DCC regarding blocked roadside drains on Station Hill | Assistant Clerk |
| 15 | Follow up with DCC regarding the possibility of double yellow lines near the cemetery and at the bottom of Clifford Street | Assistant Clerk |
| 16 | Respond to the resident about a 20mph speed limit on New Exeter Street | Assistant Clerk |
| 17 | Seek potential locations for a vas on Exeter Road | Assistant Clerk |
| 18 | Obtain cctv solutions for the allotments | Assistant Clerk |