

Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group (FOSG) Committee
Held on 28th November 2022 at 7.45pm at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.

Present: Cllrs S. Mead (Chair), C. Mead, C. Blanksby, I. Hudson, T. Bates, B. Cassia.

In attendance: Clerk, Rachel Male and a member of the public.

F281122/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence

Cllr. T. Bartram and L Ramsden.

F281122/2 Variation of Order of Business (if required)

None.

F281122/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

F281122/4 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required.

F281122/5 To agree the Minutes of the FOSG Meeting held on 16th June 2022 as a true record
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the FOSG Meeting held on 16th June 2022 were agreed as a true record.

F281122/6 Clerks Report on outstanding matters

None.

F281122/7 Terms of Reference

Discussed the option to combine the RAC and FOSG and/or have the meetings on the same evening one after the other. To be reviewed at the January meeting at both the RAC and FOSG meeting.

F281122/8 Trent Rivers Trust

The section of the Trent Valley Way from Wolseley Bridge to Shardlow is now waymarked and the interpretation structures are due to be installed in the next couple of weeks.

7 circular routes have been created and will be available soon, either to be downloaded, or as a limited number of printed leaflets. They will send them through to the Clerk when they are completed.

Alison Thornhill contract ends on 14th Dec and Marie Smith will be taking over.

F281122/9 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

DWT hope to have an opening event for all project elements finally in place around Easter 2023.

DWT have now received the artwork for the interpretation panel signed off and this will go into physical production at the printers (usually takes 4-6 weeks to get the panels back). DWT would like to think this could be done by Xmas. The same company is making the waymarking posts to go around the full route – DWT will chase them again to see how these are progressing. Same for the benches. The raised platform is due to go in later this month, however DWT still do not have the planning permission issued and the sale of the land is still ongoing. The trackway is still not much further forwards. This is going to be progressed as a matter of urgency.

F281122/10 CEMEX

Regarding the proposed path, CEMEX advised that the all works are now complete on their side.

F281122/11 Mapping of Ancient Footpaths

The Clerk is speaking with DCC regarding instating the original route of footpath 7 across the old gravel quarry workings between Kingfisher Lane and the Willington South Railway crossing to the canal towpath.

F281122/12 Footpath Matters and maintenance and waymarkers/signage

Hedge between Vere Close and Twyford Road has now been cut back.

F281122/13 QR Code Project Update

Cllr S. Mead to write an article for the Willington News advertising the QR project, and also promote on Facebook. Cllr. S. Mead to carry out a poll on Facebook asking for feedback.

It was considered that the QR codes could go in the notice boards, this will be discussed in more detail when there are more codes.

Everyone to have a think about other ideas for the QR code project for the January meeting.

F281122/14 Planning events for the opening of the new footpath

No update.

F281122/15 Matters of urgency

Fishermans footpath continues to deteriorate. The Clerk will raise with DCC and the Rivers Trust. Clerk to speak with the Fishing Club to see if opening their gate could be an option.

F281122/16 To agree Agenda items for the next meeting

Sames items to be carried forward.

281122/17 Meeting close

The Meeting closed at **20.24**.