

## SHERSTON PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Sherston Footpath Group held in the Village Hall on Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 at 7.30p.m.**

**Present:** Martin Rea, Jay Dunn, Steve Dunn, Andy Osborn, Pat Bunce, Stan Bunce, Sue McKechnie

#### **1. Apologies.**

**ACTION**

Maggie McKenna, Phylip Harries, Lesley Bennett, Chris Edgecombe, Noel Banks, and Peter Campaigne.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011**

Maggie McKenna was omitted from the Apologies list, otherwise the Minutes were approved.

#### **3. Walks Booklet**

Rattlebone Inn has taken another 10 copies and the Post Office another 20.

Phylip has obtained the price of printing another 400 inserts for covers already printed. Parish Council is to decide whether to do 400 at once rather than in small batches.

Later there was a discussion re adding extra walks at this stage before print run. Norton walk needs to wait until path issues have been settled. Alderton walk is written but needs editing. **LB SMcK PH**

#### **4. Problem Paths**

Andy working with Mark Plummer in Compass Graphic Design Ltd. has produced an excellent Problem Reporting Form on the sherston.net website. Andy was congratulated and thanked for producing this. When the form is completed it goes by email to Andy, Martin and Parish Council Clerk. Andy records the results on a spreadsheet, the results of which were discussed. Mainly over cropping and way markers needed. The Working Party will do what they are able and refer the rest to Stephen Leonard. It was suggested that “banger boards” as used by crop circle makers were employed to make paths on over cropping.

#### **5. Working Party**

Noel Banks is no longer strimming overgrown areas. Martin Ward & Andy Waldron have done some. Need to find out what areas Noel covered. **MR**  
In Grove Wood the Quarry End by the river needs strimming. **NF**

## **6. Dog Fouling & Litter**

One of the dog litter bins by the Jubilee Tree is to be moved to either Sopworth Road or Brook Hill with an extra one placed at the other site as well as another at Easton Town. It costs £170 p.a. to empty each bin. Proceeds from the Cliffhanger are to pay for the 3 bins but the Parish Council is to review the collection service when it reviews the whole issue of village maintenance.

## **7. Community Payback**

Work has started on the riverside path in Grove Wood with the edging boards almost completed. A geotextile membrane has been laid but not covered resulting in its damage. A large piece is abandoned by the river and in danger of falling in. **MR**  
The team are returning in September to lay the scalplings.  
Work on Cliff path and permissive path by river will be requested **MR**

## **8. Grove Wood**

See above  
Work ongoing on Interpretation Boards **PH**

## **9. Regular Walks**

Sue reported a good turnout for the Carnival Walk on July 10<sup>th</sup> with 14 people + 4 dogs. We went down Commonwood Lane, right onto SHER 18, down to Brook End and back via Grove Wood finishing for delicious soup at the Rattlebone Inn.  
Next walk will be on August 28<sup>th</sup> from Sherston Village Hall at 11.00 to Alderton, back to Luckington by 1.00 where a minibus will be available to take back those who do not want to complete the circuit. Picnic lunch on Village Green or order lunch at Royal Ship.

## **10. White Walls Way**

This is now the official name of the Malmesbury/Sherston/Luckington Walk. The next meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Grants for the booklet and interpretation boards are being applied for.

## **11. Other projects/Kissing Gates/other Parish footpaths/Bus Shelter notice board**

Kissing gates – 3 sites suggested - SHER 15/Fosseway; SHER 18/Alderton Rd; SHER 20 stile/"unofficial kissing gate" **MM**

Bus Shelter notice board

This will go to Old School once the building work complete. A plaque indicating its presence to be placed on the outside of the shelter **PH**

## **12. Matters Arising**

Manhole cover problem still not resolved. Martin to talk to Richard Smith. **MR**

## **13. AOB**

**Pinkney dog problem.**

PC Humphries has further reports of walkers having problems with dog and owner. He is liaising with the dog warden although the matter of dangerous dogs is one strictly for the Police.

Meeting closed 8.10 p.m.

Next meeting Wed. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 at 7.30pm Village Hall.

S.McK 04.08.11