

## **Minutes of FOSG** **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

**1/18FO To Receive Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted for S Whitting

**2/18FO Declaration of Members Interests.**

There was nothing to report.

**3/18FO Public Speaking**

Issues raised:

1. Transforming the Trent Valley information – when did the PC get the information? Why was it late? Why not on each noticeboard? The Clerk explained that she had been given less than a week's notice by the company running the meetings – Icarus.
2. Meadow Lane is already a footpath so why is it on the map? The Chair explained that we know it is a footpath but it was to help orientate people where the other paths are.
3. 1987 was the last definitive map and Kingfisher Lane was not a concrete road on there. An application from Meadow Lane to the Green Bridge is a stronger application than Kingfisher Lane. Chair responded that when the group walked the routes they looked at what people walked and the group would rather submit an application and it get refused than not submit one at all.
4. The Post Office has run out of forms and been 4 times. Clerk said she will replenish.
5. Gentleman who does the farmer pest control says the gate has been locked since the 70s as he is a key holder. He also stated how horrific it has been over the years with dogs off leads and killing sheep because people have walked where they shouldn't have. The Chair stated that the group was not here to discuss dog owner responsibility and the application will be going in and people have the right to oppose it as well as support it. The Chair also explained that the group was not deviating from what had already been approved at planning stage and the FOSG had been going for 12 months now and always open to the public.
6. The Chair pointed out that the Parish Council also get late information from both District and County and share the frustration with members of the public.

**4/18FO To approve the minutes from the monthly meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.** Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**5/18FO FP7 - Raised walkway update (Community Payback Team, Canal and River Trust). PC** – nothing further to report. Cllr P Cullen has applied for funds from CEMEX but not heard anything yet. Mr Bates asked the Clerk if she could invite the CEMEX Quarry Manager to the next meeting.

**6/18FO FP13 – Site meeting request with Cllr Ford and DCC Officer, Lynn Taylor.** Email sent but no response. The footpath is impassable at certain times of the year but all footpaths should be 1.5metres wide yet how did Lynn Taylor measure this one as it is wider at one end than the other. **Action:** clerk to follow up with Lynn and Martyn. The PC contractor has now strimmed the path. Clerk to follow up actions with EA re bank building up. There needs to be a 2 prong attack – EA and County.

**7/18FO Persimmon issues – update following site visit.** The Chair gave an overview of the situation. **Action:** clerk to ask Gaynor re risk assessment and management for the balancing pond and the play area. Why is there no life jacket. Can the clerk get an update please from Gaynor Richards and Tony Burdett after the site visit. There are now lockable bollards on the service road.

**8/18FO Creation of footpath from Meadow Lane to Green Bridge and Kingfisher Lane to green bridge-update.** Nothing further to report, just need to wait for the evidence. Clerk to send more forms to the Post Office.

**9/18FO Schedule of activities/initiatives** – this was given out at the last meeting.

**10/18FO Your Waterways Application** – this is a grant application from the Canal and River Trust but proposed not to pursue this for now as the FOSG group is too small at the moment with not enough volunteers.

**11/18FO Transforming the Trent Valley** – Tony Bates gave an overview from the meeting he attended. Key points: most people want to be able to walk along the river bank; take in the scenery and history; want it to be educational too. Wildlife Trust part of the group and a big player. DCC there but never spoke. 6 consultations in total, 5 more to go. Lots of ideas but it's in its infancy.

**12/18FO Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Willington Parish Council FOSG Committee Meeting is to be confirmed as Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at The Old School starting at 7pm.

**Emergency item added by the Chair:** Planning application by the Dragon Inn which came in after the agenda went out. The proposal is for a sun canopy and consultation closes on 7<sup>th</sup> February – before the next full Parish Council meeting. It will be 7m by 8m and effectively be like another room, similar to the Bulls Head in Repton. Chair proposed that the FOSG object to the planning application, proposed by T Bates and seconded by V Shelton. The Chair then gave an overview of the car park plans and the lack of public consultation.