

FOOTPATHS AND OPEN SPACES GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 27th March 2017

Present:

- Paul Cullen
- Jordan Kerry
- Val Shelton
- Barbara Cassia
- Bill Harding
- Joe Cullen
- Jackie Cullen
- Cliff Warner

11/17FO - Apologies received from: Jules Edwards, Sue Whiting, Tony Bates

12/17FO - Declaration of Members Interests.
Nothing declared.

13/17FO - Public Speaking
No Comments from members of the public.

14/17FO - To approve the minutes from the monthly meeting held on 27th February.
Minutes approved.

15/17FO - Presentation from Findern Footpaths Group and Willington Explorer Group.

Heather, Joan and Jan from Findern Footpaths Group gave a very informative talk on the work of Findern Footpaths Group and Ed from Willington Explorers gave a short presentation on FP7, BW11/FP13 that he and a group of Explorers had walked.

16/17/FO - Code of Conduct.

The Chairman made group members aware of WPC code of conduct and explained that as FOSG is a sub-committee of WPC it is bound by the code of conduct.

17/17/FO - FP7 - Work completed to date and ongoing issues, e-mail from Lynne Taylor reference the short stretch between railway bridge and canal.

The Chair thanked all those who attend the litter pick along FP7 on Sunday April 19th, comments had been received regarding how much better the footpath looked. In total approximately 70kgs of waste and 4.5kgs of dog excrement were picked up, the Chair also thanked SDC for the loan of the litter pickers and collecting the waste the following day.

Network Rail have been contacted regarding the litter on their side of the fence along the footpath and the concrete railway sleeper and short sections of track along FP7. The Chair explained that there had been an email exchange between the clerk and Lynne Taylor at DCC and unfortunately it appears that DCC don't see the short

stretch of the footpath between the green bridge and the canal as a priority. It was therefore decided to ask the Full Parish Council to support FOSG in carrying out the works required on the footpath by way of a raised walkway

18/17/FO - FP13 - Accessibility and ongoing issues.

FP13 as highlighted by the Explorer Group during their presentation still has issues surrounding accessibility, the Clerk is still awaiting a response from the EA on their plans/intentions to build up the embankment where it has been dug away.

A parishioner had raised concerns about the houses backing onto FP13 dumping waste into the river, he had taken photographs and forwarded these onto the Parish Council – This matter will be discussed at the Full Parish Council meeting on April 11th

19/17/FO - FP6 - Ownership of overgrown piece of land reference Persimmon Homes.

The Chair gave an update to the Group surrounding the lack of communication from Persimmon Homes, DCC and SDDC despite many attempts over the years to establish what exactly are the proposed intentions for the land on the corner of Repton Road and Kingfisher Lane, (where the Sales Cabin used to be), the strip of land adjacent to FP6, and the field at the rear of the Calders site where the balancing pond is. A site meeting was thought to be the best and most appropriate way forward to resolve these issues.

20/17/FO - Land adjacent to Repton Road, (where Persimmons Sales Centre was) Discussed in item 19/17/FO above.

21/17/FO - Footpaths list and Definitive Map - Agree list and those paths that are not showing on the DM.

The following footpaths are not showing on the DM, it was agreed to ask WPC to have them included.

Public Rights of Way that are not showing on the Definitive Map			
Trent Avenue	Vere Close		Along Southern perimeter of Willington Primary School
Twyford Close	Trent Close		
Sealy Close	Coach Way		Across the public open space
Findern Lane	Findern Lane		Through Mercia Marina for the duration that there is no footpath over new bridge
Ford Lane	Coach Way		Starts adjacent to 15 Ford Lane
Avocet Drive	FP6		From the new estate, Doctors surgery to FP6)

22/17/FO - Promoting the Group - Sue Whiting

Sue apologies were received so no update was given

23/17/FO - Creating access from RB12 to FP7 - Jordan Kerry

Jordan explained that more work is required in order to complete the necessary paperwork involved. The FOSG will look into forming a small working group to assist with completing the paperwork and also seek guidance from DCC and SDDC in doing so.

24/17/FO - Creating access from Kingfisher Drive through Gravel Pits to FP7 -

Jordan Kerry

Discussed in item 23/17/FO above.

25/17/FO - Extending FP13 to Sealy Close - Jordan Kerry Official Members with voting rights.
Discussed in item 23/17/FO above.

26/17/FO - Next meeting to be held 24th April 2017 at 7:00pm