

**Willington Parish Council**  
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**Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group (FOSG) Committee**  
**Held on Thursday 19th May 2022 at 7.00pm at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.**

**Present:** Cllrs S. Mead (Chair), T. Bartram and C. Mead.  
B. Cassia, T. Bates

In attendance: Clerk, Rachel Male. Alison Thornhill and Marie Smith (Trent Rivers Trust)

**F190522/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs. I. Hudson, C. Blanksby and L. Ramsden.

**F190522/2 Variation of Order of Business (if required)**

None.

**F190522/3 Declaration of Members' Interests**

None.

**F190522/4 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.**

Not required.

**F190522/ To agree the Minutes of the FOSG Meeting held on 21st April 2022 as a true record**

Instating the original route of footpath 7 across the old gravel quarry workings between Kingfisher Lane and the Willington South Railway crossing to the canal towpath to be escalated. The Clerk and T. Bates to carry out the paperwork.

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the FOSG Meeting held on 21st April 2022 were agreed as a true record.**

**F190522/6 Clerks Report on outstanding matters**

The footpath between Twyford Road and Vere Close has now been cleared by the Committee.

Another request for has been made for the footpath on Twyford Road towards the chimneys on the left-hand side of the road, past Orchard Close to be cleared.

Pavements on B5008 has been identified as unfavourable due to the overgrowth of the grass. Clerk to continue to chase Highways.

**F190522/7 Trent Rivers Trust**

Alison Thornhill and Marie Smith from Trent Rivers Trust attended the meeting and gave an update before the meeting started. They informed the Committee that Trent Valley Way is moving on and will be starting to put in way marker posts in the next month or so, they have also begun work on the interpretation.

24th/25th September they are having an event to celebrate the launch the Trent River Way, Rugeley to Shardlow section with guided walks etc.

Marie is the Senior Interpretation Officer and one of her tasks is to identify the circular walk (one around the nature reserve) going up to the canal. Marie is in contact with Kate Lemon at the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. They will keep us up to date on activity.

The Committee asked TRT if they could chase the Canal and Rivers Trust regarding the condition of the towpath. The Clerk continues to chase Canal and Rivers Trust and encourages all members of the Committee to log their concerns with them direct also.

**F190522/8 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust**

DWT have had the very first set of outline maps from the illustrator to help them orientate the map-based panels but no movement as yet on the field purchase and still in the queue for contractors to do assorted practical works or deliver materials, e.g., benches and way marker posts.

**F190522/9 CEMEX**

No update.

**F190522/10 Footpath Matters and Maintenance**

**RESOLVED: Committee agreed to clear the footpath between Twyford Road and Vere Close on Sunday 29th May. A risk assessment will be made for the working party.**

**RESOLVED: Clerk will continue to chase the Canal and Rivers Trust to arrange a meeting to discuss issues and future plans to improve the footpath along the canal.**

**F190522/11 Footpath Way Markers and Signage**

No update. The committee discussed the missing signage and markers within the village and agreed to discuss this at the next meeting to devise a plan moving forward to register routes with missing signage/markers.

**RESOLVED: Cllr. S. Mead to chase up Cllr. M. Ford**

**F190522/12 QR Code Project Update**

Cllr. Bartram has a post ready for installation in the station garden to attach a trial QR code to get feedback on the project and therefore allow us information to progress.

**RESOLVED: Cllrs. T. Bartram to install post with QR code.**

**F190522/13 Planning events for the opening of the new footpath**

School talk to be deferred to September 2022 when opening is more likely.

Bridge 25 – there have been some issues regarding permission and CEMEX require some discussions with the Canal and Rivers Trust along with us. This is an ongoing matter.

Committee to bring ideas to the meeting on how they want the opening to look like.

**F190522/14 Matters of urgency**

No matters of urgency.

**F190522/15 To agree Agenda items for the next meeting**

Ancient footpaths.

To consider the Terms of Reference.

**Next FOSG Meeting has been arranged for 16/06/21**

The Meeting closed at **20:03**