**Commons Coordinator Report**

**Andrew Colchester**

**May 2017**

Following the large horse chestnut tree adjacent to Chestnut Farm coming down in Storm Doris in February Goff contacted the District Council who referred him to David Mitchell for advice. Goff, Jerry, Sharon and I met with Mr Mitchell on the green to discuss the remaining chestnut trees in the vicinity. Mr Mitchell advised us that it was apparent that the tree came down in the storm because it was diseased and this was evident from the large bracket fungus growing at the base of the tree. Mr Mitchell examined the remaining trees and informed us that he could see no sign of any significant disease. He agreed to return and inspect the trees further once they are in full leaf. Mr Mitchell’s advice was that he could see no cause for any immediate action. Once he has returned and seen the trees in leaf he has agreed to give us a full report. Mr Mitchell removed the bracket fungus and took it to use as a teaching tool as it was the largest fungus of its kind he had ever seen.