

# ALBRIGHTON AND DISTRICT FOOTPATH GROUP

Minutes of a meeting held Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the Red House, Albrighton at 7.30 pm

1. Present: -Tony Wrighton-Chairman, Peter Illes-Secretary; Andy Gilson (Treasurer); Elaine Shaw, Gordon Peacock, Brian Maylor, John Rideout

Apologies: John Crossland, Jon Earl, Ron Murdock, Malcolm White and Rick Shaw;

2. The Minutes of the last meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were accepted as a true record.

### 3. Matters Arising

7-1-PI confirmed that a link had been established via the Parish Council website ie [-footpaths.albrighton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:-footpaths.albrighton@yahoo.co.uk) (Aadfg01902) .This included the objectives of the group, work recently done and copies of the minutes from meetings last year.

7-2-PI confirmed that whilst future budgetary constraints were expected in relation to SCC,s Countryside activities, Stewart West-Head of Leisure and Culture(including ROW) had reported at the Civic Societies AGM that they were working closely with Telford and Wrekin Council to establish the scope for joint working agreements which made sense geographically. They had also launched a membership scheme-Shropshire,s Great Outdoors- costing £3 per month aimed at generating funds to help with the maintenance of ROW etc. Although TW noted the contact details established viz Ms Files-Shona Butters remained a key player at SCC on enforcement and associated issues.

7-2-TW reported that on visiting the Melville Club he was happy to use the trimmer to clear the flower beds but felt the area would benefit from being rotivated and would speak to Tony Cork and volunteers about facilitating this.

### 4-1. Path Reports

A1. Green Lane to A464 -Elaine Shaw –OK although a tree had fallen in the vicinity which TW would investigate .

A2 Windmill Lane. to Bowling Green Lane – Elaine Shaw- OK

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

A9. Newhouse Lane to A8 – Greg and Mary Hancox.-two loose stiles

A10.High Street to A8 –Elaine Shaw -OK

A11.A10 to Pebble Brook –Tony Wrighton -16ton of stone had been laid by SCC and the P3 volunteers with the cost of materials shared with David Thompson who would be thanked via an article in the Parish Magazine which AG would provide to PI. Parts of the path, however, remained muddy.

A12.Kingswood Road to Pebble Brook – Tony Wrighton blackthorn needs cutting back but not urgent.



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A13. Highhouse Lane to County Lane – Greg and Mary Hancox -inadequate path provision existed which should be reported to the Enforcement Team at SCC. The stiles also needed attention.

Pebble Brook Permissive Path -The stoning done greatly improved its condition although parts would need patching and hedges trimmed. TW would check the status of paths-ROW wise- which might be affected should the adjacent land be sold.

All Boningale Paths – Andy Gilson

B1. Pebble Brook to Woodhouse Lane -Much to our consternation –ancient hedgerow had been removed and a large area was being fenced off and gates changed. Two oak trees had however been saved and an undertaking secured to plant a mixed hedge. The need to retain the V on the bridge would also be reviewed.

B2. B1 to A464 -certain planks on the bridge needed replacing which AG would facilitate.

B3. Newhouse Lane to A464 (Long Path) -OK.

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-OK

Boningale Permissive Path- OK.

Donington Paths

D1. Bypass to Blue House Lane – Brian Maylor OK although BM would speak to John Parry re a damaged stile.

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

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 -.Tony had mentioned this to Tim Simmonds but this was low on his priority list.

## 6. Treasurers Report

6.1 The Treasurer reported the current financial position as follows:-  
At 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 the No.1 Account stands at £596-20. Debits:-Rent £5.00.  
Secretary £7-50. Credit:- No Credits

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The No.2 Account stands at £588-39. Credit: £21 from Leaflet sales.  
ES reported the existence of a quantity of unlaminated leaflets and would explore the cost of purchasing plastic wallets

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

## Any Other Business

7.1 –Re comparable reporting facilities to those provided by Somerset County Council-PI reported that the Shropshire site only provided for highways and pavements and although people could report issues via our site on APC webpage,there was a preference for a county facility and the Secretary agreed to contact Shona Butters to suggest this be explored.

7-2-The Group confirmed their agreement to the Parish Council seeking to secure an additional ROW from Beamish Lane to Shaw Lane as part of the new housing development. PI saw this as best being progressed when the planning application for Phases 2/3 was received.

A second suggestion incorporating the recently improved path from Donnington Pool Nature Reserve towards the railway was not generally supported but it was noted this was for DPC to consider.

## 8-Date of next Meeting.

This will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Peter Illes,  
Secretary 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017