

# Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

## Notes of Meeting Monday 3rd May 2023

**Present:** Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Adriana Roscoe(AR), Michael Cookson (MC), Adrian Leighton(AL), Judy Evans(JE). Peter Morgan(PM).Cllr Steve Elliot(SE),Kate Downh(KD)

- 1. Public Forum:** No MOPs attended the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Geoff Seddon(GS), Nigel Mottershead(NM),
- 3. Notes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 4. Volunteers:** Simon Platt had expressed his willingness to join the TFWG. SE proposed that he join the group, this was unanimously seconded. It was agreed that his nomination be formally put before the Audlem Parish Council at their next meeting for ratification.
- 5. Muddy Paths & Bridge Between Fields:** The situation had much improved naturally. The area hard cored could be extended with MOT – approx. 3 – 4 bags would be needed at cost of circa £50 per bag. However, it was agreed to leave any decision in order to see what develops over the summer.  
With regard to the broken wire on the canal embankment the Canal & Rivers Trust have been contacted.
- 6. Green Lane Entrance:** The work on improving the entrance has been completed. Several residents have commented on how much better the new entrance is. The TFWG wished to record their thanks to all involved in carrying out the works and funding them. It was agreed that a No Parking sign be placed in the entrance road as well as an. Emergency Contact Telephone Number. These details to be placed on the Notice Board. **(SE & JE)**
- 7. Shropshire Street Entrance:** A proposal to widen the entrance to accommodate wheelchairs is still being investigated, it was noted that there may be planning requirements. The alternative may be to construct a gateway in the fence on the Green Lane entrance.**(NM&SE)**
- 8. Notice Board:** In addition to Emergency Contact details being put on the board it was agreed that a notice regarding Bookings be also displayed.**(SE & JE).**
- 9. Bench Repair:** The rear slats in the bench near the Shropshire Street entrance need repairing. Notice Board maker to be contacted.**(SE).**
- 10. Maintenance:** A mowing/hedge cutting plan was accepted and will be presented to the APC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May for approval. A draft maintenance plan was presented to the meeting. The meeting agreed to adopt this plan. It was agreed that this plan be reviewed monthly.**(JS)** (Copy of plan attached to these notes.)
- 11. Trees:** The Tree Inspection has yet to be carried out**(GS)**
- 12. Environmental Update:** AL reported that Cheshire Wildlife Trust were checking for Crested Newt activity. A Mayfly had been spotted and Mallards are nesting. Surveys are continuing.

- 13. Fields in Trust:** The Official Counting and Checking of the residents' votes has not been completed but it was hoped that the result would be presented to the next APC meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 14. Website:** Work continues on developing the website and adding memorial and donations pages, also booking information etc. to this.(**SE & JS**)
- 15. Bookings:** With regard to the forthcoming Music Festival, it was agreed the **JE** would be the TFWG liaison contact.
- 16. Pond Dipping Platform:** APC be requested to make the payment for the platform(**JS**)
- 17. Dog Poo Problem.** Audlem School had had a poster competition and two posters had been chosen to be displayed around the village. The "artists" of these two had been awarded a prize- thanks to **JE** for organising this competition. **AR** has been spraying poo where appropriate. It was agreed to continue this work and obtain further cans of sprays (**SE & AR**) A local vet – Chris May – had agreed to write an article on the dangers of dog poo, suitable for publication on AOL.  
The possibility of obtaining CCTV cameras was discussed and placing a notice on the notice board to say that they operate in this area.
- 18. Any other business:**  
ADAS Bench outstanding.  
Detectorists – Several interesting items had been discovered and it was felt that these should be formally recorded.  
Terms of Reference – the new terms which will allow the Turnpike Field Management Committee to make decisions without the need to consult APC on every matter are to formally ratified at the next APC meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 19. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

**Future Meetings:-**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

## **Maintenance Plan Summer 23 – agreed at TFWG meeting 3 May: Actions in Bold**

Names in brackets refer to wording on map.

DJ Dylan Jones using machinery

ME Mark Ellis

PM Peter Morgan

TS Tony Seabridge

### 1. Grassland and hedges

See TF Mowing / hedge cutting plan agreed with Tony Seabridge TS

### 2. Area 1a

Plant some shrubs in between New Trees (ref map) to give ground cover for wildlife **PM**

### 3. Area 2 (Edge)

Briars cut back; Plant 4-6 shrubs so as to shield view of ME's garden and house **PM**

### 4. Area 2 (Edge)

Briars have been cut back by app 3 metres enabling footpath to be much lower, such that walkers eye level will be below ME's garden. **Plant a field maple supplied by PM**

### 5. Area 3 (Edge) Area 5 (Boggy Land)

Cut stems on ivy overgrown on trees our side of the boundary and on bank of stream in lower field **PM**

### 8. Area 8 (between pond and mound in upper field)

Rotavate in preparation for wild flower seeding (seeds to be supplied by Chris Lewis) **PM will Roundup area to remove thistles and prepare ground for sowing**

### 9. Bridge

Wire netting and metal rods being pulled down by rabbits; referred to CRT **SE**

### 10. General

Spray alder sapling new growth in May **new growth not appearing yet**

11. Ragwort management plan; hand spray and/or weed wiper **PM to contact Norman Huntbach for advice re weed wiping**

12. Himalayan Balsam **Probably July**

13. Bench Repair **NM**

14. Watering **Not needed currently**