

## FOOTPATHS AND OPEN SPACES GROUP

### MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

#### Present:

- Tim Bartram - Chair
- Tony Bates – Vice-Chair
- Paul Cullen
- Louise Ramsden
- Joe Cullen
- Barbra Cassia
- Ian Hudson
- 1 x member of the public

#### **36/19FO To Receive Apologies for absence**

Sue Fynney and Caroline Blanksby

#### **37/19FO Declaration of Members Interests.**

None

#### **38/19FO Public Speaking**

None

**39/19FO - To confirm and agree as a true record the non-confidential Minutes of Willington Parish Council, Footpaths & Open Spaces Group meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

#### **40/19FO – To confirm all previous decisions as necessary by way of resolution.**

Decisions agreed at previous meetings were once again discussed as there had been no formal resolution.

- 02/19FO Election of Chair and Vice-Chair and members with voting rights
  - a) Chair – Tim Bartram – Nominated by Paul Cullen, seconded Sue Fynney.
  - b) Vice Chair – Tony Bates – Nominated by Paul Cullen, seconded Louise Ramsden.
  - c) Committee Members with voting rights – Caroline Blanksby, Louise Ramsden, Paul Cullen, Sue Fynney, Joe Cullen, Barbra Cassia, Ian Hudson, Andy MacPherson.  
**Resolved - All nominees to serve on FOSG for a period of twelve months as per Standing Orders.**

- 06/19FO Schedule/frequency of meetings – The Group will meet on the third Monday of every month with the exception of August and December; this will be reflected in the TOR.  
**Resolved – Meetings to take place on the third Monday of every month except August and December.**

- 13/19FO Willington Picnic Site - Abuse of use by The Dragon PH – The continual abuse of Willington Picnic Site by The Dragon was discussed. Such abuses are generally the use of land outside of the curtilage of their boundary to hold events which includes the erection of temporary gazebos and inflatable bouncy castles. It was agreed to request through Full Parish Council that a letter be sent to The Dragon insisting that they refrain from any further unauthorised use of Willington Picnic Site. It was also noted that the proprietors of The Dragon are also using the Picnic Site to drive delivery vehicles to the rear beer garden for ease of access.

**Resolved – Clerk to write to The Dragon emphasising that they must remain within the curtilage of their boundary at all times and to remind patrons not to park on the grassed areas of Willington Picnic Site**
- 16/19FO FP13 site meeting request with Cllr Ford and Lynn Taylor – It was agreed that a site meeting with Councillor Martyn Ford and Peter White was to be arranged; however subsequent requests for site meetings with Councillor Martyn Ford and Lynn Taylor had proved fruitless.

**Resolved – Clerk to request a site meeting with Councillor Ford and Lynn Taylor to discuss width of FP 13, (Dates to be agreed with the Chair/Vice chair of FOSG).**
- 26/FO19 Ratify Terms of Reference

The revised terms of Reference were agreed and signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

**Resolved – TOR agreed and signed by Chair and Vice Chair.**
- 29/19FO – Willington Picnic Site – Abuse of use by The Dragon PH

The Picnic Site Acceptable Use Policy is in place and the Clerk is to be asked to inform The Dragon that the Policy is in place and should be adhered to at all times.

**Resolved – Clerk to write to The Dragon and furnish them with a copy of Willington Picnic Site ‘Acceptable Usage Policy’.**
- 31/19FO – FP13 site meeting request with Cllr Ford and Lynn Taylor, (DCC).

Ask Clerk to request meeting with Cllr Ford and Lynn Taylor.

It was also requested to ask the Lengthsman to cut FP13 as it is impassable.

**Resolved – Clerk to request a site meeting with Councillor Ford and Lynn Taylor to discuss issues with FP 13, (Dates to be agreed with the Chair/Vice chair of FOSG) and to request Mr McCulloch to cut FP13 which is impassable.**
- 32/19 - Tools and Storage Hut TRPF

PC provided a list of expenditure for equipment. It was agreed by all to only buy the necessities from the list for now. There is £315 in the budget to spend. The group can ask the WPC for any extra funds required.

**Resolved – Agree a definitive list of items which the Chair will submit to the Clerk.**
- 33/19 - Creation of footpath from Meadow Lane to FP7

The group agreed that we need to carry on talking with farmer. Putting markers up to define the paths and notices to remind people to be respectful and keep dogs on leads would be a good idea.

**Resolved – To further explore how to obtain waymarkers and signs as above.**

**Resolved – To progress all decisions and actions made under item 40/19FO**

**41/19FO - Transforming the Trent Valley.**

Bill Newton had been invited to the meeting to give the group an update on the work currently ongoing with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, (DWT), He is very keen to progress the works and is due to have another meeting with DWT shortly.

TB confirmed his understanding of the project and the work carried out thus far and that WPC had supported the Biffa funding application submitted by DWT which closed at the end of September.

**42/19FO – Meadow Lane to FP7 footpath.**

PC gave the group an update on some of the work that had taken place in previous years and felt that it was perhaps more appropriate to 'reset' and focus on either the Meadow Lane or Kingfisher Lane approach.

**Resolved – Focus on FP from Meadow Lane across to FP7 seeking guidance from Open Spaces Society and professional land surveyors, (approval needs to be sought from Full Council for the latter).**

P Cullen left the meeting at 20:15 due to work commitments.

**43/19FO – Footpaths Maintenance and Plan of Action.**

Schedule of work for this month for footpath inspections.

L Ramsden Bridleway 11 and FP 13

B Cassia FP 4

J Cullen FP 7, FP 1

**44/19FO – Working Group for planning each month.**

PC to produce risk assessments.

Canal towpath to railway line T Bartram to explore who planted trees

BC to contact Melbourne FP group regarding the price of new FP direction signs.

Resolved.

**45/19FO – Axis 50 planning application update.**

IH stated that people should still send objections into SDDC, as the end of consultation date was 18th November 2019, but may be put back to the New Year.

**46/19FO – Ivy Close Planning Application 9/2019/0091. PC**

Pans to build 60 supported living units, two bungalows and one shop adjacent to the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area.

The application is now invalid, but as we think that the developer will resubmit it, it was proposed by T Bates, seconded by I Hudson that we object to the revised planning application when it is submitted. WPC objected to the original application.

**Resolved – Request Clerk and/or Independent Professional advisors to formally object to any subsequent planning application on this site.**

**47/19FO – Bulb planting along the Railway Station embankment.**

Has the Minor Maintenance Grant been claimed from DCC for the footpaths work, as funding is required for bulb planting, on the Station embankment and the Station Garden?

**Resolved – The Chair to email the Locum for information on this matter and to find out the price of the bulbs that are required.**

**48/19FO – Willington Picnic Site car parking issues. PC**

Ongoing car parking issues and long term solutions.


**Resolved - T Bates to ask at the next area forum held at Milton on 7th November 2019 about the parking on and around the picnic site, using Foremark as an example, to try and get the authorities involved in the dreadful parking situation on this site.**

**49/19FO – Willington Picnic Site. TJB**

Considerations for the long term future of the Picnic site.

**This item was adjourned to the next meeting, pending information on from 48/19FO.**

Date of next meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

  
18-11-19.