

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 29th January 2024

Present: Cllr Jean Stainthorpe(JS) - Chair, Adriana Roscoe(AR), Michael Cookson (MC), Judy Evans(JE), Cllr Steve Elliot (SE), Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS), Nigel Mottershead(NM), Kate Down(KD), Peter Morgan(PM)

Public Forum: 5 MOP attended the meeting.

- 1. Apologies:** No apologies were received
- 2. Notes of the meeting held on 6th November. 2023:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 3. Vacancy for a Community Member:** Simon Platt had tendered his resignation as he was moving out of the area. AWEG had suggested a candidate and another member of the community had expressed his willingness to become a member of the committee. It was agreed that these two names be put forward to the Parish Council for ratification. **AR** had recently ceased to be a parish councillor but had expressed her willingness to remain on the committee, this would also be put to the Parish Council for ratification.
- 4. Retrospective Planning Application:** The Planning Consultant had responded to the inaccurate and incorrect statements received from Cheshire East. The Cheshire East Ecology Officer, who is also a member of the Planning Committee, had visited the field and stated that there were no issues and that an ecological survey was not necessary.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Funding:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.
- 7. Shropshire Street Entrance:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Boardwalk repair following flooding:** Provided that we supply stakes suitable to anchor the sections – Cost circa £145 – Cheshire East will anchor the sections back in place. **(SE)** The insurance situation regarding the Boardwalk needs to be investigated. **(SE)**
- 10. Benches:** Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application (Reminder) Need to decide whether or not to replace bench beyond repair by Shropshire Street entrance, likewise the **ADAS** bench and the picnic bench from outside the Public Hall

11. Pond Dipping Platform: Still in abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. The suppliers of the platform are holding the order.

12. Maintenance: The topping of the grass in both fields had been delayed due to the adverse weather and needs to be inspected and reviewed. **(PM)**

PM has some hay and wildflower seed suitable for the wildflower area – sowing of this would be done at an appropriate time. **(PM)** Committee members are asked to collect suitable seed for sowing. **(ALL)**.

The reeds in the ponds need culling – Cheshire Wildlife are responsible for the pond maintenance, they need to be asked to carry out this task. **(GS)**

MC reported that some stakes and tubes around the recently planted saplings had been uprooted and needed replacing, short canes were required, once in possession of these he has agreed to carry out the remedial works. **(MC & SE)**.

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. Adrian Leighton's latest report is available online and he has kindly agreed to provide future reports.

15. Website: In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.

16. Bookings: Two booking request had been received. One for the Music Festival and the other for a private event. Approval in principle was agreed. Subject to further information from the applicants with regard to insurance, car parking, risk assessment etc. A small committee of **AR, JE & GS** to prepare a paper for the next meeting with proposals on the rules to be laid down etc

17. Terms of Reference. In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. **(GS)**

18. Any other business: A policy regarding Flags and Banners on the field is being drawn up by APC.

19. Date of Next Meeting – 26th February 7-30pm - December – venue - Methodist Church Meeting Room.

Future Meetings:-

25th March

29th April

20th May

24th June

29th July

30th September

28th October

25th November

30th December