

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Footpaths & Village Maintenance Committee held on Monday 20th February 2023 at 7.30pm at Hooper's Field Pavilion

Present: Bob Biggs, Dave Hayward, Kathy Glanville, John Emmins, John Warr

In attendance: Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk)

Minutes Ref:

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- 1 To appoint a Chairperson
Dave Hayward nominated Richard Bellamy, John Emmins seconded, Richard Bellamy was unanimously voted as the Chair to this committee. In Richard Bellamy's absence Bob Biggs agreed to Chair the meeting.
- 2 Apologies
Apologies received from Richard Bellamy and approved at the meeting.
- 3 Declaration of interest
None
- 4 Minutes of the committee meeting held on 1st August 2022
Minutes were unanimously approved

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

Public questions raised in advance of the meeting:-

A question was raised in relation to the hedge on the right hand (eastern) side as you go down Pack Hill. Committee felt the hedge on the left as you go down Pack Hill (western side) is more of a problem as it's growing into the road. It was agreed to follow this up with Borough Councillor Gary Sumner who had previously confirmed it would be cut whilst the road was closed.

A question was raised in relation to whether wild flower seeds could be planted around the new landscaping at the SCR. Committee agreed to check the landscaping plans but thought there was due to be wild flower planting.

A question was raised as to whether more mature trees could be planted around the new roundabout at the SCR. Committee agreed that this would be nice but expect what's planted is what they can afford.

A question was raised in relation to footpaths WA25 and WA23. Committee confirmed that these footpaths are both closed mainly due to the Southern Connector work therefore it is difficult to maintain. At the last meeting with SBC's RoW Officer it was highlighted to him that there will be a considerable amount of clearance work needed once the footpaths are allowed to re-open. Clerk confirmed that there are a few other problems with footpath WA23: the horse field next to Honeyfield Farm has an electric fence and field gate that make it difficult to walk through, plus there is no stile to continue on the footpath after the bridge beside Moat Cottage. Committee agreed that this all needs looking into once the footpaths are re-opened.

- 5 The Hollow Protected Verge
Clerk confirmed there is currently a volunteer in the village who monitors the verge and submits reports to Wiltshire County Council. The volunteer is likely to be moving away from the village in the near future and is therefore asking what the Parish Council want to do in relation to the protected verge. She has confirmed that the verge is getting damaged due to cars parking on the verge.

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Committee agreed that they would like to continue with the monitoring and to ask for all the information to be passed onto Parish Council. It was also agreed to ask residents to see if anyone else is willing to volunteer, with maybe a group of people being better, rather than the onus being on one person. ACTION Clerk to gain information from volunteer and put article in Lyden to see if there is any interest from residents.

6 Update on the current Village Maintenance & Footpath Projects

6.1 Clerk circulated a report providing an update on village maintenance and footpath projects which was reviewed at the meeting.

7 Footpaths:

7.1 To review and discuss footpath improvements and update from SBC Rights of Way Officer:-

- Footpath WA14. SBC have asked for access via Springlines Meadow to carry out resurfacing work on footpath. Committee agreed to allow access via Springlines Meadow. An onsite meeting has been arranged for 28th February 2023 to discuss arrangements with SBC.
- Proposed stile replacements.

Clerk confirmed that there has been a delay in the replacement of the stiles on footpaths WA29, 30 and 31. SBC RoW Officer confirmed that due to the dry weather over summer 2022 it was not possible to carry out the work but he hopes this work will be completed in 2023. The footbridge replacement on footpath WA8 has also been delayed for the same reason, repairs have taken place in the meantime so that footpaths can be used.

7.2 Application for the bottom end of Kings Lane (near Kite Hill) to be added on the definitive map.

Clerk confirmed that since making a request in the Lyden for “user evidence” there has been a good response with over 35 forms now completed. ACTION Clerk to submit application to SBC.

7.3 Village Walks for 2023

Committee discussed whether to hold the village walks again in 2023. It was agreed that it would be good to hold the walks again this year. Committee agreed that it might be worth asking residents if they would like to lead a walk or the Assistant Clerk.

7.4 To review and discuss items reported to Parish Council:-

- Green Lane. Clerk confirmed that there are a number of concerns that the bridleway is starting to deteriorate; main concerns are muddy sections, with top layer being worn down and grass starting to grow into the path. SBC have confirmed there is no planned maintenance until 2025 unless the path becomes unsafe. Committee discussed and agreed to gain quotes to see what it would cost for Parish Council to carry out their own maintenance. ACTION Clerk.
- Footpath WA29. Wood chip can be laid to help soak up the mud on the narrow section of the path that runs next to The Plough rear garden,. As per agenda item 7.1 stiles are due to be replaced. Clerk confirmed that some hard core was laid within the kissing gate to the first field from the High Street in the last couple of months.

8 Village Maintenance

8.1 Review and discuss items reported to Parish Council

- Moss on pavements around Mayfield.
Committee unanimously agreed to gain quotes for the moss to be treated and removed. ACTION Clerk
- Dropped kerb at Warneage Green.
Clerk confirmed that she had met with a resident at Warneage Green to discuss their requirements for a dropped kerb. Clerk has forwarded details to SBC Highways and SBC Housing but to date there has been no reply. Committee agreed that this is a SBC housing issue and they should be chased up.

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8.2 Village Bins

- To approve the replacement of the bin at The Beanlands Open Space. Committee unanimously agreed.
- To approve the installation of a new dog bin at the entrance to Springlines Meadow. Committee unanimously agreed.

8.3 Village clean-up day

It was agreed to hold the next village clean up on 14th and 15th April 2023.

9. Church Meadow Play Area

- 9.1 Clerk confirmed that two quotes have been received to install a new fence around Church Meadow play area, ranging from £11,028.83 plus VAT to £15,945.90 plus VAT. Committee discussed and agreed to gain feedback from residents as to whether a new fence is something they want the Council to spend funds on. ACTION Clerk to organise SurveyMonkey.

10. To discuss proposals put forward by Parishioners

- 10.1 To improve footpath surface from Mayfield to footpath from Warneage Green (WA11). Committee discussed and agreed to purchase some wood chip to lay along the path to make it easier to use. ACTION Clerk.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm