

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF SANDHURST HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

**No further business and the meeting ended at 8.45pm**

Signature of Chair.....

Date.....

**John Robinson's DRAFT notes on agenda item dealing with Public Field Footpaths considered by Sandhurst Parish Council on Monday 7 October 2019 held in the Village Hall**

Words in italics were not mentioned in Council but are pertinent to these notes.

Meeting attended by, Rob Davies, Debbie Wilkins, Karen Wood, Cllr Mark Williams and Pauline Clarke

Members noted the report.

**Land to the South of the Parish**

**The Pound Sandhurst Lane**

No reply or comments have been received by SPC to the letter, dated 15 September, sent to JK. Therefore the construction of the proposed Steps/Stile can now be commenced.

Members asked that an Email be sent to SB instructing him to carry out the work at sum of £200. This quote had been accepted by RD. SB to invoice SPC the amount he was owed as soon as possible after completion. PC would then invoice PROW the final sum in order that the money could be reimbursed.

**Action PC to Email SB**

**PC to complete the request to PROW when**

**appropriate**

**ESA 23 first hedge in from the Pound**

RD and JPR to meet on site to agree the position of the proposed stile and ancillary work that may be necessary.

**Action JPR to contact RD**

**JPR to present report to November committee**

**Kissing Gates**

Members noted the two kissing gates at Springhill and at the rear of the Old Methodist Church had been erected by SB.

It was agreed that RD would contact JK in order to obtain his agreement to third kissing gate being erected on the Severn Way at the boundary of his land and the northern boundary of Ronson's land.

Upon this verbal agreement being obtained a letter will be sent to JK confirming his agreement written along the same lines as that sent to JK with reference to the Pound Stile.

**Action RD**

**JPR to draft letter for signature by RD**

*No more kissing gates will be delivered this year but a report will be written for December's Committee suggesting where the kissing gates 'owed' by PROW in 2020/21 could be placed.*

**Action JPR**

***All to consider places where kissing gates are needed.***

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

Members noted just over £200 was left in the budget, part of which may be spent on the stile to be erected at the first hedge in from the Pound on ESA 23.

**Action All to note**

Progress since JPR's appointment in 2016

Nearly all public field footpaths can now be used by parishioners. JPR stressed the support that SPC had been given over this time:

All finger post signs necessary from the public highways had been supplied and erected by PROW staff. Indeed all public field footpaths are now signed from the highway.

All Waymark Posts, together with the necessary waymark discs, requested by SPC had been supplied by using the PROW finance.

Waymark posts had been erected by owners/farmers in some instances whilst the rest have been put in position by volunteers and in particular by SB.

Eight kissing gates had been supplied by PROW, seven of which were obtained at advantageous rates from PROW. The eighth was donated by MW. These gates have been erected by SB at a very competitive price. Rob or Sarah had delivered the gates from Barrow Farm to the point of erection.

**Action All to note**

Anomolies in the DFP

*Still to be discussed with HB, PROW.*

**Action JPR**

Circulation: RD,RE,DW,KW,MW,PC.