

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 26th February 2024

Present: Jean Stainthorpe(JS), Michael Cookson (MC) – Acting Chair, Judy Evans(JE). Cllr Steve Elliot (SE). Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS), Nigel Mottershead (NM) Kate Down(KD) & Cllr Christine Middleton(CM)

Procedural Matters: Following the resignation of Jean Stainthorpe from the Parish Council the numbers of community members of the TFWG had been exceeded. Adriana Roscoe had graciously agreed to stand down to allow Jean Stainthorpe to remain a community member. It was agreed that at future meetings Steve Elliot (SE) would be chair person.- **Subject to approval at the next APC meeting**

Public Forum: 3 MOP attended the meeting. A question was raised by one MOP as to why the booking for the Arts & Music Festival had not been approved by the APC. After some discussion the MOP was advised to take the matter up with APC.

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Keith Nord(KN) & Peter Morgan(PM)
- 2. Notes of the meeting held on 29th January 2024:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 3. Retrospective Planning Application:** (Post meeting note) The Clerk to APC had spoken to the CE Planning Officer to ask whether he was satisfied that all questions/objections had been addressed and a decision could be made. He said that he would put the application in his “queue” and would hope to have a decision within 2 weeks or at the very most 4 weeks time.
- 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 has sought quotations from solicitors for this work.
- 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 left by the gate needs to be cleared away **(SE & NM)**
- 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 taken full responsibility for the boardwalk and will restore it to its correct position, bearing the cost, when conditions are suitable.
- 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:** A draft Maintenance Plan March – April 24 prepared by **JS,CM,PM** was presented to the meeting, it was agreed to adopt this plan.
MC reported that he had replaced some stakes and tubes around the recently planted saplings that had been uprooted. However further stakes and tubes had been uprooted and the saplings from these were missing. He would liaise with **PM** on replacing these.
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 - last year they were flailed. SE volunteered to cut with the donated trimmer - if it had a cutting blade.
- 13.**Trees:** The tree survey report has been received by APC it recommends the felling of one tree and remedial works to several others. As one tree has a TPO and several are in the Conservation Area planning consent is required, this has been applied for, if no response after six weeks the work can be carried out, quotations are being sought, (**GS**)
- 14.**Environmental Update.** Nothing to report at this stage.
- 15.**Website:** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.
- 16.**Bookings:** The booking requests from the Music Festival and the other for a private event these had not been approved by APC. Further requests had been received from Party on the Park, Festival of Transport and the Village Fete these would be forwarded to APC. (**SE**)
A paper prepared by AR, JE & GS on the Rules to be observed by organisers and campers using the field was presented to the meeting. It was agreed that this be put to APC for ratification.
- 17.**Terms of Reference.** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. (**GS**)
- 18.**Any other business:** Keys to the Notice Board are held by The APC Clerk, JE, CM & GS.
- 19.**Date of Next Meeting –25th March 7-30pm - December – venue - Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

Future Meetings:-

29th April

20th May

24th June

29th July

30th September

28th October

25th November

30th December