

Minutes of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee Meeting**Held on 6th December 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bush Room**

Present: - Cllrs. Brian Davis (Chairman), Peter Taylor, Hannah Richmond, John Cutland,
Terry Hunt
Mr. Bob Phillips (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedures were noted

3. Public Participation

None.

4. Declaration of interests

None.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting5.1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th Sept 2010

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5.2. Matters arising
None

5.3. Outstanding Actions

5.3.1. (6/4/09) Clerk to write to Footpaths Group. Action to Clerk

5.3.2. (3/8/09) Clerk to collate walk information re. Revisions to text in Walk Books. Action to Clerk

5.3.3. (3/8/09) Clerk to discuss with SG the possibility of using their mapping facilities and also if any help was available to support the Council with Booklet production. Action to Clerk

All the above actions have been deferred until time allows for the Footpaths Project to be re-started.

5.3.4. (5/10/09) Clerk to purchase "no smoking signs" and arrange fitting to all Bus Shelters. Action to Clerk

The signs had been purchased and were now awaiting fitting.

5.3.5. FP100607-3 Clerk to purchase the paint and request Bryan Painter to carry out the remedial work on Bus Shelters 6 & 8. Action to Clerk

Ongoing

5.3.6. FP100607-4 Clerk to discuss with the SG Footpaths Officer the two hazards reported by Keith Maloney and Gillian Davies. Action to Clerk

The Clerk advised the footpath problem had now been resolved by SG PROW team. Action Closed

6. Bus Shelters

Bus Shelter No 3 opposite the Masons Arms - the recent bad weather had delayed the painting and refurbishment of this bus shelter. CY Street Furniture advised that the work would be completed as soon as the weather allowed.

The re-painting of the inside of the two stone shelters is in hand.

No other problems

7. Allotments

No progress had been made with the allotment land lease; we were still awaiting a response from the landowner's solicitor who had been sent two reminder letters, the most recent on 8th November by our own solicitor. The landowner had also been asked to contact her solicitor to urge immediate action.

Two signs had been delivered and were awaiting erection at either end of the access path to the allotments.

The Clerk reported that he had so far had no success in discussing a water pipe route across adjacent farm land and requested permission to discuss with Mr & Mrs Morgan whether they may allow the pipe to be laid across their land. The meeting agreed this action.

FP101206-1 Clerk to discuss with Mr & Mrs Morgan if there is a possibility of gaining a pipe access across their land to the A38. Action to Clerk

A letter extending the temporary landowner-licence to each allotment holder will be sent in the next week.

8. Footpaths

8.1. Footpaths Report

As in the previous meeting, the Clerk distributed a footpaths report summary and a previously received CAMS "completed" report from SG Council. He had also received a CAMS "outstanding" issues report but was having difficulty in relating our own reports with those being progressed, or not, by SG. The Clerk explained that many of the reports of footpath problems had been passed to SG PROW team several years ago and may no longer be relevant. He was frustrated by the inability to align the SG CAMS "outstanding" list with our own reports and felt that to move things forward we may have to "visit" each report to check its validity.

Cllr Brian Davis offered to look at the paper copies of the two reports and see if he could make sense of any of them. The Clerk would arrange for the papers to be copied.

There was some discussion about the inevitable reduction in Parish Council footpath activity in recent times whilst all the focus had been on the allotments. Cllr Brian Davis suggested that if neither the Clerk nor any committee member was able to spend the necessary time to investigate outstanding reported footpath problems, we should look for other resources.

The local Footpath Walkers Group was still in place although, with the lack of any communication with them from the Parish Council for some considerable time, we would possibly need to be very conciliatory if we were to ask for help. Any actions previously discussed would need to be moved forward as the last meeting we had with them to begin the Walk Books Revision project; nearly 18 months ago had not been progressed beyond receiving some update reports from several walkers. Nothing had been done with the reports and we would need to progress that initiative first before embarking on any new requirement or at the least, explain what was to be done, and do it!

FP101206-2 Clerk to investigate and report back any support available from SG, the PROW Liaison Group or other resources to progress the validation of outstanding footpath reports. Action to Clerk

8.2. Footpaths Walks Revision Project

This project has been delayed until Allotment matters are completed.

Cllr Terry Hunt said how disappointed he was that in much of its business, this committee seems to have problems without any readily available means of overcoming them. Perhaps we should look to outside sources for help.

Cllr Brian Davis expressed a view that we should try and progress this project and as with the Footpath Reports dilemma, if we were short of resources, we should look to others for help.

FP101206-3 Clerk to investigate and report back any support available to progress the Footpaths Walks Revision Project. ***Action to Clerk***

9. Correspondence

None

10. Any other business

None

The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.