

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 4th September 2023

- 1. Present:** Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Adriana Roscoe(AR), Michael Cookson (MC), Judy Evans(JE). Cllr Steve Elliot(SE), Adrian Leighton (AL),. Cllr Geoff Seddon(GS), & Peter Morgan(PM)
- 2. Public Forum:** Two MOPs attended the meeting.
- 3. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Nigel Mottershead(NM), Kate Down(KD) & Simon Platt(SP)
- 4. Notes of the meeting held on 4th July 2023:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 5. Retrospective Planning Application:** CAD drawings are to be completed and submitted this week. Whilst this application is in progress several bookings to use the field have been cancelled.
- 6. Fields in Trust:** The Deed of Dedication remains to be registered with Land Registry.MC expressed concern that the documents had not been returned to FiT nor registration made with Land Registry. This would be raised at the October APC meeting (GS)
- 7. Pond Dipping Platform:** The order has been cancelled but can be reinstated once the planning application has been finalised.
- 8. Bridge Between Fields:** The fence overlooking the stream needs new timber, to be costed(SE)
- 9. Shropshire Street Entrance:** Gravel grids on the slope would be ideal, costings to be obtained (SE) Possibility of Go-Funding finance.
- 10. Benches:** Following the vandalism one bench needs to put back in its original setting. With regard to the badly damaged picnic bench, the top could be replaced if one is available (MC) to investigate. Nick Jarvis to be contacted re the problem (AR) One bench is off site being repaired (SE) to check progress.
ADAS bench,the situation regarding placing this to be clarified with the planning agent (GS)
The situation regarding the picnic bench from outside the Public Hall to be agreed with APC(GS)(JS)
With regard to the disappearing lifebelt it was agreed that the rope attached to the lifebelt be secured to a stake inside the pond fencing.(SE)
- 11.Maintenance:** JS presented two papers to the meeting. Mowing/Hedge cutting plan agreed with Tony Seabridge 1st May 2023 and Maintenance Plan Autumn 23. It was agreed that the mowing/hedge cutting plan would be confirmed with Tony Seabridge(JS)
It was agreed that the sowing of a wild flower area would be deferred until Spring, an area would need to be decided upon and cleared.
Alder saplings also to be reviewed in Spring.
A good quantity of Himalayan Balsam had been cleared, more “effort” required in 2024
A MOP raised the question of the overgrown state of the two ponds, the instructions issued by Cheshire Wildlife are being followed. Further guidance will be sought(AL)

12. **Trees:** Tree Inspection quotations have been received for this work and will be put forward to APC(**GS**). Assuming a tree inspection is agreed, **AL & PM** to meet with the inspector. The number of trees with a Tree Protection Order is to be checked. Also to see if any further trees need to be protected(**AL/PM**)
13. **Environmental Update:** **AL** reported that surveys have continued during the Summer and a number of new species had been identified.
AL to review the possibility of Autumn/Winter map.
14. **Website:** Work continues on developing the website and adding booking information, legacies. a logo etc. to this. (**SE & JS**)
15. **Bookings:** On hold. The Village Fete had raised several issues such as length of time that the field was used, how are bookings controlled. It was agreed the **JE** would discuss, informally, these issues with ADAS.
16. **Terms of Reference.** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application.(**GS**)
17. **Any other business:** None
18. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2nd October 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

Future Meetings:-

Monday 6th November

Monday 4th December