

# Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

## Notes of Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

**Present:** Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Nigel Mottershead (NM), Steve Elliot (SE), Adrian Leighton (AL), Michael Cookson (MC), Chris Lewis (CL), Neil Goodyear (NG), Judy Evans (JE).

- 1. Public Forum:** No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Ralph Warburton (RW) and Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS)
- 3. Notes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022:** SE proposed and NM seconded that these were an accurate record. All those present at the meeting were in favour.
- 4. Bookings:** Following a Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July it was agreed that Booking Forms and the Terms and Conditions would solely be on the Turnpike Field website.
- 5. Prime Contacts:** It was agreed that one designated individual from the TFWG would be the contact for the following: Events, Grass Cutting, Hedge Cutting, Maintenance etc, A Check List of jobs which need to be done for each event to be prepared **(JE)**
- 6. Car Park:** The Chair outlined the current financial problems that the Parish Council was experiencing and requested that for the time being expenditure be kept at a minimum. It was agreed that the Parish Council would source an engineer/architect to progress the design, planning etc. of the car park. **NG, SE, NM** to prepare an outline of the requirements that the Parish Council needs. It was felt the two main areas that need to be put in place sooner rather than later were the security barrier and hardcore on the Green Lane Entrance.
- 7. Muddy Paths:** A meeting is being held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July on site to determine the quantity of materials required and thus enable revised costs to be obtained. **(SE)**. Details of the grant from Peak and Northern to be put on AOL **(SE)**.
- 8. Bridge between Fields:** The fence overlooking the brook is unstable and needs to be replaced with something more substantial. It was felt that this was a fairly minor project and could be done by our own volunteers.
- 9. Maintenance:** It was agreed that the maintenance schedule be reviewed in six months time. The contract for hedge cutting needs to be more precise, the cutting of the hedges should be roadside only and relate both to Green Lane and Shropshire Street. The latch on the gate onto Shropshire Street is broken, not the first time, and needs a more substantial fitting. **(SE)**.
- 10. Bookings:** The current bookings are:-
  - 27<sup>th</sup> July – 1st August Historic Boats liaison **(JE)**
  - 30<sup>th</sup> July - ARS Barbeque liaison **(SE)**
  - 31<sup>st</sup> July – Festival of Transport liaison **(SE & NM)**
  - 28<sup>th</sup> August – Village Fete **(NG)**

- 11. Environmental Update:** AL had previously circulated a comprehensive report. It was noted that when Cheshire Wildlife Trust had provided funds and carried out the works with regard to the two ponds that they had set out conditions – does a set of these conditions exist? **(ALL)**
- 12. Signage:** Is it necessary to have signs on the field stating that “Users do so at their own risk....:” Audlem Parish Council to decide on this. If so required such signs need to be in keeping with the existing oak signs.
- 13. Dog:** Complaints had been received regarding a black dog running loose in the field – a quiet word with the owner is required **(JS)**

**Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Venue to be confirmed.**