



WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Footpaths & Village Maintenance Committee
held virtually via Zoom
On Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Bob Biggs, Roger Whitfield, John Emmins, Joe Smith, Dave Hayward

In attendance: Angela Raymond (Clerk)

1. Apologies: James Naylor
2. Declaration of Interest No declaration of interest received.

Public Questions – Meeting is adjourned for members of the public to raise any questions (maximum time 10 mins)

No public questions

3. Footpaths:
 - a. Review any reported problems on footpaths.

Clerk circulated a list of all outstanding footpath issues.

After a discussion it was agreed:-

- To gain advice from SBC RoW Officer on the footpath surface for footpath WA16.
- Footpath WA17 – To arrange a clearance over autumn while Handyman is less busy.

Clerk circulated a list of all outstanding items reported to SBC RoW Officer. Clerk confirmed that a reply had just been received from SBC and ran through update confirming:-

- Bridges are currently being manufactured and will be installed in summer 2020 on footpaths WA39 and WA8.
- Work is programmed (but no date given) for footpath WA23 which has been blocked for some time now.
- Footpath WA28 has been inspected and they do not feel the fence has been put up in the wrong place.

After discussion it was agreed:-

- To confirm to SBC RoW Officer that the preferred choice for footpath fingerpost sign replacement would be wood. Only to use the metal fingerpost as a replacement if wood is not possible due to the location.
- Parish Council do not feel that the mesh gate on footpath WA25 is acceptable, this footpath will not be affected by the outcome of the footpath 44 modification order and therefore it should be removed.

Clerk confirmed that there are a number of branches along Green Lane that still need to be cleared.

- b. To discuss village footpath signage.

SBC have confirmed that they are compiling a list of all fingerposts that need replacing and Parish Council to confirm they would prefer wooden.

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4. Village Maintenance

a. Review maintenance work carried out over the last few months:

Clerk circulated a list of all outstanding reported maintenance issues.

After a discussion it was agreed:-

- Not to install a new bin at Rodway, any additional bins will add to the overall cost of emptying and it was agreed there are sufficient bins around the village already;
- To inspect the yellow bin in front of the bus stop on Church Road; suggestion is to replace by a larger bin with a cover so that it doesn't overflow so easily.
- To monitor the sarsen seat (Rodway) as wood is rotting and look at whether any of the timber from the fallen trees can be used to make a new seat.

Clerk confirmed that she is currently reviewing the grass cutting contract so that Parish Council can go out for tender. The grass cutting contract is reviewed every three years and needs to be done this year.

Clerk confirmed that the Village Handyman's work is going well; considering he hasn't long started and is now having to work under unusual circumstances he has done very well.

- b. Hedge and Tree maintenance – This will be carried out in the autumn.
- c. Wild flower areas – Clerk confirmed that as part of the Storyboard and Trail project the aim was to plant a wild flower area next to the board at St Andrew's Church. The wild flower plug plants were all delivered just before lock down so Clerk re-potted and looked after them in her back garden until they could be planted out. There was then an incident after being planted out which meant the plants were cut down. Replacements have been provided which can be planted soon. The hope is that they will regrow ready for next year.
- d. Village gateway flower boxes. Clerk confirmed they are all very successful and seem well received in the village. Dave Hayward suggested seeing if a resident living near one could adopt it and water it to make them easier to maintain.

5. Bins & Litter Collection

- a. Review any reported problems.
- b. Village clean up dates. It has been difficult to hold group litter picks and clean-up of the village during pandemic. The Great British Clean-up was rescheduled for September so perhaps a date can be agreed that ties in with this.

6. VE Day bench

- a. The two new VE Day benches are due to be delivered soon. A discussion took place about the location and it was agreed to install one at Church Meadow and the second on the corner of Church Road opposite Mayfield. The area on Church Road will need to be cleared and tidied up prior to installation.

7. Telephone box

- a. To consider request to convert the telephone box as a location to "swap books".
After a discussion it was agreed to look into adopting the telephone box next to the Village Hall so that this can be used as a place to swap books. **Action Clerk to look into.**

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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