



Rights of Way Committee

Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee Meeting held electronically on Thursday 8th April 2021 at 7.00pm.

Members Attending:

Cllr Denise Rosewell, Cllr Christopher Langford, Cllr Paul Moffatt, Kim Adams, Cllr Patrick Appleby

20.001 Apologies Received from:

Cllr Chris Jeffes

20.002 Public participation and declarations of interest

A member of the public had expressed in interest in attending and had been sent an electronic invitation, however the elector did not join the meeting. There were no declarations of interest.

20.003 Agree Minutes of previous meeting held on 11th March 2021 and raise any matters not on the agenda

Adam Macey of Hampshire Countryside Service had asked the Parish Council to record volunteer hours spent carrying out work on paths. He said an email sent to him giving number of hours would suffice.

Action: Cllr Rosewell to send a note of hours Councillors recently spent laying bark and posting way-markers

It was agreed that Kim Adams would continue to liaise with Cllr Legat to update the Parish Council website with walking/cycling/riding routes, incorporating appropriate photos and relevant historical information. Some amends had already been done but this would be an on-going project.

Kim Adams had sourced some woodchips at no cost which were currently being stored on a very temporary basis. It was suggested that these could be utilised at Bridleway 37 (Strawberry Hill).

Action: Cllr Appleby to seek landowner permission to lay woodchip at Bridleway 37. Cllr Rosewell to organise a working party to transport and lay woodchip.

20.004 Current projects:

- (i) **Footpath 30 &**
- (ii) **Footpath 31**

Cllr Rosewell explained that Hampshire Countryside Service were awaiting the outcome of a bid for funding for surface work which included Footpath 31. It was suggested that perhaps the funding (if received) could be switched to F30, and bark chippings laid at F31. As Hampshire Countryside Service prefer bark chippings not to be used and they would



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have to be removed if they were to carry out work, it was decided not to lay bark chippings on F31 until further information was available.

It was agreed that we would continue with plans for F30 and apply for funding as soon as details of the application process are released. Hampshire Countryside Service had agreed to keep us updated regarding their intentions and timescales for planned work.

(iii) Lone Farm Path

Hampshire Highways had confirmed that an engineer would be inspecting the path to determine a possible plan for further clearance, but in the meantime the Parish Council could carry out works if they wished.

The Lengthsman and Cllr Rosewell had done some clearance work by hand.

(iv) Bridleway 11 (Hampage Wood)

Cllr Moffatt had spoken to the landowner about removal of fallen trees and gatepost who had agreed to take a look. It was not known whether the trees were still obstructing the path. It was suggested that should the landowner be unable to remove the gatepost, perhaps he would consider giving permission for the Parish Council to arrange its removal.

Action: Cllr Moffatt to follow up with landowner

(v) Footpath 12/50 (Itchen Stoke)

An update had been received from Hampshire Countryside Service. They are still trying to arrange a meeting with Natural England to gain approval for necessary works to the surface which could be scalping or board walk.

Kim Adams mentioned that there were some low branches and it was suggested that shared lengthsman time with Itchen Stoke and Ovington Parish could be useful to get this work done.

Action: Cllr Appleby and Cllr Moffatt to liaise with Itchen Stoke and Ovington Parish and Lengthsman to remove low branches.

20.005 Signage

Cllr Rosewell had started a list of missing waymarkers/fingerposts, particularly Itchen Wood and F17. Committee members were asked to note any others missing, so that a supply could be obtained from Hampshire Countryside Service as necessary. It was generally felt that most Rights of Way in the area were fairly well marked.

Action: Cllr Rosewell to liaise with Cllr Jeffes and Hampshire Countryside Service to obtain signs/waymarkers as necessary



20.006 List of Paths and Landowners

Cllr Rosewell had started a list of possible landowners to help determine who to contact when trying to resolve issues with Rights of Way.

Action: Cllr Langford to assist Clerk with setting up Parish Council access to The Land Registry as necessary

20.007 Definitive Maps and 'Don't Lose Your Way' Project

Cllr Rosewell reported that she had met with a representative from the Ramblers Association who had done a lot of work on applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders. Most of the potential 'lost paths' identified within the Itchen Valley Parish, had either been legally diverted, or there was little evidence available to suggest that they had been or should be public rights of way. However extensive research is difficult at the moment due to Records and Archive offices being closed.

20.008 Lengthsman Schedule

The next date for the Lengthsman is 14th June. Work may include removal of low branches from F12/50, possible removal of gatepost and filling of hole on Bridleway 11 (depending on landowner), and strimming of nettles/brambles, as necessary.

20.009 Items for Consideration at next meeting

It is likely that the meetings planned for May and June will be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but it was agreed that the time could be useful for working group discussions.

20.010 Date and Time of following meeting:

Date: Thursday 13th May 2021, 7pm.

Location: to be advised

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm