

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SANDHURST HELD ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2019

Councillors R Davis RD: M Williams MW; K Wood KW: D Wilkins DW

In Attendance

Clerk - P Clarke

Footpath Officer - John Robinson JR

Public 7

1300/ Apologies

C. Cllr Awford: Cllr R Elliott RE

1301/ REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OR OTHER DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None

1302/ POLICE REPORT

None

1303/ MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019

Agreed and signed

1304/ MATTERS ARISING

None

1305/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

None

1306/ BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

MW will comment when necessary

1307/ JOINT CORE STRATEGY AND TEWKESBURY LOCAL PLAN

No update

1308/ STANDING ITEMS

Village green

MW confirmed branch on village green will be taken down

Recreation Ground

- Crag Freeman had responded, and email was circulated with proposed footpath changes, members were broadly in agreement and following discussion agreed:

1/ Retention of ESA 28, this gives a direct route and people will probably continue to use it in any case

2/ Reroute ESA 27 as per Highways proposed route, members added ESA requires hard surface plus fencing, this needs funding, PROW has agreed this. KW will contact landowners **A: KW**

3/ Extinguish ESA 26

Western Power also need to be contacted as there is a stay across the footpath

Recreation ground committee was in agreement with the proposals

- RD reported recent vandalism to gate, which is the subject of continual vandalism, he suggested a heavy-duty security gate but agreed not very welcoming. Following discussion, it was agreed to consider installing movable bollards that could be removed for Greenfield to access Playing field for grass cut. Also agreed to put in bollards all around car park to open up the front, this would take away the target to ram and improve visibility. Cars would be able to park there, and it removes dark corners. This may require Planning permission; MW will inquire with planners

A: MW

RD will draw up plan of works including how much hedge we need to remove

A: RD

- Inspection report highlighted that the equipment needs some attention and so far to quotes are in the region of £9000, no funding secured so far

DW offered to look at some funding sources

A: DW

We then need to get 3 quotes for work

- MW stated buggies can't access kissing gates and suggested self-closing gates, PROW will give us a cost price, he added there will be no further funding from them

1309/ FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk circulated the financial report and it was agreed

1310/ ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The cheque list to the value of **1133.74** was agreed

MW will ring Greenfields in regard to cutting Base Lane corner

1311/ PLANNING

19/00867/FUL - Whitethorn Sandhurst Lane

Members considered this a sensible proposal

No Objection

19/00935/APP - Part Parcel 5188 Tewkesbury Road Twigworth

- Neighbouring parish
- We have previously expressed concern on any development on this site
- Density of housing appears to be cramped
- Concern was expressed on surface water drainage

OBJECTION

19/00771/OUT | Erection of up to 32 new homes (including affordable housing), access, drainage and other associated works on land to the south of Down Hatherley Lane, Twigworth

- Neighbouring parish
- Site is situated on a junction that is a pinch point and has traffic queues
- Noted tree preservation order on Oak Tree
- The development will have an impact on the landscape
- Concern on lack of infrastructure in the area, small development does not require infrastructure

OBJECTION

1312/ FOOTPATHS

Report was circulated and is attached

Clerk to instruct work to be completed on stile at the Pound - Noted quote is £200

A: Clerk

RD will confirm permission to erect kissing gate at site

A: RD

Mw raised the issue of buggies and kissing gates; self-closing gates are more suitable and cost £175

Members discussed state of lane at the end of Moat Farm, RD and KW will discuss with landowners

A: MW, KW

Clerk to respond to CF

A: Clerk

RD and MW to produce plan of works

A: RD, MW

1313/ DEFIBRILLATOR

No update

1314/ FLY TIPPING

Members noted several recent incidents

Rubble has also been scattered round the parish

MW noted TBC will sweep mud on the road in due course

Discussion was held on drainage through the village, drain is not always in lowest point and this creates puddles

1315/ CLERKS' REPORT

None

1316/ CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated to members

1317/ PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

- Members discussed removing lower branches from trees on green
- Problem with rubbish and dog poo bags on playing field access was discussed . MW will discuss bin with TBC **A: MW**
- MW has emailed Highways in relation to hedges on roadside, Clerk will chase **A: Clerk**

1318/ ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION OR FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Clerk to produce draft budget for next meeting **A: Clerk**

Housing survey is expected, members agreed to include a letter to all residents explaining the possible outcomes of the survey

1319/ DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 4th November 2019 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

No further business and the meeting ended at 8.45pm

Signature of Chair.....

Date.....

Report to Sandhurst Parish Council

Date Monday 7 October 2019

Subject Progress report on Public Field Footpath Survey and other matters reported to the Public Footpath Officer

Purpose To give members an up to date report on the aim to achieve all footpaths being open and easy to follow and other allied matters

Report by John Robinson

Recommendations

Members are asked to

- 1) To note report.
- 2) Consider that as the cost of erecting the steps/stile at the Pound is to be reimbursed whether it would be prudent for the Clerk to formally instruct SB to carry out the work to be undertaken at the agreed sum and asking him to invoice the sum he is owed immediately upon completion to SPC who will pay sum. SPC will then claim the same sum from PROW.
- 3) Require a complete cost of providing a stile on ESA23 at the first hedge in from the Pound.

Detail as at 1st October 2019

Kissing Gates

One of the three kissing gates delivered this summer has been erected on ESA 10 at Springhill.

The second on ESA 31 at the rear of the Old Methodist Church is programmed by SB to be erected before the 15th October.

The third is programmed to be erected at the northern boundary of Ronson's Reclamation works on the Severn Way as soon as permission has been obtained by RD or JPR from the owners of the land upon which the Severn Way runs.

Land to the South of the Parish

The Pound Sandhurst Lane

A letter was sent to the owner on 15th September with the sentence, 'If no reply is received by the 29th September it will be assumed that you will be happy for us to proceed.' No reply has been received. Therefore an instruction to provide and construct the steps/stile previously approved by Council can now be made. A reminder- that old tarred sleepers will be used as supports to the treads. It is confidently expected these will have a longer life than new untarred sleeper size wood.

An Email, dated 29th September, has been received by me from Hilary Baker PROW officer, which states that she has spoken to the County Council's Finance Dept. regarding payment.

This reads so that when SPC sends PROW an invoice, HB will arrange for reimbursement to SPC.

ESA 23 at first hedge in from the Pound

Members will recall that RD has agreed with the owner that a stile can be constructed here. The stile will have to of suitable construction to cater for cattle being herded through the five bar metal gate when unlocked and at the same time be readily used by walkers when the gate is locked. A standard stile could cost (?) but if a stile similar to the one erected by RD on ESA 14 The Paddock to Mussel End would be considerably cheaper. Hopefully it could be erected by volunteers. If members require a cost to be submitted this can be done for the next Council Meeting. It may be that some work will be necessary to the adjacent ditch.

Present position regarding expenditure to date on field footpaths 2019/20 – Budget £500

Erection of two kissing gates (ESA 1A/Barrow Farm land and ESA 9 Eaton's land)	100.00
Printing and enveloping 200 letters to residents	42.79
Erection of three kissing gates, already delivered	<u>150.00</u>
Total	292.79

Entrance to the Recreation Ground from ESA 27 and relocation of ESA23 at the junction of Moat Farm land land to the south of the village

No further information has been received by PROW officer from the County Council's Property Dept. A further report will be made in November.

Work undertaken during the September

As mentioned above a kissing gate has been erected by SB at Springhill/Little Alcotts Farm.

The stile on the Severn Way between Moat Farm land and land to the south of the village was reported as being unsafe. The farmer of the land has agreed to make it safe even though it may not be his responsibility.

Complaints have been received, and have been noticed, by walkers concerning briars and nettles

growth in many different locations all of which have received attention.

Waymark Posts

Work is still being undertaken on erecting further posts. All this work is undertaken by volunteers. Separately ESA 34 Gloucestershire Way Base Lane to Broadboard Brook and ESA 33 return to Base Lane is being surveyed for action that needs to be undertaken by PS.

Conclusion

Footpaths have been easier to follow this year. Farmers in general have done sterling work in helping this situation to evolve.

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