

## SHERSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Sherston Footpath Group held in Sherston Village Hall on Wednesday 31 March 2010 at 7.30.

Present:

Martin Rea  
Jay Dunn  
Steve Dunn  
Phylip Harries  
Maggie McKenna  
Nigel Freeth  
Helen Freeth  
Pat Bunce  
Chris Edgecombe  
Richard Skeffington  
Sue McKechnie

Mr Malcolm Hillier was welcomed to the meeting which he was attending as he wished to raise a specific point relevant to Footpaths.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Andy Osborn and Stan Bunce.

2. Approval of Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010.

Maggie McKenna did not attend this meeting. Otherwise the Minutes were duly approved.

2A. Addition to Minutes – Point Raised by Malcolm Hillier

Due to this meeting mainly dealing with the checking of the Walks Booklet it was thought appropriate that Mr. Hillier's point should be raised at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Hillier asked what was the situation regarding the 'Tubs' gate access to the Cliff, which remained locked and fenced after some 75 years of use by villagers.

Martin Rea said that if a footpath is not registered there is no legal obligation for the owners to allow use as a footpath. It is possible to apply to the County Council after being used in excess of 20 years for there to be created a Right of Way. There is one such in Luckington and in Pinkney.

Mr. Hillier also wanted to discuss the condition of the Cliff walk. Since this has been reinstated in the correct location it has to be said that the route is not ideal.

Because there is such a steep slope (and that is quite dangerous when it is muddy) it really does require attention. Martin reported that Steve Leonard had said that he would like it to be improved and the Group undertook to raise this again. Martin suggested that it might be a suitable project for the Community

Payback and perhaps the path should have a proper base like the one that will be laid in Grove Wood beside the river. Richard Skeffington said that he recalled Peter Sidebottom saying that he would help to create a better walking path.

Richard Skeffington asked that the Group should perhaps put some more pressure on the relevant parties regarding Stretchline/Tubbs situation.

Malcolm Hillier said he would be prepared to approach Richard Tubbs if necessary. Martin Rea said that he understood that dogs and dog fouling were a problem for Stretchline and also said that dog fouling has become an increasingly serious problem.

### 3. Walks Booklet.

Phylip Harries explained that he had put together all the descriptions and walks. He proposed that in order to finalise the copy, Maggie should read out the entire text and that Group members could make notes as we went along and make their comments and amendments at the end of each walk description. This was done with the help of additional reading by Pat Bunce. (The corrections will be done and incorporated into the final text).

As this exercise took a long time there was no further business at the Meeting. Martin Rea said he would prepare a brief report on any other matters for the Group to see for the next meeting.

### 13. Next Meeting.

Martin Rea will notify Group members of the date for the next meeting.

MM

26.04.10

