

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Monday 23rd September 2024

## Public Participation:

None.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (chair), McCormick, Webb, Klinkenberg, Bowling, Kirby and Macnair. Also, in attendance was co-opted members Tess Frost and James Bushell and Amii Shelley (Assistant Clerk)

## Apologies:

Apologies received from Councillor Hadley and co-opted member Mike Moyse.

## Declaration of members’ interests:

None.

## Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman:

Nothing to report.

## Progress on action points from the meeting on 22nd July 2024:

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Update 23/9/24** |
| **1** | Review Lawn Drive verge management Autumn 2024 | Completed. Site meeting 1/10/24 |
| **2** | Obtain cctv solutions for the allotments | Committee decided not to proceed |
| **3** | Propose the inclusion in next year’s budget for a new picnic bench at Millstream Meadow to Full Council | Carried forward **Action point 1** |
| **4** | Organise the nettles/brambles to be cut back in the Bat Garden, near the signage. | Completed |
| **5** | Assess the condition of the wetpour surrounding the skate park | Completed |
| **6** | Organise the purchase bluebell and daffodil bulbs for planting at Culver Green | Completed |
| **7** | Arrange a site visit to look at ivy and tree overgrowth at Culver Green | Completed |
| **8** | Include a bench and base in the budget for 2025-26 | Carried forward **Action point 2** |
| **9** | Arrange repairs for the seat back and missing floor plank at the pagoda | Completed |
| **10** | Contact DCC to find out when the EV points on Lawn Drive will be operational | Completed |
| **11** | Respond to the correspondence received about overgrown vegetation on Exeter Road | Completed |

## Bat Garden:

Nothing to report.

## Footpaths:

The footpath off Exeter Road next to Mistletoe View has a large amount of overgrown vegetation that needs to be cleared. **Action point 3.**

## Cider Press:

Nothing to report.

## Two Oaks:

Councillors would like to make sure any future planting within the sensory garden remains insect friendly. The sign for the sensory garden is damaged, so the committee made the decision to remove and store it. **Action point 4.**

## Millstream Meadow:

1. The playpark refurbishment is now scheduled to start week commencing 15th October.
2. The refurbishment of the Millstream Meadow footbridge is due to take place in October.

## Town Centre Enhancement:

The committee is waiting to find the outcome of the UKSPF grant application.

## Culver Green:

1. Following a site visit to the entrance to Culver Green, councillors would like to obtain a price to reduce the height of the ivy on the wall. **Action point 5.**
2. Councillors would like to investigate the possibility of creating a second butterfly friendly area within the park. **Action point 6.**

## Resolution: The committee approves the expenditure of £250.00 for the crown lifting and reduction of T21 at Two Oaks:

Proposed by Councillor Webb, seconded by Councillor Hares, unanimously approved.

## Fore Street Park:

1. Councillors would like to create a playpark maintenance plan. **Action point 7.**
2. Councillor Hares noted that the MUGA entrance gates need to new fixings so the gates could be secured once open. **Action point 8.**

## The Gardens:

Following correspondence received from a resident, Councillors noted that the weeds and overgrown vegetation needs to be cleared within the Council’s boundary. **Action point 9.** Councillors requested clarification on the play park boundary. **Action point 10.**

## Highways Issues:

1. Councillor Hares raised concerns that a section of the footpath on Exeter Road still needed to be cleared. Noted.

## Weed spraying 2025:

The Clerk noted that because of the weather this year the weed spraying will only be completed once. Councillor Hares proposed that the weed spraying within the 30mph limits be completed twice in 2026, seconded by Councillor McCormick, and unanimously agreed. **Action point 11.**

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

Correspondence was received regarding tree maintenance at Millstream Meadow. Councillors to attend site before responding. **Action point 12.**

## Allotments:

Councillors would like all vacant plots to be strimmed before the winter. **Action point 13.**

## Cemetery:

1. Prices have been received for the works to reduce the height of the cemetery hedge adjacent to Haldon View. Due to the level of cost, the committee would like to propose the expenditure for inclusion in next year’s budget. **Action point 14.**
2. The stone seating inside the cemetery gates needs to be repaired. **Action point 15.**

## Date and time of next meeting: 25th November 2024.

## Meeting closed at 8:45pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
| **1** | Propose the inclusion in next year’s budget for a new picnic bench at Millstream Meadow to Full Council | Assistant Clerk |
| **2** | Include a bench and base in the budget for 2025-26 | Assistant Clerk |
| **3** | Report the overgrown vegetation off Exeter Road, next to Mistletoe View | Assistant Clerk |
| **4** | Remove the sign from the sensory garden | Assistant Clerk |
| **5** | Obtain a price to reduce the height of the ivy on the wall | Assistant Clerk |
| **6** | Investigate the possibility of creating a second butterfly friendly area within the park | Assistant Clerk |
| **7** | Create a playpark maintenance plan | Assistant Clerk |
| **8** | MUGA entrance gates need to new fixings so the gates could be secured once open | Assistant Clerk |
| **9** | The weeds and overgrown vegetation needs to be cleared within the Council’s boundary at the Gardens Park | Assistant Clerk |
| **10** | Secure documents to confirm the boundary of the Gardens Park | Assistant Clerk |
| **11** | Arrange the weed spraying within the 30mph limits for next year (twice) | Assistant Clerk |
| **12** | Arrange a site visit at Millstream Meadow to look at overgrown trees/vegetation | Assistant Clerk |
| **13** | Arrange for the vacant allotment plots to be strimmed. | Assistant Clerk |
| **14** | Propose to TH & F the inclusion for cemetery hedge maintenance in the budget for 2025-2026 | Assistant Clerk |
| **15** | Arrange for the stone seating inside the cemetery gates needs to be repaired | Assistant Clerk |