

GRIMSTON PARISH COUNCIL  
**Public Rights of Way Committee**  
Monday 2 August 2021 at Grimston Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Barnicoat(Chairman), M Boldero, M Pitcher, Mrs M Roper (Footpath Warden), Dr A Clifton, Clerk and 4 Members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr P Coleman

**21.06 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

***Cllr M Boldero declared an interest in Footpath 18 as he had access to it from his home, he took part in the discussion and vote***

**21.07 MATTERS ARISING ( NOT COVERED BY AGENDA ITEMS)**

**Survey:** The Chairman stated that most of the paths had been walked, it was just a question of producing the report, which should be done for the next meeting.

**Membership:** The Council was now a member of The Open Space Society at a cost of £45.00. The Chairman said that it would be useful to purchase the PROW guide from the OSS as members should get a discounted rate.

**FP 20 Finger Post:** Norfolk County Council (NCC) had been informed and a new post was on order to replace the missing finger post reported by Dr Clifton.

**FP 10:** The Chairman reported that FP10 did not need strimming at this time.

**21.08 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING**

- ***Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting as a true record***

**21.09 TO CO-OPT MEMBERS ONTO PROW COMMITTEE**

The Clerk confirmed that invitations to join the committee had been emailed to Dr Clifton and Mrs Paterson following the meeting along with the Code of Conduct and terms of reference.

- ***Resolved to Co-opt Dr A Clifton and Mrs Paterson onto the Committee***

**21.10 FOOTPATH 8 LINK TO PHILIP RUDD COURT - UPDATE**

The Committee noted that the Planning Application had been refused, but that the owner could appeal. Evidence of case law into rights under Common Law was very limited, although there should be no issue with a right of way claim in 2027. The Council had received four letters from residents to date about protecting the open space. The Clerk considered that this was not enough to make a case to the Borough Council or for the Council to consider an application as a village green.

- ***Resolved to carry out a leaflet drop to each house in Philip Rudd Court***

The Committee would also ask for copies of full deeds from residents if the map with the footpath formed part of the deeds. The Committee noted that it might also have to review planning application papers for more evidence about maintenance of the space.

### **21.11 Footpath 20 to Elder Lane link – To agree further action**

The Clerk had advised the PROW Officer of the Committee's discussion, he had agreed that the section between the Highway and the Footpath could be claimed, but he had also asked NCC Legal to review the papers in case there was an error in drawing up the original map.

- ***Resolved to Claim as Right of Way if required following investigation by NCC***

The PROW Officer had also noted that the footpath on the ground was not consistent with the map and requested details of the relevant landowners, so the route could then either be reinstated or diverted. Dr Clifton would send details of her notes on this footpath to the Clerk to forward to the officer.

### **21.12 FOOTPATH 6 HUDSON FEN – TO REVIEW PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE TO PERMISSIVE BRIDLEWAY**

The Committee heard the proposal put forward by the Pott Row Bridleway Assoc. in 2015 to create a bridleway on FP6 had been rejected by GFAT who owned the land. The footpath had however now been earmarked by the Trust as a cycle way extension if the Greenways project went ahead. Fencing and work on the gates would need to be undertaken to make it safe. Dr Clifton stated that PRBA could source funding to cover the cost of fencing. The Committee considered that in principle there was no reason why walkers, horses and cycles could not co-exist, however the Council would expect any change to the status of the path to only be undertaken in consultation with current users.

### **21.13 FOOTPATH 18 – TO AGREE TREATMENT OF BOUNDARY.**

The Committee noted that since the removal of the conifer hedge section the boundary was open and untidy.

- ***Resolved to hold a site meeting to determine extent and type of fencing***

### **21.14 PROW ISSUES/REPORTS**

**Footpath 18:** NCC confirmed that more shingle would be put on the path surface at Lynn Road end.

**2019 Footpath Survey:** Cllr Pitcher reported that FP21&22 were missing from the survey. They were at the far east of the parish on the South side of the Gt Massingham Road. FP7, also missing, was the de-registered path to Mill Hill. FP19 was not on the map.

**Footpath 10:** Cllr Boldero reported that the FP 10 was not consistent with the Map, and he could not identify if a Diversion had been agreed.

**Ancient Routes:** Dr Clifton said that she would be happy to provide the Committee with her notes for the Committee to review

### **21.15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date for the next meeting is **Thursday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Chairman.....

Date.....