

# Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

## Notes of Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- 1. Present:** Cllr Adriana Roscoe(AR), Michael Cookson (MC) - Chair, Judy Evans(JE). Cllr Steve Elliot(SE). Cllr Geoff Seddon(GS), Nigel Mottershead(NM) & Kate Down(KD), Simon Platt(SP)
- 2. Public Forum:** No MOPs attended the meeting.
- 3. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Clr Jean Stainthorpe (JS) & Peter Morgan(PM)
- 4. Notes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
- 5. Vacancy for a Community Member:** Adrian Leighton had tendered his resignation. The committee expressed regret at this but were grateful for all the work that Adrian had put in in making the field environmentally friendly and more amenable for visitors. **JS** had sent a letter of appreciation to Adrian. AWEG has been asked if they could source a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy. Unfortunately, their suggested candidate was not eligible as he lived outside Audlem, residency of Audlem being a prerequisite of the position. Both AWEG and ADAS have been asked if they could suggest a candidate.
- 6. Retrospective Planning Application:** Cheshire East Council (Ref 23/2717N) have received two Consultation Responses – (Canal and River Trust & Environment Agency). Both these contained inaccurate and incorrect statements. APC have asked the Planning Consultant to deal with these.
- 7. Fields in Trust:** The Deed of Dedication remains to be registered with Land Registry. APC had determined that this could not be progressed due to the planning application being outstanding, the situation cannot be reviewed for six months. A meeting to be arranged with Martin Measures to clarify the legal situation(**GS**)
- 8. Funding: SE** reported that Frank Gillies would be prepared to assist in sourcing funding. Any funding would have to be for a specific project. It was agreed that this project should be the provision of a car park.
- 9. Pond Dipping Platform:** The suppliers of the platform are willing to hold the order until the planning application has been finalised.
- 10. Bridge Between Fields:** The fence overlooking the stream needs new timber at a cost of £630 for materials, this item to be put on the agenda of the next APC meeting. If agreed volunteers will be needed to implement the extra fencing. (**SE**)
- 11. Shropshire Street Entrance:** Gravel grids on the slope would be ideal, costings to be obtained (**SE**). Possibility of Go-Funding finance.
- 12. Benches:** The bench that was off site awaiting repairs has been deemed beyond repair. The decision on whether or not to replace this bench to be deferred awaiting the outcome of the planning application. Likewise the **ADAS** bench and the picnic bench from outside the Public Hall
- 11.Maintenance:** The topping of the grass in both fields had been delayed due to the adverse weather.  
The Alder saplings in the fenced off pond areas have been removed.

Muddy path area Dylan Jones had submitted a cost of £550 (MOT £250 labour £300) to carry out suitable works to alleviate this problem. He had also agreed to reinstate the Boardwalk, which had been displaced by the heavy rain, at no extra cost. Cheshire East Rights of Way had agreed to pay for the remedial works to secure the Boardwalk. This includes the cost of the post and machinery cost (£150).

**PM** has collected wild flower seed suitable for the wildflower area – sowing of this would be deferred until Spring.

- 12. Trees:** The survey was carried out on 9<sup>th</sup> October and the report is awaited.  
The overhanging tree near Green Lane is to be felled, cost of this is awaited. **(GS)**
- 13. Website:** Work continues on developing the website and adding booking information, legacies, a logo etc. to this. **(SE & JS)**
- 14. Bookings:** A request had been received to carry out metal detection – it was agreed that a booking form would be required and that the terms would be as the previous metal detection booking **(GS)**
- 15. Terms of Reference.** In abeyance awaiting the outcome of the planning application. **(GS)**
- 16. Any other business:** **GS** presented budgets for the Turnpike Field, covering 2023/24 and 2024/25, subject to a slight amendment this was agreed for submission to APC.
- 17. Date of Next Meeting – December date to be agreed and notified venue Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

**Future Meetings:-**  
**To be advised.**