

## WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Footpaths & Village Maintenance held virtually on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Mike Webster, Bob Biggs, John Emmins, Joe Smith and Dave Hayward

In attendance: Parish Clerk

1. Apologies None

2. To appoint a Chairman for this committee

Bob Biggs proposed Mike Webster, Dave Hayward seconded, with no further nominations, Mike Webster was unanimously appointed as Chair to this committee.

3. Declaration of Interest None declared

*Public Questions – Meeting is adjourned for members of the public to raise any questions*

*No public questions raised*

4. Footpaths:

a. Review and discuss reported problems on footpaths / pavements

- Green Lane – Surface and entrances

Action – It was agreed to gain additional advice on the maintenance of the surface from other Parish Council's who have bridleways within their area. The entrances continue to be an ongoing problem.

- Footpath WA30 – Condition of stiles / broken stiles

Action – It was agreed to contact the landowners to see if they will allow Parish Council to carry out repairs to the stiles along this footpath.

- Footpath WA33 – Condition of stiles

Parish Council have already met with the landowner a while ago who agreed to make repairs to the stiles, some have been done some are still outstanding. John Emmins confirmed that some of the shrubbery has now been cut back.

- Footpath WA14 – Uneven surface

Parish Council sent an e-mail to SBC Rights of Way Officer to gain advice on the uneven surface of this footpath, no reply has been received. A quote was gained a few years ago and it was in the region of £3k. It was agreed that this is a large amount to pay for one section of footpath when there are considerable amount of other work needed on other footpaths. Parish Council need to look at all work that needs to be done and prioritise. *Action All*

- Pavement from Horpit crossroads along edge of High Street – Muddy and overgrown vegetation.

It was agreed to ask the Handyman to carry out some trial trenches along the path to see how far the grass and mud had grown over the pavement.

- Pavement from Rotten Row (roundabout) to bus stop (opposite Brewer's Pub)

Clerk confirmed that a resident had reported an incident where her child walked along this section of path after the hedge was cut and managed to stand on a large thorn left from the hedge cutting. It was agreed that the landowner should be made aware of this and ask they clear all debris after the hedge is cut.

b. Review Outstanding items reported to SBC RoW Officer

Clerk confirmed that an e-mail has been received from SBC RoW Officer confirming that due to Covid-19 he has not been able to progress on any of the reported footpath problems within the village. Clerk confirmed that she has a list of all outstanding work some dating back to 2017.

#### 5. Village Maintenance

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

- Tree maintenance work – Clerk confirmed that the tree surgeon has been carrying out tree works over the last couple of weeks, all work that was needed to be completed within 3 months as per the tree survey recently carried out.

b. Review outstanding maintenance:

- Land at the corner of Church Road (opposite Mayfield) Parish Council are responsible for the maintenance of this area as per the “transfer of services” agreement but the land is unregistered. The main problem is the amount of fly-tipping from the neighbouring property. It was agreed to look into registering the land.

c. Grass cutting contract – Clerk confirmed that Iverde have now signed the contracts and Parish Council have signed a new starter form. Iverde are due to commence end March and will need to be provided with keys to access the two main open spaces.

d. Village Handyman’s schedule of work. Clerk confirmed that the Handyman is currently painting all bus shelters and removed all bunting.

Mike asked if he could have a list of his schedule of work, Clerk confirmed she would provide him with a copy.

#### 6. Bins & Litter Collection

a. Review any reported problems

- It was agreed to put forward a recommendation to replace the bin at Church Meadow and remove the small red bin
- It was agreed to install the small red bin from Church Meadow to Rodway open space where there currently is no bin, exact location to be agreed.

#### 7. Village Maintenance Capital Projects

Clerk confirmed that all the following items on the agenda have been budgeted for in the financial year 2021/22, they are all projects for the committee to consider and move forward.

a. Rodway Open Space & footpath – Replacement of archway, and repair to sarsen stone bench

It was agreed to look at several options for the replacement of the archway and then put these ideas to residents to see what they prefer. A quote to replace to wood on the sarsen stone bench was also agreed.

b. Church Road Telephone Box – Clerk confirmed that two residents have come forward to help

maintain a “book exchange” facility from the telephone box. The telephone equipment has now all been removed. It was agreed to gain quotes to install shelving within the box.

c. Hooper’s Field pond area

It was agreed to gain a plan for the area ready for work to be carried out in the autumn as there would not be time to fit in work prior to the nesting season.

d. NHS bench

It was agreed to gain approval from full council, location options include Rodway open space, Hooper’s Field by the pond or alternative options to be discussed.

- e. Storywalk – Clerk confirmed that the two residents who put forward this proposal at the last meeting have purchased the books, laminated and have them ready. A quote for the posts was received for £45 each. 16 is needed overall but to start with 8 can be purchased and then combine with putting some up / around trees  
It was agreed to purchase 8 initially at a cost of £360, then review if any further are needed.

John Emmins raised a concern in relation to cars parking on the highway verge at the end of College Green, churning up the ground and leaving a mess. Clerk confirmed that this is an area where Parish Council maintain. It was suggested putting some stones along the edge to prevent parking in this area.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm