

## **Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group Meeting On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**86/17FO To Receive Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted for Val Shelton

**87/17FO Declaration of Members Interests.**

There was nothing to report.

**88/17FO Public Speaking**

Barbara said she had not received the agenda and minutes, clerk to investigate.

**89/17FO To approve the minutes from the monthly meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair of the group.

**90/17FO FP7 - Raised walkway update (Community Payback Team, Canal and River Trust). PC.**

Emails have gone to both the Canal and River trust and the Community Payback Team (CPT), funding has also been granted from the Parish Council. Scouts can lend a toilet and quotes have been received for the sleepers. Now just waiting for dates but it will be in the New year now.

**91/17FO FP13 – condition and update from EA**

1. Clerk to respond to letter from EA about building up the bank
2. Need to arrange a meeting between DCC, Martyn Ford and FOSG about the footpath, as when the footpath was marked out DCC only met with one householder and not the PC. What time of year was it measured, how was it measured as behind number 9 it is 1.5m yet 4m at number 1.
3. Clerk to ask Graham to strim it back behind the houses
4. Bridleway work has not been completed yet by the resident, Clerk still needs key from Bill.

**92/17FO Persimmon issues.** Not all the Newt fencing has gone yet. Tree branch still there. Can the **clerk** contact persimmon direct about these things and start building a rapport with Persimmon. An access road has been put in but retrospective planning application needs putting in, this is because Persimmon sold the road in front of the three houses direct to the home owners even though this highway was not theirs to sell. Cllr Cullen summarised the meeting he had with the Enforcement Officer from SDDC Gaynor Richards. The field with the play area and the area of land where the sales cabin was are classed as Public Open Spaces and these will be handed to SDDC when the site reaches an acceptable standard but the timescales for this are unknown at present. There will be no fencing going round the play area or the balancing pond. The piece of land running adjacent to footpath 6 is not classed as Public Open Space and is currently sat with the legal department of SDDC.

**93/17FO Creation of footpath from Meadow Lane to Green Bridge – update.** Tony was told well done on his hard work so far with this item. The group agreed to write to David Arnold about the application made in 2013 and he called with an apology for his lateness in replying and explained that it was a complicated application – this was talking to Tony Bates at the request of the Clerk. He explained that work on the site is 95% complete and the 5% left to do is with SDDC – section 73 back to Nature. The Chairman of the group is Cllr Ford but he has never given any feedback to the JPC about the planning application which has now popped up again on SDDC for consultation and this, we are assuming, is because DCC have now completed the mineral application. **Cllr J Cullen** will investigate the status of the 2014 application which is now over 3 years old for the leisure site. The group was disappointed that

Cllr Ford had never said anything. The proposal is now to seek evidence from Parishioners regarding where they have walked over this area. This will need approval at Full Parish Council but the idea is to run a campaign on the website, noticeboards and Facebook asking people to complete the appropriate form from DCC which the clerk will leave at the Post Office and also supply on the website. Tony will email the map and script so this campaign can be done electronically as well as traditionally on the boards. **Action:** clerk to ensure this item is on the full PC agenda. **Action:** Tony to write a paragraph on historical issues that needs to be sent to Cllr Ford and asking why the PC was not consulted in July 2014.

**94/17FO Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Willington Parish Council FOSG Committee Meeting is to be confirmed as Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at The Old School starting at 7pm. **There is no meeting in December.**