

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 4th January 2023

Present: Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS), Cllr Nigel Mottershead, Michael Cookson (MC), Judy Evans (JE), Adrian Leighton.

1. **Public Forum:** No members of the public attended the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Steve Elliot & Peter Morgan.
3. **Notes of the meeting held on 5th December 2022:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** Audlem Parish Council had agreed the appointment of Nigel Mottershead to the TFWG.
Britain in Bloom Certificates – Audlem Public Hall had agreed to display the certificates awarded to the Turnpike Field.

There still is a community vacancy on the TFWG, the names of two possible candidates were suggested and it agreed that they would be asked if they would like to join the TFWG. **(NM)**. The meeting felt that the inclusion of some younger members to the group would be advantageous and suggestions would be welcome **(ALL)**

5. **Bookings:** A tentative enquiry had been received from Crewe & Nantwich Metal Detection Society to carry out a detection test on the field for which they would donate £100. It was agreed that we would ask them to submit a formal application. **(SE)**
It was agreed that a list of bookings would be displayed on the TF website **(JS & SE)**
6. **Car Park & Green Lane Entrance:** Nothing to report on the Car Park. An application for a grant from The Community Cash Fund to cover the cost of improving the entrance to the field from Green Lane has been prepared by SE & NM – this needs to be approved/signed by the Community Support Officer and approved by APC before submission. The meeting wished to express their thanks to SE, NM, PM, and volunteer Dylan Jones for their work in preparing this application. **(NM&JS)**
7. **Shropshire Street Entrance:** The entrance is not wide enough to cope with events such as the annual fete or wheelchairs – it was agreed that NM & SE would look at this and put forward a proposal. **(NM&SE)**
8. **Muddy Paths:** The timber to complete the walkway has been delivered to Parkers and one section of the four required has been constructed, these weighty constructions need to be moved to the field. **(NM)**
9. **Bridge between Fields:** The surplus MOT from the Muddy Paths has been placed by the bridge but cannot be laid until the site is less muddy.
10. **Maintenance:** Adrian Leighton expressed his wish to stand down as “leader” of the maintenance group, it was agreed that Peter Morgan be asked to lead this group. AL agreed to assist on ecology matters and administration matters but not on physical matters. The meeting thanked him for all his work in the past.

A few saplings have died and these will need replacing in the Spring. **(AL/MC/PM)**
The clearance of reeds and other material in the ponds needs to take place in the Spring.**(AL)**

11. The trees near the Green Lane entrance which had given rise to concern have been inspected and there appears to be no immediate problem but will be kept under review **(PM)**

Tree Inspection - a response from the company approached and they would carry out an inspection for a fee. It was agreed that this could possibly be carried out "in house"**(PM)**

12. **Environmental Update:** Adrian Leighton mentioned that he had just completed his 2022 report which showed a healthy increase in all areas and that he would distribute this shortly. **(AL)**

13. **Fields in Trust:** **MC** reported that all relevant documentation and information had been submitted to FIT and that we await to hear from them.**(MC)**

14. **Any other business:** Notice Board the possibility of a notice board at the Shropshire Street Entrance was discussed. There may be a suitable board available (JS) – to be considered in conjunction with changes to the entrance.**(NM&SE).**

Noted that an 'In memoriam ' page is to be added to the website **(SE/JS)**

Carried Forward - consideration would be given to Fund Raising Events on the field provided that they were for the benefit of the village.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th February 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.

Future Meetings:-

Monday 6th March

Monday 3rd April

Wednesday 3rd May

Monday 5th June

Monday 3rd July

Monday 4th September

Monday 2nd October

Monday 6th November

Monday 4th December