

GRIMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Public Rights of Way Committee
Monday 30 January 2023 at Grimston Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Barnicoat(Chairman), P Coleman, M de Whalley, M Dye, M Pitcher, and Mrs P Sewell (Clerk)

Apologies: Dr A Clifton, Mrs E Paterson and Mr N Jackson

23.01 TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN

Resolved to appoint Cllr J Barnicoat as Committee Chairman

23.02 TO CO-OPT ONTO COMMITTEE NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Committee noted that Dr Clifton and Mrs Paterson although not present would like to become members of the Committee.

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

Cllrs P Coleman and M de Whalley confirmed their interest in membership of the Committee.

Resolved to include Cllrs P Coleman and de Whalley as Committee members

23.03 TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr de Whalley declared a personal interest in Footpath 24 as he was co-owner of the footpath, he took part in the discussion but not the vote

23.04. TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 2022

Resolved to accept the minutes of the Committee Meeting on 23 February 2022

23.05 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (NOT COVERED BY AGENDA ITEMS)

Philip Rudd Court: The Chairman said that he had got no further with amending the incomplete forms, and therefore was unsure if there was enough for a challenge. Cllr Coleman confirmed that the NHPlan had still identified the area as a Local Green Space which would protect the site from development if not challenged. The Clerk was asked to provide more evidence forms.

Footpath 1: Cllr de Whalley asked if the issues raised in 2020 had been resolved. The Clerk said that the issue that the PROW ended at the A149 had not changed, it was understood that walkers were no longer challenged if they used the track to cut through to Sandy Lane.

Cycle Ways: Cllr de Whalley reported that there was renewed interest and funding for walking and cycle paths. No route had been determined, but there remained interest in a Fakenham/King's Lynn link and the Committee might like to follow up. The Council had proposed Sandy Lane as a cycle route, but after several meetings with NCC, they had appeared to drop the proposal with no explanation. Cllr de Whalley would forward the presentation to the Clerk. Other potential routes were discussed.

23.06 ANNUAL PROW INSPECTION

The Chairman said that he had completed nearly all the walks, and intended to complete the report by the next meeting. There was a brief discussion about poor signage on Footpath 22.

23.07 FOOTPATH WORK REQUIRED

23.07.1 FP 18 BLACKTHORN HEDGE PLANTING TO SET DATE

The Committee noted that Dr Clifton had offered to dig up saplings, and Mr. Jackson had offered some spiral guards.

Resolved to thank Mr Jackson, but there would be no need for guards

Resolved to thank Dr Clifton for her offer and ask for half a dozen saplings, Cllr Barnicoat to supply more as necessary

Resolved to plant on Sunday 12 February, meeting at 8.30am

Clerk to advise Mr. Roper of the planned work.

23.07.2 FP 24 REPAIR STILE

The Chairman offered the Committee's assistance with repairs. Cllr de Whalley explained that the Footpath belonged to both him and his brother so any works would have to have his approval. Cllr de Whalley also said that help with the cost of repairs would be appreciated.

Resolved Committee to formally write to both owners regarding the need for repairs to the stile, offering the Committee's assistance if required

23.07.3 FP 10 TO REMOVE THE WOODEN BARRIER FROM THE ASHWICKEN GREEN END

The Clerk referred the Committee to the Summer property inspection where the narrow wooden chicane was in poor condition (barbed wire had also been used). NCC had confirmed that the Council had its approval to remove the chicane. Cllr Coleman agreed to carry out the work. the Clerk would send him photographs and instructions.

Resolved to carry out the work to remove rotten sections of wood

23.08 PROMOTION OF WALKS

The Committee reviewed its discussion on how best to promote good walks around the parish, not necessarily just on the PROWS but places of local interest. Cllr Dye suggested including good running routes and offered to follow this up. More discussion would take place about how to promote walks. Cllr Coleman asked about the proposed Jubilee walks.

Resolved to develop six walks which could be published in the Village link and online

Resolved to review the Walks boards and to ascertain if the artwork could be used.

23.09 TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW

The Clerk said she had no recommendations, but as this was the first time the Committee had met in a year it was an opportunity to review the terms of reference.

23.10 AGREE THE MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolved to meet once every two months

The Clerk would check with the Village Hall if Monday 27 March was free.

Chairman.....

Date.....