

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 3rd July 2023

Present: Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Adriana Roscoe(AR), Michael Cookson (MC), Judy Evans(JE). Cllr Steve Elliott(SE), Nigel Mottershead(NM), Simon Platt(SP).Cllr Kate Down(KD)

1. **Public Forum:** Three MOPs attended the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Adrian Leighton (AL),Geoff Seddon(GS), & Peter Morgan(PM)
3. **Notes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
4. **Retrospective Planning Application:** APC have appointed a planning consultant who has submitted a summary of the situation to Cheshire East Council. A formal application for change of use will hopefully be submitted by the 7th July.
5. **Fields in Trust:** The Deed of Dedication remains to be registered with Land Registry.
6. **Notices & Emergency Contacts:** These are in place in the majority of locations. Details need to be put on the notice board.(SE)
7. **Bridge Between Fields:** There has been no active response from Canal & Rivers Trust .(SE)
8. **Shropshire Street Entrance:** MOT has been deposited to enhance the entrance.
8. **Notice Board:** Bookings & Emergency Contact details to be displayed. (JS).
10. **.Car Park:** Nothing further to report.

11. Maintenance: The Maintenance Plan Summer 23 was discussed and updated. It was agreed that this plan be reviewed monthly. (JS)
A further paper “Maintenance Issues to be discussed at TFGW 3rd July” addressing Ragwort Removal, the planned removal of Himalayan Balsam. and the sowing of a small area of wild flower seed were also discussed and approved.
A letter in response to a MOP email on the use of glyphosate had been drafted and it was agreed that this should be sent(JS).
12. **Trees:** Tree Inspection - five firms have been asked to quote for this work, to date, only one response has been received.(GS)
13. **Environmental Update:** A report by AL was presented to the meeting, noting that two varieties of orchid have now been seen in the field indicating that the natural mycellial structure of the soil is improving. Cheshire East Council had requested access to the field to carry out a Greater Crested New survey in relation to their road works in Green Lane; this was approved. Noted that three safaris with Guides, Cubs and brownies had been postponed as a result of the impending planning application
14. **Benches:** The one bench near the Shropshire Street entrance has been removed for repairs. The ADAS Bench is awaited but it was agreed to defer this until the outcome of the planning application is known.

- 15. Website:** Work continues on developing the website and adding booking information etc. to this. **(SE & JS)**
- 16. Bookings:** Historic Boats 26th July liaison officers **JE & NM**. Festival of Transport 30th July **NM** to liaise with ASET on parking arrangements. Village Fete 25th – 28th August liaison officers **JE & SE**
- 17. Pond Dipping Platform:** The order for the platform had been placed on hold awaiting the outcome of the planning application.**(GS)**
- 18. Dog Poo Problem.** The article on dog poo, suitable for publication on AOL, to be progressed by the APC Coms group and the issue, being village wide, proposed to APC for referral to the Village Management Group,
- 19. Terms of Reference.** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.**(GS)**
- 20. Any other business:** None
- 21. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4th September 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

Future Meetings:-

Monday 2nd October

Monday 6th November

Monday 4th December