

## **Turnpike Field Recreation Area Working Group (TFWG)**

### **Meeting Notes from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Geoff Seddon - Notes (GS), Cllr R Warburton (RW), Michael Cookson, (MC), Steve Elliott (SE), Judy Evans (JE), Neil Goodyear (NG), Chris Lewis (CL)

#### **1 Public Forum**

Three members of the public attended the meeting. One, who had previously been a Parish Councillor, mentioned that the trees were due for inspection and that the team which had carried out the previous inspection had said that they would come back and carry out the next free of charge. They were good as well as submitting the lowest quotation. He also pointed out that a Traffic/Civil Engineer would be required to design the car park accesses onto Green Lane and Shropshire Street.

#### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Mottershead (NM) and Adrian Leighton (AL).

#### **3 Notes of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

SE proposed and JE seconded that the notes were accurate and they were approved.

#### **4 Matters arising**

There were none that weren't covered elsewhere.

#### **5 Report back from the Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

JS reported that Audlem Parish Council (APC) had approved:

- the proposal to overcome the problem with the muddy path near Grey's Bridge;
  - SE reported that NM had arranged for Dylan Jones to provide transport for the movement of materials on NM's trailer – and that a digger may be needed. SE also said that a working group would need to be set up and that he, NG and NM were willing to be on it, but others would be needed.  
**Action: Other TFWG members who want to be on the working group to let SE know.**
- the booking conditions for the hire of Turnpike Field;
  - JS stated that she is trying to get the conditions on the APC website. SE pointed out that they needed to be on the Turnpike Field website.  
**Action: JS and SE to liaise with the Audlem onLine (AoL) team.**

JS also reported that the current bookings were now with the APC Clerk.

**Action: JS to ask the Clerk to send a list of current bookings to all TFWG members.**

#### **6 Car Park – action plan**

NG gave a brief history of what had happened up to date with obtaining quotations to carry out the work from potential companies. The only one who could carry out the whole works, including creating the access from Green Lane had quoted £148,000 plus VAT. This did not include the disabled access on to Shropshire Street. In addition, there would be Planning and Professional fees of approximately £11,000 plus VAT. When APC had looked at a design for the car park it had been difficult to find a professional engineer to do this. GS suggested that an article be placed on AoL to see if there is an appropriate professional willing to help.

**Actions: NG to produce a summary of the costs to be taken to APC for consideration.**

**NG/SE to produce an article for AOL seeking a professional engineer.**

## **7 Maintenance**

- Annual

The quotation from Tony Seabridge was acceptable and would be passed to APC for approval.

**Action: JS to pass to the APC Clerk.**

- Hedges

- CL stated that the hedges were not really suitable for laying.
- JS stated that a member of the public had asked about cutting the hedge on the canal side of the boundary hedge. It was agreed that this was the responsibility of the Canal and River Trust.

- Upcoming events

- NG agreed to contact AL to advise him of the area of grass to be cut for the Village Fete.
- It was agreed that in future it is made clear that the event organiser/booker is responsible for liaising with AL(or another TFWG member) who would then advise the contractor about the area of grass to be cut.

**Action: This to be made clear on the booking form??**

**Date of Next Meeting: - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.