

Wanborough Parish Council
Minutes of the
Footpath and Village Maintenance Committee Meeting
held on

Monday 13th August 2018 at Hooper's Field Sports Pavilion starting at 7.30pm

Present: James Naylor, Bob Biggs, Roger Whitfield, Joe Smith (Parish Councillors), Angela Raymond (Clerk) and 4 residents

1. Apologies - None
2. Minutes of the last meeting – Already ratified at Parish Council meeting
3. Declaration of Interest - None

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

A resident highlighted a number of footpath problems, asking if Parish Council are aware of these problems. Clerk confirmed that, apart from the pond at Hooper's Field which is a Hooper's Field committee issue, all other footpaths will be discussed later.

A resident raised a concern about a pothole on Rotten Row. Clerk confirmed that the road surfaces on Rotten Row, High Street and the top half of Kite Hill are all in very bad condition. SBC inspect but in some cases state that the holes are not deep enough for them to call it a "pothole". It was also stated that SBC mark areas with yellow paint but then don't do anything and the paint just fades away.

4. Village Storyboard Proposal

A resident attended to present her storyboard proposal, including two trails around the village. The proposal would include two information boards, one at Hooper's Field and one at the Church car park. There would be two trails around the village with sections that would be suitable for wheelchair users. The next stage is to go out to consultation to residents to gain their feedback and then to come up with a final proposal. The likely cost will be in the region of 20k. Clerk confirmed that she can apply for a grant through Community First (Landfill Tax) which would help towards the cost. Other possible sources would be Wanborough Community Fund, Parish Council and other fundraising such as compiling and selling a book of footpath walks.

Parish Council thanked the resident for all her work in putting this proposal together and agreed that something like this would be an asset to the village and they would very much support the proposal, subject to agreement from full council. The resident confirmed that she would carry out a consultation to residents and would come back to Parish Council with her final proposal.

5. Footpaths:

a. Review any reported problems on footpaths

- Footpath inspections

Clerk confirmed that she had carried out an inspection of all footpaths within the Parish, apart from footpath 39 which Joe Smith has inspected. Joe Smith confirmed that there is no clear route shown for footpath 39; it doesn't look like it's been used.

Clerk has e-mailed Woodland Trust and SBC in relation to the overhanging trees along Green Lane.

- Review outstanding items reported to SBC RoW Officer

Clerk confirmed that SBC's RoW Officer had e-mailed her on 13th August and confirmed that, due to having to deal with footpath 44 modification order, he has not had the opportunity to deal with other footpath issues within the Parish. Once he has submitted

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footpath 44 modification order to the Secretary of State hopefully he will have more time to look at the other reported footpath problems. Clerk confirmed that there is a programme in place to cover vegetation clearance of all the main footpaths within the central part of the village. Footpath 3 was missed but the Clerk sorted this and will add to the list in the future.

- Footpath improvements from Hooper's Field up to top of village

Clerk confirmed that this is now complete, a few concerns that have been reported:

- i. The stones at the end of Stacey's Lane make it difficult for users with pushchairs. Clerk confirmed that she had received a reply from SBC which states why this section of footpath has been left as stone which she will circulate.
- ii. The wall along the edge of the footpath on Church Road has become unstable as a result of all the shrubbery being cut back to make room for the footpath. Clerk has met with SBC who stated they will carry out a survey of the wall to see if it is safe.

b. Proposal for the maintenance of footpaths going forward

Parish Council have met with a landowner along Horpit and looked at a number of footpaths that run behind the High Street. It was a very productive meeting and it was agreed that the landowner would fix the stiles and Parish Council would clear the shrubbery. Additional signage is needed to ensure people keep to the footpaths, as the landowner stated that they are currently using one field as a "dog walk" and not clearing up after their dogs. He also stated that people are walking through the gate at the back of the Somerset Farm development of new houses, where there is currently no footpath. It was agreed to concentrate on the footpaths within this area to improve what is currently there, the footpaths are being used but access in places is difficult.

6. Bins & Litter Collection

- a. Clerk confirmed that there were no reported problems.

7. Village Maintenance

a. Review any reported village maintenance problems

Clerk advised all problems received since the last meeting. Work will either be carried out by Village Lengthsman or have been reported to SBC.

b. Review maintenance work carried out over the last few months, including Village Lengthsman work

Clerk confirmed that the Village Lengthsman is currently carrying out weekly play area inspections and has started on some of the hedge cutting. The hedge cutter needs repairing so in the meantime Clerk has purchased some top soil so the Lengthsman could fill some of the larger cracks at Lower Rec open space.

c. Proposal for village maintenance going forward

Clerk confirmed that Lengthsman will be concentrating on strimming and hedge cutting over the next month.

8. Any other business

Clerk confirmed that the next Parish walk is due to be held on Sunday 2nd September, meeting at Village Hall at 11am and then Calley Arms at 11.20am, finishing at one of the local pubs. The last walk in August was very well attended (14 residents).

Date of next meeting to be agreed

Committee Members: Bob Biggs, Roger Whitfield, Joe Smith, James Naylor

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