

Minutes of the Footpath and Open Spaces Group **25th September 2017**

77/17FO To Receive Apologies for absence.

There was nothing to report. The clerk said she had received an apology from the Explorers saying they had been doing their Duke of Edinburgh award until recently. The clerk was asked to inform the scouts not to paint the posts on the village green as it is not worth it due to their bad state of repair. **Action:** clerk. The Councillor who was going to be Vice Chair of this group has now resigned so it was proposed that Tony Bates become Vice Chair of the group. **Action:** Clerk to put on agenda of the full Parish Council for approval.

78/17FO Declaration of Members Interests.

There was nothing to report.

79/17FO Public Speaking

There was nothing to report

80/17FO To approve the minutes from the monthly meeting held on Monday 24th July 2017

Resolved: the minutes of the monthly meeting on 24th July 2017, having been circulated, were then approved by all and signed by the Chair

81/17FO FP7 - Raised walkway update (Community Payback Team, Canal and River Trust). PC. Cllr P Cullen reported that he had been on a site meeting and he had been informed that a raised wooden walkway was not the way forward and to use stone instead with shuttering either side with pipe work underneath for drainage. The stone would go from the last step on the railway bridge. There is still no date set but the Community Payback Team are ready to go with a supervised team. There is no charge but a donation of £250 would be welcome. The Canal and River Trust will provide a barge for transporting the materials but this is not free until the work has been done first on the canal path which starts on 16th October, approx. end of November. Once the date is known then the clerk will advertise for volunteers. Cllr P Cullen has also been asked by the Canal and River Trust if the PC would like to adopt a piece of land that runs parallel with the canal. The group said yes in time but not right now as the group is not big enough yet. Cenex has been asked to donate the stone but they have sent a funding form instead. The work requires 20 to 25 stone at £50 per tonne, Cllr P Cullen to get some prices for the stone and the sleepers. The Clerk is to ask the Scouts if they have a toilet that can be borrowed for the project. The deep part of the path may need handrails. Tony and Paul to investigate best option for sleepers.

82/17FO FP13 – condition and update from EA. It was agreed that Martyn needs to get involved with this issue and why is the path wider behind number 1 than at number 9. Lynn Taylor at DCC determined the width plus it is a public right of way and should be kept safe. Can County be held accountable? Clerk to raise with Martyn and to arrange a site visit with Lynn Taylor and Martyn. Can the clerk also chase Environment Agency with the 3 issues raised. Can Graham be asked to cut FP13 1.5 metres wide. Fisherman driving their cars on this footpath was raised at Parish Council meeting but it was discussed that even though this seems to be custom and practice for the fisherman and it is not a by-way anymore it is not a frequent occurrence and not to write to the fishing club yet.

83/17FO Persimmon issues. The sales cabin area is untidy and the PC would like to take ownership. There is still newt fencing around the site even though only one newt was found. S106 monies – has it been spent yet and who is holding the money? What is happening with the park and the field beyond plus the piece of land adjacent to footpath 6. Can SDDC reps be involved in sorting this? Can Derbyshire Wildlife Trust be contacted about the Himalayan Balsam.

84/17FO Creation of footpath from Meadow Lane to Green Bridge – update. There has been no response from DCC which is disgusting so Paul is going to complete the form to force their hand. The issue is where the path actually goes. Tony and Joe will walk the path and map it then this can be advertised to all residents via a form/letter and map through the door; newsletter; noticeboard, website and social media. People could complete the form and return to the Post Office. **Action:** Tony and Joe.

Paul also suggested an annual timetable for the group which can be looked at during the next meeting.

85/17FO Date of next meeting

The date of the next Willington Parish Council FOSG Committee Meeting is to be confirmed as Monday 23rd October 2017 at The Old School starting at 7pm. Clerk advised she will be on holiday as this is half term week.