

Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group (FOSG) Committee
Held on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7pm at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.

Present: Cllrs T. Bartram (Chair), C Mead, S. Mead, I. Hudson and C. Blanksby
T. Bates, B. Cassia and A. Thornhill (Trent Rivers Trust)

There was no Clerk present at this Meeting

F200122/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

None.

F200122/2 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None.

F200122/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

F200122/4 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required.

F200122/5 Minutes

RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true and accurate record.

F200122/6 To consider a recommendation to Full Council that 2 non-voting members of the public be added to the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group Committee.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Full Council and B. Cassia and L. Ramsden be added to the FOSG Committee as non-voting members of the public.

F200122/7 Trent and Rivers Trust

A representative of the Trent and Rivers Trust was present at this meeting (A. Thornhill). The circular walk across the nature reserve seems to be progressing. A. Thornhill has recommended this walk to be added to the Trent Valley Way project, where a small launch for the walk is set to be around the 24th-25th September 2022. The circular walk proposed will begin on Repton Road, go through the nature reserve, on to the canal towpath, back through the village, and return to the Trent Valley Way. Way-markers will be provided, and the Committee has stated that they are able to install these correctly along the route. Community grants may be available for this project, so information will be forwarded on from A. Thornhill. A. Thornhill is also going to see who is 'in charge' of the overall circular route, as it seems there is no communication between the involved parties.

F200122/8 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

Only update provided was stating the bridge was in place, and the Section 106 money application has been approved. The overall impression that the committee has, is that the DWT have not been providing enough updates for us.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for more updates and to ask for updates on a more regular basis, so we know what's happening in that area.

F200122/9 CEMEX

The bridge in the nature reserve has been built. A representative has been contacted and is scheduled to attend the next FOSG meeting.

F20012210 Mapping of Ancient Footpaths

Cllr. T. Bartram has contacted a resident about the land by the nature reserve. He has stated he has permissive right of way from the Molly. Evidence of this has been asked, so we can put this forward to have the footpath by Kingfisher Way back open.

It had been discussed in the previous meeting that we need to ensure we have the correct information to put forward an ancient footpath, so we need to get in contact with organisations who know how to get footpaths mapped.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact the Ramblers Association and ask what information is needed to apply for an ancient footpath to be mapped.

F200122/11 Footpath Matters and Maintenance

No update from the Canal and Rivers Trust in regard to the decaying footpath on the towpath

RESOLVED Clerk to contact Canal and Rivers Trust for an update on this.

The group discussed an idea of creating an audit on the states of the footpaths, so we can keep an eye on their conditions and act accordingly if they begin to wear and/or begin to become unsuitable.

RESOLVED: T. Bates to circulate a footpath surveying sheet, which has been used previously, for members to fill in on specific footpaths.

RESOLVED: All available members are to meet at Footpath 11 on 6th February to fill in a survey sheet, allowing us to understand the main principles of it.

F200122/12 Footpath Way Markers and Signage

Cllr S Mead had no update on quotes but will continue searching. Cllr Bartram had stated that the business he enquired with are very busy at the moment but will still provide a quote. A. Thornhill had stated that she is getting quoted for way markers for the Trent Valley Way and will pass on companies details to S. Mead and T. Bartram to contact.

RESOLVED Cllr S Mead and Cllr T Bartram to continue looking for quotes, specific to the specification form.

F200122/13 QR Code Project update

Willington History Group have started to meet again, so we are to ask them for information and/or wording specific to the centre of the village.

Cllr I. Hudson stated he will begin making a mock site for this and will have it available to view for the next meeting.

Mock-ups of the QR discs were discussed and we are keen to have these made up, so we know a rough cost and material for them.

RESOLVED: Cllr S. Mead to contact companies for a mock-up sign out of a specific material and ask for quotes to make.

F200122/14 Wildflower planting update

No update

F200122/15 Risk Assessment forms

The group discussed the need of up-to-date risk assessments for any job taken by members, when it has a potential risk. It was also discussed that we need access to these as and when needed.

RESOLVED: To ask the Clerk to have Risk Assessments added to the archives and allow us access to them, for when we do any council related tasks.

Discussions of allowing training to create risk assessments properly was also discussed. Councillors of the FOSG may have access to training via DALC on how to create risk assessments.

RESOLVED: Clerk to ask DALC about any risk assessment courses and see if councillors are free to partake a course.

F200122/16 Matters of Urgency

No matters of urgency have been identified.

F200122/17 To agree Agenda items for the next meeting

Items to be continued as they are.

Next FOSG Meeting has been arranged for 17/02/21

The Meeting closed at **21:00**