

# **Turnpike Field Recreation Area Working Group (TFWG)**

## **Meeting Notes from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllr Jean Stainthorpe – Chair (JS), Cllr Nigel Mottershead (NM), Cllr Geoff Seddon - Notes (GS), Cllr R Warburton (RW), Steve Elliott (SE), Judy Evans (JE).

### **Introduction**

JS explained that she had been asked to Chair this meeting by the Chairman of the Parish Council (APC). She, NM and GS had volunteered to join the TFWG, but a decision on the Cllrs who would be on the Group would be made at the APC meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Any decisions or queries made tonight would be put to the Parish Council at that meeting.

### **1 Public Forum**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Michael Cookson (MC), Neil Goodyear (NG), Adrian Leighton (AL) and Chris Lewis (CL)

### **3 Notes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

RW proposed and SE seconded that these were an accurate record. All those present at that meeting were in favour.

### **4 Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

In the environmental plan it was proposed that trees would be planted in the Spring as part of the Jubilee planting scheme. This couldn't happen, but MC suggested that TFWG apply in the Autumn. AL is working on the tree planting scheme.

### **5 Muddy Path**

#### **5.1 Drainage**

SE advised that the report from Swain's had not identified a drainage problem at the Green Lane end of the public footpath.

#### **5.2 Funding\***

SE reported that Cheshire East's Ecology Officer was comfortable with a gravelled, and sandbagged area in the firmer part of the path and the use of wooden walkways and sleepers in the muddy part. A representative from Peak and Northern (P&N) had also visited Turnpike Field. SE had submitted a grant application to P&N who had agreed to provide a grant of £8275, excluding VAT, towards the cost of the work. The estimated cost of the work is £10,000, based on using volunteer help. Transportation of the sandbags would also need to be determined.

#### **Actions:**

**SE to provide JS with all the information so that JS can seek approval from APC to go ahead with the project.**

**NM to approach potential transport providers if project approved by APC.**

## 6 Maintenance

### 6.1 Annual Maintenance

Ex-Cllr McGregor had agreed to cut the outside and top of the hedges and mow the field. This had not happened and Parker's had cut the hedges at a cost of £48. The Spring mowing of the pathways had been carried out by Tony Seabridge (invoice awaited). It was agreed that Tony Seabridge would be asked to carry out the future maintenance of the field.

### 6.2 Hedge Laying

It was agreed not to hold a hedge-laying competition, as suggested at the last meeting. However it was felt that would be sensible for a qualified hedge layer to meet with AL and CL to advise on the maintenance of the hedges.

### 6.3 Upcoming Events

**RW agreed to contact Tony Seabridge to arrange for parts of the field to be cut for the Party in the Park car parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the ADAS event on 28<sup>th</sup> August and the ARS barbeque on 30<sup>th</sup> July.**

## 7 Letting Terms and Conditions

Margaret Duys had revised the Ts & Cs as requested. They now needed to be considered and approved by APC.

**Action: JS to take revised Terms & Conditions to APC.**

## 8 Bookings

ADAS - Village Fair 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022. **Action : RW to hand documentation to APC Clerk.**

NM also referred to ASET having submitted an application for 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Party in the Park) and 31<sup>st</sup> July (Transport Festival) for the use of the field for car parking. These had not been seen by the TFWG. **Action: NM to resubmit the applications**

It was also noted that the Bridge had suggested having a music festival on 28<sup>th</sup> August with potential use of the field for camping. **Action: RW to check with the Bridge to see if the music festival is going ahead.**

It was also noted that there is an Historic Boats rally in late July, but no request to use the field appeared to have been made. **Action JE to check with the organiser whether the field is required.**

ARS barbeque- 30<sup>th</sup> July. **Action SE to submit documentation to APC Clerk.**

## 9 Environmental Update

It was agreed that discussion on the Jubilee trees and the noticeboard be deferred until the next meeting.

### **Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

The car park will be the main topic on the agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm.

\* Since the meeting, SE has received notification from Cheshire East that they will contribute £1,000.