

Minutes of the Footpaths and Open Spaces Group (FOSG) Committee
Held on 23rd January 2023 at 7.45pm at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.

Present: Cllrs S. Mead (Chair), C. Mead, C. Blanksby, T. Bates

In attendance: Marie Smith (Trent Rivers Trust).

F230123/1 To Receive Apologies for Absence Cllr. I Hudson, B Cassia and L Ramsden.

F230123/2 Variation of Order of Business (if required) Item 8 to be discussed after Item 5

F230123/3 Declaration of Members' Interests None.

F230123/4 To consider a resolution to close the meeting for public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960. Not required.

F230123/5 To agree the Minutes of the FOSG Meeting held on 28th November 2022 as a true record
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the FOSG Meeting held on 28th November 2022 were agreed as a true record.

F230123/8 Trent Rivers Trust

- Marie Smith from TRT was present and gave update.
- Very little movement from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) regarding footpath around beaver enclosure. Land sale has still not gone through. No planning permission for viewing platform. Nothing from CRT regarding improvement works.
- On 16 March & 13 May Guided walks are to be held by DWT in conjunction with Staffordshire WT over the nature reserve. 13 May will also include National Trust.
- Marie will look at providing some information for inclusion in Newsletter.
- Repton section of Trent Valley Way is now complete and signposted etc.
- Tales of the River bank (a touring exhibition) will be touring the area late Feb. Marie will see if it will be coming to the Willington area. Suggest a date of 15th July to coincide with the Carnival.
- Marie will chase Kate (DWT) – how can we promote the Trent Valley Way
- Marie asked if there were any transformational projects in Willington as she has a grant (approx. £2K) that could be made available. Suggestions were:
 - o The Molly
 - o Dumbles Wood
 - o Fishermans Walk

F230123/6 Clerks Report on outstanding matters.

- Ancient footpaths – **RESOLVED** Clerk to complete forms for footpath behind Kingfisher Lane and the Willington South Railway crossing prior to new planning permission being requested.
- Fishing Club – Cllr T Bartram to ask his contact
- CRT – what are we asking for?
 - o Re-surfacing of slope from Castle Way onto towpath
 - o Maintenance of towpath from Village towards B-O-T

- Permission to cut-back overgrowth at Bridge 25

F230123/7 Discussion re merging RAC and FOSG Committees

Discussed the option to combine the RAC and FOSG and/or have the meetings on the same evening one after the other.

RESOLVED RAC and FOSG should remain as separate committees, but would meet on the same evenings one after another

F230123/9 Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

No update

F230123/10 CEMEX

Regarding the proposed path, CEMEX are 100% ready to go, will only need a couple of weeks notice. Bill will work with us on footpath issues.

F230123/11 Mapping of Ancient Footpaths

See F230123/6 Clerks report

F230123/12 Footpath Matters and maintenance and waymarkers/signage

Fishermans Walk where it passes at the bottom of the gardens on Spilsbury Close is causing concern when the river is in flood. Members of the public have been seen to be using the residents fence as a handrail.

RESOLVED Cllr S Mead to obtain quotes for warning signs.

RESOLVED Clerk to contact footpaths officer for advice

F230123/13 QR Code Project Update

No update.

F230123/14 Planning events for the opening of the new footpath

No update.

F230123/15 Matters of urgency

None

F230123/16 To agree Agenda items for the next meeting

Remove Discussion re merging RAC and FOSG Committees, remaining items to be carried forward

230123/17 Meeting close

The Meeting closed at **21.15.**