

## SHERSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Sherston Footpath Group held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 7.30.

Present:

Martin Rea

Phylip Harries

Maggie McKenna

Nigel Freeth

Lesley Bennett

Peter Campaigne - Norton Group

### ACTION

#### 1. Apologies.

Sue McKechnie, Andy Osborn, Noel Banks, Helen Freeth. Chris Edgecombe, Jay and Steve Dunn, Pat and Stan Bunce.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of 23rd February 2011.

There was an error in Item 6. This should have read 'PC Stephen Humphries' and not Steve Leonard. Otherwise the Minutes were approved.

#### 3. Walks Booklet.

Martin reported that the total for sales of the booklet was £2,086.69. The 'break even' figure is £3,000. The Post Office has asked for 20 more booklets.

#### 4. Problem Paths.

It was suggested that we should nominate one person to be responsible for collating information about problems on the various routes. Initially Jay and Andy had put together a very comprehensive database with a large amount of information on the problems that existed. However, as our work has progressed, it would seem that a simple reporting method could be devised for problem reporting and then the relevant information would be made available to the Group, the Working Party and Steve Leonard; Jay emailed Maggie to say that she would be happy to pass on the original database if anyone was happy to take on the task and subsequently Andy very kindly volunteered his services.

AO

## Problem Paths contd.

- (a)SHER 14 & 15 – nothing more to report.
- (b)SHER 16 & 17 – no further progress.
- (c)SHER 18 – over cropping with linseed.
- (d)SHER 20 – Grove Wood. Stile work completed.
- (e)Area around the kissing gate on Permissive Path into Grove Wood needs attention as is very slippery. This will be a job for the Community Payback Team. MR
- (f)SHER 15/Fosse Way – stile and bridge need repair. MM asked for name and details of landowner and will write regarding possible kissing gate. MM
- (g)SHER 30 - Hunters Field – Nigel needs to sort out welding. NF
- (h)EGRE 4 – stile is repaired but not perfect.
- (i)SHER 17 – no obvious way through to SHER 35. Nigel will walk this path to establish situation. NF
- (j)Hunters Field – conifer hedge cuttings were being left on the ground by the owner. Steve Leonard to be informed. MR

## **Norton**

- (a)NORT 5 – the problems have not been resolved and the matter will be passed to Steve Leonard. MR

## 5. Working Party.

Nigel did not have any specific jobs to report. Some paths have been strimmed and it was assumed that Noel Banks had been carrying out this work.

## 6. Dog Fouling and Litter.

Apparently Sopworth Road is a particular nuisance.

## 7. Community Payback.

Martin reported that the Community Payback Team are ready to come back and do the Grove Wood path. Group said it would be good if scalplings could be continued to the end of the path. Martin said he would talk to David Hibbard to get permission.

MR

## 8. Grove Wood/Brook Hill.

The new kissing gate was installed and the dry stone wall was to be completed by the Cotswold Wardens.

Picnic/Frolic is arranged for **Sunday 5th June 12 noon to 4pm** .All welcome.

## 9. Regular Walks

Sue had led a very successful walk from Norton to Malmesbury and return. In her absence, Lesley said it had been most enjoyable and some 14 people had joined the walk. She complemented Sue on her organisation. Caroline Pym had had some input on the route, and the amendment had proved to be valuable.

Phylip suggested that he could prepare a 'field map' with the route marked and then other Group members and volunteers could walk it and make relevant comments.

PJH

## 10. River Valley Walk.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 25 May in Malmesbury Town Hall. Martin reported that the Community Area Partnership had agreed to take on the project and that they already had systems in place . Sue Webb was their Administrator who would be taking notes of meetings etc. Steve Ellis was going to undertake the organisation of the path setting/descriptions etc by dividing them up into manageable 'chunks'. Lesley and Sue McKechnie had walked the Sherston/Alderton/Luckington/Sherston route and will produce notes in due course for comment/amendment. Possibility of this being included in the Sherston booklet as well as the Sherston/Norton walk.

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

Kissing Gates.

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

Martin suggested that a suitable site might be SHER 34 at the top of Grove Wood.

Bus Shelter Notice Board.

Phylip will attempt to re-design to show Luckington, which currently was obscured on the map. Martin has done copy for Grove Wood. PJH

Grove Wood Notice Board.

Nick Holland had offered to help with the preparation of signs for Grove Wood which Phylip and Martin will organise. PJH/MR

## 12. Matters Arising

Martin said that the 'manhole' problem on SHER 20 was still not resolved. MR

## 13. AOB

No matters were raised.

## 14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 22 June 2011 at 7.30pm

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