

MINUTES OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE TOWN COUNCIL'S PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JUNE 2016 AT 7PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr R Claydon (Chairman), Cllr John Cordwell, Cllr T Luker, Cllr N Pinnegar, Cllr P Smith, Mr S Jarmuz **In Attendance:** Deputy Clerk Mrs Y Milsom

463. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Luker that Cllr Claydon be elected as Chairman. Agreed all in favour.

464. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs E Warren

465. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

466. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12th April 2016

Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Luker, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2016 be approved as a correct record. Agreed all in favour.

467. Holywell Leaze

It was agreed to move this item forward on the agenda.

a) The old mill wall is scheduled to be repaired during the second half of August. It was confirmed that £850 had been earmarked by the Town Council for this project.

b) It was suggested that the roadside hedge to the right of the gate from the roadside approach is not as dense as the hedge to the left of the gate and that it would benefit from infilling with new hedging plants of a similar species to the ones on the left. The Cotswold Wardens would assess what was needed and estimate cost when they were working on the wall project. The Wardens could usually get a good deal on procuring suitable hedging plants and would also be happy to carry out the planting during the winter. Proposed by Cllr Cordwell, seconded by Cllr Pinnegar to recommend to Town Council that up to £100 is set aside from the Footpaths budget for this project. Agreed all in favour. Mr Jarmuz would advise costs when known.

Mr S Jarmuz left the meeting

468. Co-opted Members

It was noted that co-opted member Mrs J Deveney had stood down from this committee. Members asked that she be thanked for her many years of assistance. It was noted that further co-opted members were needed on the committee. It was suggested that the Walking Festival Group could be approached for co-optees and Cllr Claydon would ask that this was added to the agenda of the next Walking Festival meeting. It was agreed to also advertise for two co-opted members on the Town Council website.

469. Walking Festival

Mr and Mrs Sweet had stepped up as Chairman and Secretary respectively of the Walking Festival Group, and Mr Tasker had been appointed as Treasurer, so they now had a full working committee. The constitution had been adopted and the application forms for participating walkers had been approved, as well as the associated health questionnaire. Insurance would be progressed shortly. The next meeting would look closely at the walks, with particular regard to

the stiles, condition of paths and any restrictions that might apply. They hope to have 9 walks, 3 per day over 3 days, each day to include a short, medium and long walk. The Festival will be held the weekend following the first May bank holiday weekend and will coincide, as mutually agreed, with the Arts Festival.

470. PROW in Coombe – Modification Order

The application to add a Public Right of Way in Coombe to the Definitive map, which had been submitted by the Town Council approximately 7 years ago, had now been approved by the County Council and the Order published. Provided there are no objections received by 4th August 2016 then the path will be added to the Definitive Map and will be numbered CWE104. The length of time taken to progress the Order has been due to staffing reductions at the County Council.

471. Footpaths Survey

It was decided to start afresh with the Footpaths Survey and the Deputy Clerk was asked to produce an updated form for the September meeting. The Deputy Clerk would also produce a set of instructions. It was suggested that assistance with the Survey could involve other Town Council members, members of the Walking Festival Group and the Scouts, as well as members of this Committee. It was suggested that guidelines could be added to the Town Council website so that people could report problems. It was noted that, in 2026, the application process to add paths to the Definitive Map is changing and it would be advisable for applications to be made before this date.

472. Any Other Footpaths Matters

None reported.

473. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 20th September 2016.

This completed the business of the Public Rights of Way and Amenity Areas Committee.

Signed:

Dated:

Chairman of the Public Rights of Way and Amenity Areas Committee