



Rights of Way Committee

Minutes of the Rights of Way Committee Meeting held electronically on Thursday 11th March 2020 at 7.00pm.

Members Attending:

Cllr Denise Rosewell, Cllr Chris Jeffes, Cllr Paul Moffatt, Kim Adams, Cllr Patrick Appleby

20.001 Apologies Received from

Cllr Christopher Langford

20.002 Public Participation & Declarations of Interest on the Agenda

There were no members of the public. There were no declarations of interest

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

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2021. The minutes will be signed in retrospect.

Matters Arising:

Footpath 22:

Cllr Rosewell informed the Committee that the householder who had indicated a wish to extinguish part of Footpath 22 in Easton was exploring the possibility of a diversion instead.

Land Adjacent old railway line & bridge, Itchen Abbas

Kim Adams asked if the Committee knew who owned an area of land in Itchen Abbas adjacent to the old railway line and bridge, as she was aware of possible issues regarding householders and trees on the land.

20.004 Current projects:

(i) Footpath 30:

Cllr Appleby said that the householder whose hedge was causing an obstruction had now cut back the hedge.

Action: Cllr Appleby to send a thank you note.

The quotes received for surface work were compared and discussed. It was agreed



that the updated quote (£4182) from Peter White was acceptable. Cllr Jeffes explained that the cost may be reduced further if surplus soil could be dispersed at the path edge rather than removed from site. It was agreed that we would aim for the work to be done at the end of June, subject to funding. It was understood that details of Hampshire Countryside Service grant scheme were not available yet, but the project needed to be 'ready to go' as soon as details were released.

Action: Cllr Appleby to continue to liaise with the landowner and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust regarding access, timing and storage of aggregate during works

Action: Cllr Rosewell to find out from the Clerk what documentation would be needed prior to instructing the contractor to complete the work

Action: Kim Adams to inform Peter White that we would like him to complete the job (subject to funding) and ask him to provide a formal quote (and any other necessary documentation).

(ii) Footpath 31

Cllr Jeffes confirmed that signs had been placed to discourage cycling. It was agreed that bark chippings would be a good use of remaining funds within 2020/21 Footpaths budget to make some improvement to the surface.

Action: Cllr Rosewell to organise the purchase of bark chippings

(iii) Lone Farm Path

A quote had been obtained from a local contractor to clear the path (Highway) and make it accessible for walkers, horse-riders and cyclists. Cllr Rosewell gave an update from Hampshire Highways following Cllr Jackie Porter's efforts seeking their permission for the Parish Council to carry out the work, and a contribution towards the cost. Hampshire Highways advised that the neighbouring landowners were responsible for cutting back the hedges, and they would write to the landowners. It was agreed that a local approach to the landowners would be appropriate in the meantime. As the Parish Council were not in a position to fully fund the clearance of the path, and the bird-nesting season had now started, it was agreed that the necessary clearance work could not be initiated at this time.

Action: Cllr Rosewell to speak with the landowners regarding cutting back (later in the year) of excess vegetation blocking Lone Farm Lane



(iv) Permitted path (nr Footpath 39)

Cllr Jeffes had arranged for some 'Permitted Path' way-markers from HCC which he would position at either end of the path and at its junction with Rectory Lane. Cllr Rosewell advised that the landowner would be arranging his own additional signage indicating the permissive nature of the path.

Following a concern from a member of the public regarding ownership of a piece of land the permissive path may pass through, reassurance had been received from the landowner that appropriate permissions were in place.

(v) Bridleway 11 (Hampage Wood)

Cllr Rosewell had received a response from Hampshire Countryside Service confirming that they were aware of the surface damage and although it was on their project list there were many other paths that were higher priority. It was suggested that some improvement could be achieved by the removal of an old gatepost. It was understood that the northern end of the path was now under different ownership. There were two fallen trees causing an obstruction in the woodland.

Action: Cllr Moffatt agreed to speak to the landowner about removal of the fallen trees and gatepost

20.005 Website: Review footpath details and links on Parish Council website and consider possible updates

Kim Adams suggested some updates to the Footpath details and links on the Parish Council website.

Action: Kim Adams to write suitable copy, including appropriate links to be taken to Full Council Meeting for approval

20.006 Lengthsman schedule and items for work list

The next date for the Lengthsman to carry out work was not known. It was agreed that the worklist for the Lengthsman be included on future Rights of Way Committee agendas.

Action: Cllr Rosewell to ask the Clerk for a list of Lengthsman dates

20.007 M3 Junction 9 – note representation given to Highways England re path from



Easton

It was noted that Cllr Langford had made a representation to Highways England on behalf of the Parish Council, suggesting the provision of a cycle path from Junction 9 to Easton (via Restricted Byway 19), and that shielding be created using land adjacent to the M3 (Easton Down) for excess spoil and planting.

20.008 **Items for Consideration at next meeting**

- Footpath 12/50
- List of missing Waymarkers/Fingerposts
- List of Paths and Landowners
- Definitive maps (Don't Lose Your Way)

20.009 **Date and Time of following meeting:**

Date: Thursday 8th April 2021, 7pm.

Location: Electronic – public welcome, contact clerk for entry.

The meeting was closed at 8.41pm