

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 5th December 2022

Present: Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Geoff Seddon (GS), Cllr Tim Lawton (TL), Steve Elliot (SE), Michael Cookson (MC), Judy Evans (JE). Peter Morgan (PM).

- 1. Public Forum:** No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Ralph Warburton (RW), Adrian Leighton (AL)
- 3. Notes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022:** All members agreed that, subject to the following addition, these were an accurate record.
Meetings: A request to use the field on the May Bank Holiday 2023 had been received from the Arts & Music Festival had been passed to the Clerk of Audlem Parish Council. A nominated TFWG representative would be nominated nearer the event.
- 4. Matters Arising:** Audlem Parish Council had agreed the constitution of the Maintenance Sub Group, (JS, AL, PM) the Volunteers Fielders Group and the appointment of Peter Morgan to the TFWG.

The constitution of the TFWG is 5 APC members and 6 Community members.

There still is a community vacancy on the TFWG and it was proposed and agreed by all at the meeting that Nigel Mottershead be proposed as a community member of the group to Audlem Parish Council for approval **(JS)**

The Terms of Reference are now on the TFWG website

- 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)**
- 6. Car Park:** Nothing to report
- 7. Muddy Paths:** The timber to complete the walkway is due to be delivered, Parkers Contractors have kindly agreed to store this in their barn until it is required. The intention is to drill the timer for assembly prior to transporting, assembling and installing in the field by volunteers **(SE)**.
- 8. Bridge between Fields:** There may be some surplus MOT from the Muddy Paths – this could be used here. **(SE)**.
- 9. Maintenance:** 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 - no response from the company approached **(GS)** to follow up.

The maintenance action referred to in the last meeting notes in respect of Ponds 1 & 2 will be carried forward to Spring 2023.

10. Fields in Trust: JS outlined the status of the application to join FIT. A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of the financial aspects of the field.

MC reported that he had submitted to FIT the videos of the field that they required. All that remains to be submitted is a certified copy of the APC minute agreeing to apply for FIT registration – this should be forthcoming following the APC meeting on 12th December (JS/GS)

11. Any other business: A collection box in Williams' Newsagents had produced £78 specifically for the field.

It was agreed that should there be any spare funds priority should be given to expenditure on entrances and the bridge between the two fields.

It was agreed that consideration would be given to Fund Raising Events on the field provided that they were for the benefit of the village.

Plaques – a request had been received to affix a plaque to a memorial – it was agreed that plaques would not be permitted. But mention would be made on the TFWG website on a specific “in memorium” page.(SE).

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th January 7-30pm Methodist Church Meeting Room.

(Future meetings to be held on the first Monday of the month unless a Bank Holiday*) Provisional dates are:-

Wednesday 4th January* .

Monday 6th February

Monday 6th March

Monday 3rd April

Wednesday 3rd May*

Monday 5th June

Monday 3rd July

Monday 4th September

Monday 2nd October

Monday 6th November

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