

## **Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Space Group meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**54/17FO To Receive Apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies received. Cllr Kerry has not been to the last few meetings and was the Vice-Chair. **Action:** clerk to add to Full PC meeting role of Vice Chair.

**55/17FO Declaration of Members Interests.**

There was nothing to report.

**56/17FO Public Speaking**

The issue of Footpath one from the canal bridge was raised with respect to the old blue footpath for the 3 cottages and why was it not re-instated when the Dragon put tarmac down? It was explained that the Dragon put the tarmac down at their own expense and the cottages must have been consulted in regards to their path. The clerk explained that the path is a private residential issue and nothing to do with the council. The public footpath runs through the middle not to the edge and this now needs to be kept clear of parked vehicles. The clerk advised that she has emailed the Dragon and requested this.

**57/17FO To approve the minutes from the monthly meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.** The minutes having been circulated prior to the meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and signed by the Chair.

**58/17FO FP7 - Raised Walkway update.** The Chair thanked everyone for the day of clearing stating it was a great effort and the footpath looked good. He has now established 3 estimates for the materials from 3 building suppliers' websites and these range from £1951 to £2400. The Parish Council have agreed to the money already but the group just needed to get comparative quotes. The biggest issue is transporting the materials. The 3 options are: 1. Parking at the Highway Depot and walking with materials along the canal 2. Driving up kingfisher lane up the dirt road and to the green bridge 3. Via the quarry road and field. The best option would be boat but getting one is proving difficult. The Marina don't own a boat. The Clerk agreed to email Val the building estimates so she can send them to Cheryl at the River Trust. The Clerk also needs to chase the Probation Service regarding the labour work.

**59/17FO FP1 - Amendment to Definitive Map.** Cllr J Cullen gave a summary of the history of the footpath and that DCC made a mistake to the map in 1986 and put the footpath in the middle of the car park of the Dragon pub. In 2011 the Dragon pub decided to take down the hedge and extend the car park but Cllr J Cullen spent time at DCC Archives and established that the original path ran at the edge and was given to the Parish on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1768. It has taken until this year for DCC to change the definitive map to show the proper place of the footpath. Cllr J Cullen was thanked for his work. Cllr Cullen pointed out that it took 6 years to sort footpath 1 and 17 years for footpath 13 so it is a lengthy process and this needs to be remembered when looking at other paths.

**60/17FO FP1 - Overgrown hedge and vehicle obstructions. Action:** clerk to ensure the hedge is trimmed revealing the footpath sign and that vehicles are not parked on the footpath. Can the clerk now ask DCC about re-surfacing the path and if the Dragon and resident don't sort their hedges then the clerk is to report to DCC.

**61/17FO Creating footpath from Meadow Lane to FP7.** Derbyshire Wildlife Trust own 12 hectares of the area and a small pocket is owned by Repton Restoration with planning permission for some holiday homes. (Maps were circulated at this point). A planning application was submitted for 58 homes by Persimmon and a Doctors Surgery – owned by Assura. In 2013 WPC did not comment on the application. There appears to be 2 conflicting reports – Domestic Housing SDDC and DCC Minerals Report. The planning application for mineral extraction from 1949 and 1968 both state that the land should be returned to its original state – this applies to the whole quarry. There is a permissive footpath mentioned in various documents but it's not actually clear where this is and no map shows it. So the question is should the group fill in the application to register the footpath with DCC or go to the planning department at SDDC with questions about the permissive footpath, the added problem is where does the path finish as it is not clear from the Farmer's Gate?

**Actions:** Tony to work with Val and create points for query with Mike Ashworth, circulate to group and clerk to email. Cllr J Cullen to look into the planning application 49/68 and what impact the 2011 and 2013/14 has had on the original planning. Finally, Cllr P Cullen to complete the application form, scan and circulate it then Clerk to put this on the full PC agenda.

- 62/17FO Promoting the Group.** Sue recommended a logo to the group which everyone was happy with. Sue will create some posters as the Scouts have not had time to do any. **Action:** clerk to create a Facebook page and a page on the PC website and make Paul and Sue editors. Clerk to give Paul keys for the noticeboards.
- 63/17FO Resources required and storage provision.** It was agreed that the group needed its own petrol strimmers, loppers, gloves, wheelbarrows and general hand tools plus training and risk assessments as well as PPE. Action: can everyone send suggestions to Paul and he will create a list. It was agreed to store them at TRPF garage with permission from the PC – **action** clerk to add to agenda. Later down the line it was suggested to have a work bench for making items for the group.
- 64/17FO Land Registry searches** – see 61/17FO
- 65/17FO FP13 - Extending path update from landowner** – the clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr M Parnell who owns the field where the footpath stops and he does not want a footpath going around his field, under any circumstances. **Action:** clerk to get a quote from Graham for strimming the area on the Calon Energy site which is a permissive footpath. It was also discussed the state of footpath 13 along the back of the houses. **Action:** clerk to write to them asking them to keep the footpath to an acceptable standard.
- 66/17FO Date of next meeting**  
The date of the next Willington Parish Council FOSG Committee Meeting is to be confirmed as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at The Old School starting at 7pm.