

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 25th March 2024

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

Procedural Matters: APC had agreed Steve Elliot (SE) as Chair Person at TFWG meetings.

Public Forum: A MOP attended the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Judy Evans(JE).& Cllr Steve Elliot (SE).
- 2. Notes of the meeting held on 26th February 2024:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 3. Retrospective Planning Application:** The Decision date of the 22nd March had not been met as a belated objection had been received from Cheshire East Forestry(Post meeting note) Cheshire East Planning were updated with regard to the tree surveys and the following response has been received from the Planning Officer.
“ I wanted to confirm that No objection is raised by the Council’s Arboriculture Officer. To allow time for the application to be updated and for a decision to be issued would you agree to a revised target decision date of the 28th March 2024”
This has been agreed to.
- 4. Fields in Trust:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. With regard to clarification of the legal situation the Parish Council sought advice from the appointed solicitors. However the solicitors had failed to respond as requested. The Clerk has followed this up.
- 5. Funding:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.
- 6. Shropshire Street Entrance:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application but it needs to be decided as to what is required and its priority. The bag of MOT by the gate has been cleared away .
- 7. Bridge Between Fields:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. (Reminder)The fence overlooking the stream needs new timber at a cost of £630 for materials, this item to be ratified by APC, Once agreed volunteers will be needed to implement the extra fencing.
- 8. Boardwalk repair following flooding:** Cheshire East Footpaths have restored the boardwalk back to its correct position and secured the sections in place.
- 9. Benches:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application (Reminder) 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 needs to be moved from there – a villager has kindly agreed to store same. **(NM & SE)**
- 10. Pond Dipping Platform:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. The suppliers of the platform are holding the order.

11. **Maintenance: PM** reported that he had planted some more saplings. He further suggested that some willow saplings be planted in the area between the two fields in the hope that this would alleviate the muddy situation. It was agreed that this should be done. It is too early to determine how many saplings have survived and how many need replacing **(MC & PM)**
Brambles in Areas 2,3 and 7 need cutting when conditions allow – last year they were flailed. **SE** volunteered to cut with donated strimmer – if it had a cutting blade. **PM** has a blade and will liaise with **SE** to see if it is suitable.
CM informed the meeting that Cheshire Wildlife hoped to carry out the maintenance work on the ponds in mid April.
12. **Trees:** The tree survey report has been received by APC it recommends the felling of one tree and remedial works to several others. As several of the trees have a TPO and some are in the Conservation Area planning consent is required, this has been applied for, no response had been received, after six weeks, from Cheshire East and the Clerk has written to the Secretary of State to obtain consent. A quotation from BenBow Brothers Ltd for the works has been accepted by APC.
13. **Environmental Update. KD** reported that volunteers were in place to carry out environmental surveys when appropriate.
14. **Website:** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.
15. **Bookings:** The booking requests from the Music Festival has been approved by APC. The requests for the Party on the Park and The Transport Festival are to be discussed at the next APC Meeting. Further information regarding the Village Fete booking has been requested by the Clerk.
16. **Terms of Reference.** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. **(GS)**
17. **Any other business:** Notice of TFWG meetings and minutes to be published on AOL. **(APC Communications)**
18. **Date of Next Meeting –29th April 7-30pm – venue - Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

Future Meetings:-

20th May

24th June

29th July

30th September

28th October

25th November

30th December