

ALBRIGHTON AND DISTRICT FOOTPATH GROUP

Minutes of a meeting held Wednesday 3rd May 2017 in the Red House, Albrighton at 7.30 pm

1. Present: -Tony Wrighton-Chairman, Peter Illes-Secretary; Gordon Peacock, John Rideout, Malcolm White, Rick and Elaine Shaw

Apologies: Jon Earl, Andy Gibson, John Crossland and Brian Maylor;

2. The Minutes of the last meeting held 4th January 2017 were accepted as a true record. It was also agreed to provide draft copies of minutes to both Albrighton and Donnington PC rather than wait for these to be ratified.

3. Matters Arising

7-2-The offer to help at the Melville Club remained outstanding although latest thoughts were to now wait until the autumn.

4-1. Path Reports

A1. Green Lane to A464 -Elaine Shaw –OK although the fallen tree needed to be cut up.

A2 Windmill Lane. to Bowling Green Lane – Elaine Shaw- David Austin had planted the field but provided an alternative path/route. Strimming of nettles etc around the stile was ,however ,needed.

A6. High Street (side of Harp) – Peter Illes- OK.

A7. Cross Roads to A8 – Jon Earl- OK

A8. to A10 behind the Harp – Jon Earl- OK but some strimming needed

A9. Newhouse Lane to A8 – Greg and Mary Hancox.-the 2 loose stiles remained in need of attention.

A10.High Street to A8 –Elaine Shaw -OK although dog mess remained an issue following the removal of a bin due to emptying difficulties.

A11.A10 to Pebble Brook –Tony Wrighton –Thanks to David Thompson via an article in the Parish Magazine would be chased up via John Crossland.

A12.Kingswood Road to Pebble Brook – Tony Wrighton-strimming needed. Considering fitting a kiss gate to address a high stile.

A13.Highhouse Lane to County Lane – Greg and Mary Hancox -Shona Butter from the Enforcement Team at SCC had written to John Brindley re the need for a 1.5 metre wide path. The stiles also needed attention.

Pebble Brook Permissive Path -TW confirmed that under the 1980 Highways Act ,an appeal could be made to lodge this as a ROW as it was regularly walked.

All Boningale Paths – Andy Gilson

B1.Pebble Brook to Woodhouse Lane -the landowner had now fenced the the whole of the path and fitted extra gates, the spring on one needed attention.The V on the bridge had now been removed.

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B2.B1 to A464 -timber had been secured to repair the bridge which remained to be done.

B3.Newhouse Lane to A464 (Long Path) –Mr Tavener was expected to clear the crop to ensure the path was not compromised.

B4. Newhouse Lane to A464 (Short Path) No issues and largely defunct

B13 Pepperhill to County Lane-OK

B14.A464 to Pepperhill -OK

B15.Woodhouse Lane(East) to Pebble Brook- the loose step remained to be addressed perhaps by reducing the height by 4 “

Boningale Permissive Path- OK but needs strimming.

Donington Paths

D1.Bypass to Blue House Lane – Brian Maylor Path will be included on the strimming programme

D2.Blue House Lane to Shackley Lane – Brian Maylor/Malcolm White

A new stile complete with dog latch has been installed. Stile at the bridge needs repair with step replacing?

D2. Letter to be sent to Mr Eaton by Shona Butter requesting removal of crop (Oilseed Rape) from the RoW action maybe needed by the Footpath Group!!

D2 Donington Lane to Shackerley Lane Path will be included on strimming programme.

D3 Mill Lane to M54 – Malcolm White. OK

D4 Renshaw Wood Lane to Codsall Road – Brian Maylor No issues but review required

Boscobel Paths

Bos 1 White Ladies to Parish Boundary – Jon Earl-OK

Bos 2 Boscobel House to White Ladies – Jon Earl -OK

6. Treasurers Report

6.1 The Treasurer had provided an end of year statement showing the No.1 Account standing at £552.86 and the No.2 Account at £610.39 Leaflet sales for the year totalled £74.75 with the largest expenditure being £132.50 for aggregate,with £90.62 spent on PPE. This healthy financial standing, due primarily to SCC grants from the previous year, avoided the need to seek financial assistance from the local Parish Councils.

ES reported that there were 120 leaflets left and she would contact the printer to see if they still held the template. This would form part of a review of the need for a reprint taking account of the fact that 500 were printed in 2003 followed by 600 in 2009- costing £800.

Funds remained available for volunteers to purchase safety footwear/PPE from TFM-with £179 ringfenced for this.

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Any Other Business

7.1 –PI reported the response received via E mail dated 24-1-17 from Shona Butters from SCC advising that faults could be reported by email direct to outdoor.recreation.gov.uk, via the customer call centre or via a fault form. Whilst this was noted- it was still felt the advantages of the Somerset County Council website was something SCC may wish to aspire to.

7-2-Although the recent dry spell had reduced the level of growth, a strimming programme was required around June time and working parties would be drawn up accordingly.

7-3- As the number of active members was limited, a recruitment drive was perhaps necessary, facilitated via this years strimming programme and an article in the Parish Magazine - highlighting the work done and seeking/inviting path adopters.TW would link with JC.

8-Date of next Meeting.

This will be Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Peter Illes,
Secretary 25th May. 2017