

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 29th April 2024

Present: Michael Cookson (MC) – Acting Chair, Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS), Nigel Mottershead (NM), Christine Middleton (CM), Jean Stainthorpe (JS), & Peter Morgan (PM)

Public Forum: A MOP attended the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Judy Evans (JE). Cllr Steve Elliot (SE). Cllr Kate Down (KD)
- 2. Notes of the meeting held on 25th March 2024:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 3. Retrospective Planning Application:** Planning Approval with conditions had been granted on the 28th March. Details are available on the Cheshire East website Ref 23/2717N
- 4. Fields in Trust:** Still an ongoing solicitors review between APC and the previous owners to clarify any contractual issues
- 5. Funding:** Awaiting the outcome of legal discussions between APC and the previous owners to clarify any contractual issues
- 6. Shropshire Street Entrance:** Still in abeyance
- 7. Bridge Between Fields:** APC has approved the work on this, however new material prices are required **(SE)** C & RT have stated that the maintenance of the bridge is the responsibility of APC. A risk and method statement from the contractor – Dylan Jones – for driving heavy machinery over the bridge will be required before any work is carried out. **(SE)**
- 8. Benches:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of legal discussions the positioning of **ADAS** bench and the picnic bench from outside the Public Hall will need to be decided. The bench from the Public Hall is in storage. **(NM & SE)**
- 9. Pond Dipping Platform:** APC has approved the installation of the platform subject to a risk assessment and health and safety assessment. **GS** to contact suppliers for guidance on these matters.
- 10. Maintenance:** **JS** reported with reference to the Maintenance Plan agreed 26th February, items 4 and 10, it was agreed that the bramble edges should be flailed as they were a trip hazard and that Dylan Jones be requested to carry out this work. **(JS & PM)** In areas 2,3 and 7 the vegetation has grown rapidly, largely covering the bramble runners – it is suggested that in these areas a metre wide strip should be weed sprayed and then flailed in the autumn. **(PM)**
PM has agreed to cut the ivy runners on the trees. He also reported that he had planted some willow saplings in the boggy areas in a hope that the root system of these would firm up the ground in due course.
Tony Seabridge to be asked to cut all the paths and the camping area in the top field. Dates for use of the field for camping to be confirmed with APC Clerk **(JS)**
MC reported that some trees in the area planted two years ago had died and that he would replace these with native species.

12.Trees: Consent had been received for carry out the recommended survey work.
BenBow Brothers Ltd are to be asked to carry out the works **(GS)**

13.Environmental Update. CM reported that Cheshire Wildlife Trust had completed their pond survey, water samples have been taken and the results would be available in August. We are to notify them if the ponds dry out. They recommend that the ponds be cleared out and deepened, work which they will do, prior to year eight when their involvement ceases. Himalayan balsam, floating weed and seeded trees need to be cleared – volunteers are In place to carry out this work**(CM)**

It is suggested that tree trunks are placed near the ponds to encourage wildlife, suitable wood could come from the Green Lane tree once this has been felled.**(PM)**

A suitable article to be penned for AOL for APC approval**(CM & SE)**

14.Website: In abeyance awaiting

15.Bookings: The Village Fete booking will be approved at the next APC meeting.

Where a booking required vehicular access to the field a “visitors” padlock would be substituted to the normal padlock on the evening prior to the event – the code for this would be available at the newsagents- and removed after the event.

16.Terms of Reference. These have been approved by APC and will be circulated to all members of TFWG**(GS)**

17.Any other business: The Notice Board is to cleared of old notices**(CM)** An Ordnance Survey map is to be placed on the Board**(NM)**

18.Date of Next Meeting –20th May 7-30pm – venue - Methodist Church Meeting Room.

Future Meetings:-

17th June

22nd July

23rd September

21st October

18th November