

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 3rd October 2022

Present: Cllr Nigel Mottershead (NM), Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS), Cllr Ralph Warburton (RW), Steve Elliot (SE), Adrian Leighton (AL), Michael Cookson – Acting Chair (MC), Judy Evans (JE).

- 1. Public Forum:** No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Stainthorpe (JS) Chris Lewis (CL), Neil Goodyear (NG),
- 3. Notes of the meeting held on 5th September 2022:** With the amendment in item 6 (Muddy Paths) Non-Slip Wood cost £3924 not £4786 all members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 4. Bookings:** No details of Insurance Cover had been received from Pau, **RW** to chase. **JE** to act as liaison person in respect of dealings with Pau.
- 5. Car Park:** The Clerk of Norton-in-Hales is going to provide details of their car park construction. Johnty of Parkers Contractors had expressed an interest in carrying out the construction works. **(Car park group)**.
The Appointment of a Technical Design Consultant cannot be progressed at this time due to the embargo on expenditure.
- 6. Muddy Paths:** Confirmation of the expenditure had been agreed at the APC meeting on the 12th September. However due to the current embargo on expenditure no orders can be placed.
- 7. Bridge between Fields:** At the current time due to the embargo on expenditure this matter cannot be progressed.
- 8. Maintenance:** **AL** presented to the meeting a paper “Maintenance Group Plan – Thoughts and Questions” As the other members of the Maintenance Group **CL, NG and Paul Cawood** had not had an opportunity to read this it was felt that this should be considered at the next meeting when they had reached a consensus.
The possibility of a path through the wet area by the stream to be investigated. **(AL)**
Some clearance of the Bull Rushes, Mares Tails etc. in the ponds needs to be carried out, it was suggested that a Volunteer Group be formed to carry out this work. **AL** to prepare a suitable brief for Audlem on Line in the hope of attracting volunteers from the community.

The spot spraying of the ragwort with Barrier H. is too late for this year and will have to be left until next year.

Trees – Under the existing Tree Policy a tree assessment should be carried out every eighteen months. It was now time to carry out this survey. The company which had carried out the initial survey had agreed to carry out the follow up survey free of charge. **GS** will contact them.

- 9. Fields in Trust:** **MC** reported that he had been in touch with the Field in Trust organisation (FiT) and that we had most of the documentation required to enable this matter to be progressed. One item required from APC are the details of the Land Registry Certificate from the 2018 purchase as one of FiT requirements is a current Land Registry Certificate (**GS**). Once we have this (**MC**) will collate the documentation for submission to FiT.
- 10. Terms of Reference:** These have been agreed by APC. **JS** to arrange for these to be put on the Turnpike Field website.
- 11. Any other business:** The Turnpike Field has won an award in The North West in Bloom competition **AL & RW** are attending the awards ceremony in Bolton at the end of the month.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7th November 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.