

GRIMSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Public Rights of Way Committee
Monday 27 March 2023 at Grimston Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: None

23.11 TO CO-OPT ONTO COMMITTEE NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Chairman invited Mr Jackson to be co-opted onto the Committee, he declined but would still attend meetings and help where he could.

23.12 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS 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.

23.13 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 2023

Resolved to accept the minutes of the Committee Meeting on 30 January 2023

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

FOOTPATH 18: The Committee noted that the Blackthorn saplings had been planted.

FOOTPATH 10: The Committee noted that Cllr Coleman had removed the rotten wood and barbed wire from the access from Ashwick Green.

Cycleways: The Clerk had requested information from NCC about the Norfolk Strategy, but no details had been forthcoming as yet. The webinar might shed some light on the project.

23.15 PHILIP RUDD COURT - UPDATE

There was nothing further to report at this stage. The Committee reviewed the previous correspondence with Norfolk County Council.

23.16 ANNUAL PROW INSPECTION

The Chairman presented the PROW inspection report. Items requiring further work were discussed and highlighted at item 23.17.02.

23.17. FOOTPATH WORK REQUIRED

23.17.01 FP 24 Repair stile: Cllr de Whalley spoke of his family's interest in improving accessibility of the path without opening it up to misuse. Cllr Coleman referred to GFAT's work on opening up their footpaths as a template. Cllr De Whalley asked for clarification of the Committee's support. Cllr Barnicoat said he had offered his help, the Clerk confirmed that the Council did have a small PROW maintenance budget. The Committee noted that NCC offered support of up to 25% of costs.

23.17.02 Reports

Footpath 6: Mrs Paterson reported a growing pothole on the path, she would take a photo and the Clerk could forward the details to GFAT.

Footpath 10: The Report highlighted a tripping hazard. The Clerk was asked to check with NCC that it could be removed.

Footpath 22: The damaged marker post which left the way unclear would be reported to NCC.

Footpath 24: In addition to the stile, which was being addressed, a Lime tree was causing an obstruction. Cllr Barnicoat offered to cut it back.

Resolved that Cllr de Whalley should speak to the owners and report back

23.18 PROMOTION OF WALKS PROJECT

23.18.01 Outdoors for Everyone Seminar - 4 April – Zoom: The Chairman recommended Committee members sign up for the seminar, the email link to book had been circulated by the Clerk.

23.18.02 Maps Artwork: The Clerk confirmed that she had been sent the artwork by the design company. The officer involved in the original project had moved on. The maps could be redone with a few amendments to include a QR code link to a website with a more detailed map and other information as to where to stop off for a drink or coffee. Cllr Coleman suggested that a board could be located at Hudson Fen. The Clerk would clarify any copywriting issues.

Resolved that the Clerk would email Committee members a copy of each map as well as an OS map of rights of way.

23.18.03 New Walks Project

The Committee had lots of ideas for good places to walk and even run, other ideas included a butterfly/fungi walk and some could include local heritage. Cllr Dye offered to write the copy for each walk. The aim would be to provide 6 walks initially which included those featured on the current map boards. Cllr de Whalley would send around what information he had on the Gaywood Valley Project which would be useful background for points of interest. The intention would be to provide walks for both residents and visitors which could be printed off from the Council website and published in the Village Link. Cllr de Whalley suggested the Chairman might like to attend the next Congham Parish Council meeting to discuss the project. The Clerk would look at potential funding sources.

- **Recommendation: Council to approve the replacement of the map boards subject to cost**
- **Recommendation: Council to approve PROW Committee’s development of a series of walks to include parts but not restricted to PROWS**
- **Recommendation: Council to approve PROW Committee liaison with Congham and Roydon Parish Councils, Grimston Fen Allotment Trust, and other landowners as necessary to develop the project**

23.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place on Monday 26 June at 7.30 pm to be confirmed

Chairman.....

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