

**NOTES**

Notes of the Meeting of the **WHITCHURCH DOWN CONSULTATIVE GROUP** held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 5.30pm conducted remotely via Zoom and YouTube

**PRESENT**

Councillors J Ellis, A Venning, Mrs A Johnson (Town Mayor)

**OTHER BODIES**

Plasterdown Grouped Parish Council – Cllr. Janet Freeman

Whitchurch Commoners – Absent

Tavistock Golf Club – Absent

National Park Ranger – Absent

Tavistock Cricket Club – Sue Eastwood

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Carl Hearn Town Clerk, Wayne Southall, TTC General Manager, Rebecca Rowe TTC Town Hall & Events Manager  
Councillors A Hutton, B Smith, P Squire (Observers)

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Nominations were invited for the appointment of a Chairman.

Councillor Ellis was elected as Chairman. The Consultative Group elected to not have a Vice Chairman.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Paul Glanville, Dartmoor National Park Ranger

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Councillor Ellis declared an interest in the Army Cadets (users of Whitchurch Down);
- Councillor Mrs A Johnson declared an interest in Tavistock and District Outdoor Education Forum and Tavistock ATC 2312 Squadron (users of Whitchurch Down).

#### **4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- a) The Consultative Group received the Notes of the Meeting of the Whitchurch Down Consultative Group held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, and endorsed their accuracy.
- b) It was noted the Town Council had not received a proposal from the interested party who expressed an interest in 2019 to plant a small copse of trees on Whitchurch Down. The Golf Club advised they would support any tree planting initiative.

#### **5. REPORTS**

The Consultative Group considered the following reports from: -

##### **a) Tavistock Town Council**

- **Gorse Cutting 2021** – Gorse cutting by contractor is scheduled for February 2021. This will again focus on road verges and blocks of over mature gorse identified in the Management Plan.
- **Army Cadets** – It was noted the Army Cadets had requested use of the land behind the Cricket Club once a week (March – September 7pm-9pm) to practise exercises/drills. Three vehicles would park on Down Road. It was agreed there would be no objections to permitting this activity but would it would be monitored and consent would exclude the area licenced to the Cricket Club.

##### **b) Whitchurch Commoners**

Not present – none received.

##### **c) National Park Rangers**

Not present – none received.

##### **d) Tavistock Cricket Club**

It was noted the Cricket Club had put forward plans to extend the pavilion by raising the roof a few inches in the changing room and to add a female changing room and disabled at the rear of the building (still within their boundary).

##### **e) Tavistock Golf Club**

The General Manager requested a separate meeting with the Golf Club to discuss arrangements / proposals for their activity around the vicinity of the Pimple.

##### **f) Plasterdown Parish Council**

Cllr. Freeman extended appreciation to the Town Council for their continued hard working in maintaining the area. It was noted there were more users of Whitchurch Down this year which was pleasing.

Two concerns were raised regarding the Pennycomequick disused quarry. 1 a fence panel which had come loose and 2. A broken tree branch which was a potential hazard. Both issues have been resolved by the TTC works Department post the meeting.

**6. WHITCHURCH DOWN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Work will commence on drafting the 2021-2026 Management Plan early next year.

**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The Meeting closed at 6pm

Signed:

Dated:  
CHAIRMAN