

**MINUTES OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE TOWN COUNCIL'S PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE**

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

**474. Welcome**

New members were introduced and welcomed.

**475. Apologies - None**

**476. Declarations of Interest – None**

**477. Public Forum – No members of the public present.**

**478. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.**

Proposed by Cllr Cordwell, seconded by Cllr Smith, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 be approved as a correct record. Agreed in favour.

**479. Appointment of New Co-opted Members**

It was agreed to co-opt Ms Karen Bailey and Ms Pauline McGuinness to this Committee.

**480. Footpaths Survey**

New maps and surveys had been prepared and were distributed to members, who then volunteered to check various paths. The Deputy Clerk would email Committee members to detail which paths were, as yet, unallocated. The timeframe to check the allocated paths was agreed to be by the January Committee meeting.

**481. Holywell Leaze**

**a)** The Cotswold Wardens schedule was so busy that the wall repairs at Holywell were likely to be delayed until February 2017. Mr Jarmuz may have sourced a millstone for the wall. It was confirmed that £850 was in earmarked reserves for this work.

**b)** The section of sparse hedge would be improved over a couple of seasons by slowly replacing the hazel with hawthorn. The work would start in late Autumn. It was not yet known whether this would incur a cost but £100 had been allocated from this year's budget if necessary.

**c)** The Fencing Agreement with the adjacent landowners states that arrangements would be established for the management of the southern bank and the stream. The Deputy Clerk was asked to check with the Buildings Manager regarding the current maintenance regime and whether there were any problems. She would also check if the padlock had been changed as had been requested some time ago.

**482. Community Action Plan**

Section 6 of the Community Action plan was considered where it was appropriate to this Committee. With regard to "Establish strategy and identify problem areas" it was noted that the Footpaths Survey would cover some of this. It was agreed that the footways/pavements should

also be included in this Committee's remit and that a document similar to the one for the Footpaths Survey should be developed to formally check these by road/street name. Any problems identified would then be reported to the appropriate authority. Cllr Cordwell would provide a list of streets for the town. Cllr Claydon would prepare a document to be considered at the next meeting. Progress for this section of the Action Plan would therefore be: Commence new Footpaths Survey and create similar footway survey.

#### **483. Budget 2017/18**

The Committee was asked to consider budget requirements for Public Rights of Way and Amenity Areas for the Financial Year 2017/18 to feed into Council budget deliberations. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Pinnegar, that a sum of £500 should be requested. Agreed all in favour.

#### **484. Walking Festival**

The Walking Festival would take place on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and would include 3 walks per day – a short, medium and long walk. It was hoped that the number of walks would increase in future years once experience for organising the Festival had been gained. They will shortly be looking at publicity for the event and seeking grants.

#### **485. Anti-Social Behaviour on Path from Wortley Road to Pitman Place Play Area**

Anti-social behaviour had been reported on CWE59 and residents adjacent to the path had requested its closure. Legislation does not permit the closure of Public Rights of Way because of anti-social behaviour. The Neighbourhood Wardens are now regularly monitoring the path.

#### **486. Any Other Footpaths Matters**

Queries were raised about planning matters in Rushmire and Coombe. It was noted that the Planning authority considered that there were no grounds for enforcement action in either of the cases raised.

#### **487. Dates for Future Meetings**

The next meeting had been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017. It was agreed that a further meeting would take place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The Chairman thanked members for attending.

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