

# Chudleigh Town Council

# **Environment Committee**

# Monday 13th January 2025, 7pm.

## Public Participation:

Mr Harvey Howard spoke on 5g, and the effects of microwaves on the environment. He asked for councillor feedback regarding this and has been asked to submit a letter to the Council containing the information.

## In attendance:

Councillors Hares (chair), Hadley, Webb, Klinkenberg, Kirby, Bowling, Powell. Also, in attendance was co-opted members Mike Moyse, Tess Frost and James Bushell, one member of the public and Amii Shelley (Town Clerk).

## Apologies:

Apologies received from Councillor’s McCormick and Macnair.

## Declaration of members’ interests:

None.

## Urgent matters brought forward by the Chairman:

Nothing to report.

##  Progress on action points from the meeting on 11th November 2024:

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Status 13/1/25** |
| **1** | Ascertain ownership of The Gardens Park boundary fence. Include on the agenda for Full Council in December.  | Completed |
| **2** | Remove the sign from the sensory garden | Completed |
| **3** | Investigate the possibility of creating a second butterfly friendly area within the park | Agenda item 10 |
| **4** | Create a playpark maintenance plan | Carried forward **Action point 1** |
| **5** | Arrange for the stone seating inside the cemetery gates needs to be repaired | Carried forward **Action point 2** |
| **6** | Contact Insurance company regarding “competent person” for play park repairs | Completed  |
| **7** | Contact the Baptist Church and suggest Millstream Meadow for the Goodwill Project | Completed |

## Footpaths:

1. Footpath 16 is showing some damage due to the amount of water running over the path, this will need to be monitored. Noted.
2. A new footpath sign will be installed on footpath 15 tomorrow. Noted.

## Town Centre Enhancement:

Nothing to report.

## Playparks:

1. Councillors received and reviewed the recent play park inspection reports. There has been a significant improvement at Fore Street Park, since remedial works have been completed. Councillors would like a management plan to look at completing all low risk remedials. **Action point 3.**
2. The Gardens Playpark has had suffered an increasing amount of cat faeces, a resolution to this needs to be found. **Action point 4.**

## Open Spaces:

1. Cllrs discussed the area for the wildflower/ butterfly garden in Culver Park and have outlined a desired specification to be able to obtain quotes. **Action point 5.**
2. It was reported that the preschool entrance and rear entrance of the Town Hall would benefit from an organised tidy up. **Action point 6.**

## Highways Issues:

1. Warren Lane: The drain on the side of the Road is blocked. **Action point 7.**
2. Harcombe Lane/Harcombe Barton: The road drain is blocked. **Action point 8.**

## Correspondence and Clerk’s report:

Nothing to report.

## Allotments:

1. Councillor Hares informed the committee of the success of the allotment forum meeting, which had 50 attendees.
2. The drainage trench needs to be cleared near the Tower Hill allotment site to reduce the impact of flooding on the allotments. **Action point 9.**

## Cemetery:

Nothing to report.

## Date and time of next meeting: 31st March 2025.

## Meeting closed at 8:15pm

## Action Points

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| **Action Point** | **Action Required** | **Responsibility** |
| 1 | Create a playpark maintenance plan | Town Clerk |
| 2 | Arrange for the stone seating inside the cemetery gates needs to be repaired | Town Clerk |
| 3 | Create a playpark management plan for remedials | Town Clerk |
| 4 | Try pepper powder in the Gardens playpark to monitor its effect on the level of cat faeces  | Town Clerk |
| 5 | Seek quotes for topsoil and wildflower seed for Culver Green | Town Clerk |
| 6 | Arrange working party for clearing the outside areas of preschool side and rear entrance. | Town Clerk |
| 7 | Report blocked drain on Warren Lane | Town Clerk |
| 8 | Report blocked drain at Harcombe Lane/Harcombe Barton | Town Clerk |
| 9 | Contact Clifford Estate to arrange clearance of the drainage trench adjacent to the Tower Hill allotments | Town Clerk |