

**Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group (FOSG) Committee
Held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7.00 at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.**

Present; Cllrs T. Bartram (Chair), Blanksby, Hudson,
B. Cassia

F220721/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C. Mead, S. Mead and T. Bates due to holidays.

F220721/2 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None

F220721/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None

F220721/4 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required

F220721/5 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

The Chairman read out an email received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) providing an update.
RESOLVED that the Chairman approach Alison Thornhill of DWT and ask her to do a presentation to Willington Parish Council and/or FOSG.

F220721/6 CEMEX

Chair read out various emails received from CEMEX providing an update.

RESOLVED that the Chairman approach Bill Newton of CEMEX to arrange a site visit of the CEMEX site for FOSG members.

F220721/7 Mapping of Ancient Footpaths

Two routes had been identified. The Chairman agreed to ask T. Bates to update the group Face Book site to appeal to residents for other routes. No applications had been made as yet. It was reported that Cllr S. Mead had received an email from a parishioner who said that they were in possession of an old map of Willington showing some unknown footpaths.

RESOLVED that Cllr Hudson contact the parishioner.

F220721/8 Footpath Corres

Group discussed previously distributed email. Group agreed that the footpath mentioned in the email should be investigated.

RESOLVED that Cllr Hudson approach Willington History Group for details.

F220721/9 Footpaths Minor Maintenance Scheme

Understanding of the DCC Minor Maintenance Scheme was discussed. It was understood that the Parish Council could claim up to £385 p.a. for this scheme. Members were unclear on whether this amount was routinely claimed and if so whether it could be made available to FOSG for footpath signage etc.

F220721/10 Footpath Maintenance

Members discussed Parish footpaths. Two footpaths in particular were in need of maintenance.

1. TRPF, railway end, near dog bin. This gets extremely muddy and becomes unusable for some parishioners.

2. Footpath 13 (river/ford walk), was also in a very poor state. Members considered that both projects would require further details, work plan and cost estimate, for future presentation to full Council. Chair agreed to look into item 1, and it was thought that T.Bates had already put some details together for item 2.

F220721/11 Footpath Way Markers and Signage

This was considered to be an important output of the FOSG. All members to investigate preferred signage for further discussion at the next meeting.

F220721/12 Working Parties

None required at this time.

F220721/13 To agree Agenda Items for the next Meeting

Group considers all current agenda items to be kept as persistent items, also add;

- Consider areas suitable for planting of wild flowers
- Consider options for Repton Road triangle

The Meeting closed at **20:30**