

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Footpaths & Village Maintenance Committee meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm at Hooper's Field Pavilion.

**Present:** Mike Webster (Chair), Bob Biggs, Dave Hayward, Richard Angwin, John Emmins, Kathy Glanville, John Warr

**In Attendance:** Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of public

**1** Apologies: None

**2** Declaration of interest

John Warr declared a personal interest in item 4, Footpath 44 modification order.

### **Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions (max 20 minutes)**

*A resident attended to highlight the problems at The Hollow and the protected verge. She provided pictures confirming the section of the verge that's protected, the location of the protected plant in 2021 within the protected verge, the correct location of the field entrances that are not being used, plus pictures confirming the damage to the verge as a result of agricultural vehicles cutting across the verge into the field. After a discussion it was agreed that a post and wire fence needs to be re-instated to ensure vehicles keep to and use the field entrances. Action: Clerk to contact landowners to arrange meeting to discuss, Mike Webster and Dave Hayward agreed to attend.*

*A resident also asked if the Parish Council would support an idea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to make bird boxes, or maybe a mixture of bat and bug boxes too. This would be instead of purchasing the normal gift for children, which is not always wanted. The aim is to make these boxes with children involved in the run up to the Jubilee and then put them up around the village. She asked if Parish Council would support this proposal in principle as these boxes will need to be put within Parish maintained or owned land. Committee discussed and agreed they supported in principle.*

**3** Footpaths:

3.1 Clerk circulated a list of village footpaths that have been inspected, highlighting areas that need looking at. A considerable amount of work has been done on the footpaths where possible.

3.2 Clerk circulated a list of outstanding items reported to SBC Rights of Way (RoW) Officer. An e-mail from SBC's RoW Officer was received on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 providing an update on some of these outstanding matters. Committee agreed to reply to SBC's RoW Officer providing the additional before waiting for these matters to be dealt with.

**Action** – To reply to SBC's RoW Officer confirming that Green Lane needs a new top surface dressing to ensure the bridleway continues to be maintained.

3.3 Clerk circulated a list of proposed community village walks for 2022 which were agreed.

**4** Footpath 44 modification order

4.1 Confirmation of the Interim report received from the Inspector for Footpath 44 modification order.

**5** Village Maintenance

5.1 Clerk confirmed that other than items reported to SBC there is nothing outstanding, anything reported is dealt with as and when received.

5.2 Village Handyman – Clerk confirmed that the new Handyman started at the beginning of November 2021 and everything is going very well. John Emmins stated that he had noticed that he is working on the road without much protection other than a high viz jacket. Clerk confirmed that she would check this with him as all work he has been given has been on the pavement.

Angela Raymond  
Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

## 6 Update on the current Village Maintenance & Footpath Projects

Clerk circulated a list of all current village projects. Councillors discussed each of the project:-

- They were pleased with the first view of the sculpture at the bottom of Rodway footpath and discussed how to unveil it to the village.
- Wildflower planting at two further locations in the village, one of Kite Hill, one near the footpath by the school, was agreed.
- New sign within the church car park – John Warr to provide a contact who can supply signage.

**Resolved:** To transfer the unused budget of £1k for the restoration of the Hooper's Field Pond, as this was not needed due to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust carrying out the work, to The Beanlands Pond.

## 7 Parish Deeds

7.1 Clerk confirmed that the Parish Deeds is the legal document that relates to the "Transfer of Services" which was first agreed in April 2016. Committee discussed correspondence received from Swindon Borough Council in relation to reviewing the Deeds and agreed to meet with Swindon Borough Council on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to discuss further.

## 8 Village Community Litter picks

8.1 Clerk confirmed that the next community litter picks are due to be held on 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Discussion took place as to whether it would be better to have just one date rather than three. Clerk confirmed that due to the area involved it seemed to work better to split it across several days.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm