

## **Minutes of the FOSG** **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**In attendance: Cllr P Cullen; Cllr J Cullen; Cllr S Finney; T Bates; B Cassia; L Ramsden. Members of the public: 5**

**37/17FO To Receive Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted for S Whitting. Mrs V Shelton has now resigned from the group.

**38/17FO Declaration of Members Interests.**

There was nothing to report.

**39/17FO Public Speaking**

Issues raised by the public:

- Footpath 9 is impassable at the moment. **Action:** clerk to speak to the farmer to request clearance.
- Can a letter be sent to DCC regarding the hedge opposite James Clarke Way and the poor visibility when turning right. **Action:** Clerk.

**40/17FO To approve the notes from the monthly meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.** Minutes, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**41/17FO Chair, Vice Chair and members with voting rights.** The Chair, as voted at Full Parish Council, is Cllr P Cullen. Vice Chair Tony Bates, as proposed by Cllr J Cullen and seconded by Cllr Finney. Members of the committee are: S Whitting; T Bates; J Cullen; P Cullen; S Finney; B Cassia and L Ramsden. More members and volunteers would be most welcome. **Action:** advertise the group on website and resource – S Whitting to do external advertising, Clerk internal.

**42/17FO Willington Picnic Site Car Park proposals.** Cllr P Cullen gave an overview of the situation so far as it involves a public open space. Cllr P Cullen gave a re-cap of the decision from the extraordinary meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April. No more information has come from DCC. The group agreed it would be best if the Car Park meetings were called by the Clerk so everyone knew when they were. A member of the audience stated that she had not heard back from her email about extra members of the public wanting to join the Car Park Committee. The Clerk explained she had received the email and would reply as soon as possible.

**43/17FO Willington Picnic Site - Planning applications.** Cllr P Cullen gave an overview of the planning application for the Sun Canopy as it is in a public open space. He then explained that there have been 2 more subsequent applications; one for the bar which has already been moved and two for a solid ceramic floor in the canopy. T Bates said this would make it a more permanent fixture and if not careful would end up like Nadee in Findern. Cllr J Cullen explained that the removal of the hedge goes against their agreement as the area has to be enclosed and they did not tick the box on the planning application that asked if a hedge was being removed. Lighting has also been added. Cllr MacPherson, in the audience, stated it was currently with enforcement at SDDC. Cllr P Cullen did state the PC had formally objected.

**44/17FO Willington Picnic Site - Policy for usage by third parties.** It was agreed that an agreement was needed for usage on all areas of POS for Willington. Cllr P Cullen gave out the current Twyford Road Playing Field (TRPF) agreement and asked everyone to look at this for adopting everywhere and to email him direct any comments.

**45/17FO Access to Willington Old School to hold FOSG Meetings.** **Action:** Clerk to ask WOST for a key for each Committee Chair.

**46/17FO FP 7 Raised walkway, email from Cemex.** Tony updated everyone on work to date and the offer from the Quarry Manager to help with both resources and man power. Tony is meeting them again tomorrow and will continue with the plans.

**47/17FO FP13 site meeting request with Cllr Ford and Lynn Taylor.** **Action:** Clerk to chase as a matter of urgency

**48/17FO Persimmon requests to adopt land.** A suggestion was made that the PC adopt the 3 areas of land that are currently being held by Persimmon before handing over to SDDC. Could the PC adopt the land on a lease agreement. Would need to ask SDDC first. Tony informed everyone that he had spoken to Frank McCardle and asked him who was responsible for the H&S of the park and pond area, he was informed that it had fallen into a legal loophole. It was suggested that a working party gets the 3 pieces of land up to standard so it can then be adopted but an agreement with SDDC would need to happen before this took place. There are funding pots available through SDDC and the Willington Conservation Group is constitutionalized and could apply for the money. **Action:** Clerk to

formally ask Alison Thomas, Strategy Director at SDDC and Cllr MacPherson to ask informally. SDDC is taking legal enforcement against Persimmon regarding the private road.

- 49/17FO Tools and storage TRPF hut.** No date as yet from the builders and not before Carnival. **Action:** Clerk to chase.
- 50/17FO Creation of footpath from Meadow Lane to FP7.** Barbara gave everyone an update and said she had not heard anything back from Mr B Thomas. It was agreed to start again and the Clerk advised Barbara to speak to Linda Phillips at DCC
- 51/17FO Repton Road triangle.** The Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam in the Brook near the Molly has increased. At the flood liaison meeting the EA said they would not touch any area containing both these plants due to contamination, disposal and cost. The posts also need replacing on the triangle, **action:** clerk to get a quote for some oak posts.
- 52/17FO Funding for Station Garden.** Cllr Finney has created a map and gave this out to everyone and went through the plan. It was asked that all station garden items are now discussed at FOSG and not RAC. **Action:** clerk to scan in map and circulate to all Councillors ready for the full PC meeting. Clerk to also send Toyota grant form to Cllr P Cullen.
- 53/17FO Exempt item - Willington Parish Council Meeting 8th May.** Paul gave an explanation of why there was no meeting in May.
- 54/17FO Date of next meeting**  
The date of the next Willington Parish Council Footpaths and Open Spaces Group Meeting is to be confirmed as Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at The Old School starting at 7pm.