

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 2nd October 2023

- 1. Present:** Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Adriana Roscoe(AR), Michael Cookson (MC), Judy Evans(JE). Cllr Steve Elliot(SE), Adrian Leighton (AL),. Cllr Geoff Seddon(GS), Nigel Mottershead (NM) & Kate Down(KD)
- 2. Public Forum:** Three MOPs attended the meeting.
- 3. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Peter Morgan(PM) & Simon Platt(SP)
- 4. Notes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 5. Retrospective Planning Application:** The application has been submitted to Cheshire East Council (Ref 23/2717N) Comments on the application have to be submitted by 11th October and the decision target date is 7th November.
- 6. Fields in Trust:** The Deed of Dedication remains to be registered with Land Registry. This would be raised at the October APC meeting **(GS)**
- 7. Pond Dipping Platform:** The order has been cancelled but can be reinstated once the planning application has been finalised.
- 8. Bridge Between Fields:** The fence overlooking the stream is firm but needs additional timber to enhance safety. **NM** has offered some timber rails. **SE & MC** to investigate and install as appropriate. The area is quite muddy and would benefit from some MOT.
- 9. Shropshire Street Entrance:** Gravel grids on the slope would be ideal, costings to be obtained **(SE)**

Possibility of Go-Funding finance for this and the Bridge Between Fields, to be raised at the Finance Committee meeting of APC. **(GS)**

A volunteer, with suitable experience, is required to source external funds.**(GS)** If no such person is found “internally” a suitable message could be put on AOL.**(SE)**

- 10. Benches:** A new top for the vandalised bench has been sourced, treated and fitted. The cost of this has been generously donated by two residents.
One bench is off site being repaired **(SE)** to check progress.
The **ADAS** bench and the picnic bench from outside the Public Hall on hold awaiting the outcome of the planning application.**(GS & JS)**
The lifebelt has now been secured to a stake inside the pond fencing.
Any further incidents of vandalism should be reported to **KD** who will notify the police.
- 11. Maintenance:** **JS** had confirmed the Autumn 23 plan with Tony Seabridge. However the Subcontractor had cut the whole of the hedge rather the roadside only and only one half of the hedge on the fieldside. It was agreed that In future the whole hedge would be cut every two years and the roadside annually.
The sowing of a wildflower area would be deferred until Spring,
Alder saplings also to be reviewed in Spring.

A MOP raised the question of the overgrown state of the two ponds, the reeds and vegetation will die back shortly the situation to be reviewed in the spring.**(AL)**

12. **Trees:** Tree Inspection is due to take place this week.**AL & PM** to meet with the inspector. The number of trees with a Tree Protection Order is to be checked. Also to see if any further trees need to be protected(**AL/PM**)
13. **Environmental Update:** Nothing to report. It was decided not to produce an Autumn/Winter Map.
AWEG to be contacted to ascertain whether or not there has been any recorded activity on the Owl and Bat Boxes.
14. **Website:** Work continues on developing the website and adding booking information, legacies, a logo etc. to this. To be raised at the next APC meeting(**SE & JS**)
15. **Bookings:** On hold.**JE** had met with ADAS to discuss issues raised following The Village Fete ADAS requested that perhaps more litter/poo bins could be provided when a fete takes place.
16. **Terms of Reference.** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.(**GS**)
17. **Any other business:** The Finance Committee of APC are discussing the forthcoming budget. Turnpike Group are requested to put forward a budget (**GS,JS & SE**)
A MOP had slipped on one of the bags edging the path near the litter bin by Grey's Bridge; thought to be due to moss growing on the surface; agreed consideration needed to be given to possible mitigation measures.
18. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th November 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

Future Meetings:-

Monday 4th December

Dates for meetings in 2024 to be agreed.