

## SHERSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Sherston Footpath Group held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 6 April 2011 at 7.30.

Present:

Martin Rea

Phylip Harries

Maggie McKenna

Jay Dunn

Steve Dunn

Nigel Freeth

Lesley Bennett

Peter Campaigne - Norton Group

### ACTION

1. Apologies.

Sue McKechnie, Richard Skeffington, Andy Osborn, Noel Banks, and Helen Freeth.

2. Approval of Minutes of 23rd February 2011.

The Minutes were approved.

3. Walks Booklet.

Martin reported that Malmesbury Tourist Information Office had made a request for 10 more copies.

There was a discussion later in the meeting regarding additional walks which could be included in the booklet. It was agreed that a walk to include Luckington and Alderton should be planned and produced.

SM/PJH

4. Problem Paths.

(a) SHER 14 & 15 – Martin reported that Steve Leonard was sorting out the problems at Ladyswood.

SL

(b) SHER 16 & 17 – Nigel has requested that it should be marked. Martin will check out the pheasant pens.

(c) SHER 18 – over cropping

(d) SHER 20 – Grove Wood. Stile needs attention.

(e) Area around the kissing gate on Permissive Path into Grove Wood needs attention as is very slippery.

(f) SHER 15/Fosse Way – stile and bridge need repair.

Problem Paths (contd.)

- (g) Hunters Field – Nigel is trying to sort out a solution to the repair. NF
- (h) EGRE 4 – stile is repaired but not perfect.
- (i) SHER 17 – no obvious way through to SHER 35

**Norton**

- (a) Peter reported on the problem with effluent on the Sherston/Norton walk. Farmer says it is coming from the house. Steve is talking to the owners and Peter will be monitoring the progress. SL/PC

5. Working Party.

Nigel did not have any specific jobs to report.

6. Dog Fouling and Litter.

Although not strictly speaking dog fouling, Martin asked Jay to recount the incident with the dogs that she had experienced on the Pinkney walk. Jay reported that the two dogs were not restrained and ran at her. Jay asked for them to be called off and there was an unpleasant verbal exchange with the owner. This incident had been reported to Steve Leonard. Apparently another incident took place about a week later and the person involved made a statement. The matter will be taken further.

7. Community Payback.

The Community Payback team will come back and do the work necessary on The Cliff. Steve wants the path to be cut out and not 'revetted'. Martin will enquire re supplying materials etc.

Lesley Bennett suggested that the team could do some work on LUCK 26. As this is out of our Parish, Martin will give Lesley the relevant contact numbers.

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8. Grove Wood.

100 trees planted and most bulbs are in and the cleared and coppiced - wood is looking wonderful.

A celebratory Picnic/Frolic is arranged for **Sunday 5th June.**

9. Regular Walks - Sherston/Norton.

Sue reported that some 27 people attended and a good time was had by all. Delicious soup was provided by the Vine Tree and the Props Forward bus was very welcome for the weedy walkers

The next walk was planned for May 8th.

10. River Valley Walk.

This project is moving forward. Martin reported that various sources of funding were being identified - the Area Board will consider funding any necessary signage and the ANOB will similarly consider the printing. It was hoped that all the five surrounding parishes and the Malmesbury Town Council will take the project up. Apparently the Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) are very interested in being involved.

11. Other Projects/Kissing Gates/bus Shelter Notice.

Martin said that the Brook Hill gate had been installed and was much appreciated. There was some outstanding work to be carried out on the project before it was completed.

Maggie reported that we now have 3 initial offers to fund kissing gates, subject to locations being agreed and final costs being established.

The oak frame was up in the bus shelter. Martin will prepare the text for Grove Wood and the final information can be displayed.

Frames have been erected in Grove Wood for information.

12. Matters Arising

There were no matters raised.

13. AOB

SHER 20 – damaged/missing manhole cover was covered by a cone, which seems to have disappeared. Matter needs to be investigated – Richard Smith to be informed.

Lesley Bennett expressed thanks to the Group for their endeavours which was much appreciated.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

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