MINUTES OF WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE TOWN COUNCIL'S PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND AMENITY AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th APRIL 2018 AT 7PM IN THE CIVIC CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr Roger Claydon (Chairman), Cllr Nicholas Pinnegar, Cllr John Cordwell, Cllr Terry Luker, Mr Staszec Jarmuz, Mr Dale Curtis, Mr Pat Comer, Mr Marcus Cross, Mrs Jane Mason; In attendance: Information Officer, Jenny Wyatt

539. Apologies – Cllr Paul Smith

540. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations – None

541. Public Forum – No public present

542. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th January 2018
The Minutes of the PROW and Amenity Areas Committee held on 30th January 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

543. Footpaths Survey
a) A document was distributed showing the results of the re-checking of stiles identified as needing work during the Footpaths Survey. Footpaths where stile problems were still an issue were noted. In addition, some issues had been identified that hadn't been recorded in the original survey and these were noted. During the re-checks, Mr Cross had also noted that there was still a problem with flooding of the path by the stream between Holywell Leaze and Coombe Pumping Station. Work had taken place to remedy this but further erosion had occurred. The Information Officer will report all issues still requiring attention to the County Council.

b) As agreed at the previous meeting, a document was distributed showing other issues identified by the Footpaths Survey so that these could also be re-checked. It was noted however, that this would now result in some duplication of work as some paths had already been checked for outstanding stile issues. Volunteers were requested to check on the current state of the problems reported and paths were allocated accordingly. It was agreed that all results from the stile rechecks and other outstanding issues would be amalgamated into one document at the end of the process.

Cllr Luker left the meeting at 7.30pm

544. Footways Survey
A document showing the results to date of the Footways Survey was distributed. The majority of the footways had now been surveyed and a number of problems identified. Cllr Cordwell informed the meeting that the County Council was also conducting regular inspections of footways in the town, which could result in some duplication of effort. The hazards caused by the lack of a footway adjacent to 20 Dryleaze were discussed. The land is owned by the homeowner and attempts already made by the County Council to resolve the issue had been unsuccessful. It was thought that the ownership of the property had not changed. Mrs Mason reported that the condition of the footway at the end of Parklands was particularly poor although it had improved slightly since the Virgin Media works. Cllr Cordwell informed the meeting that he has a small sum of money to spend on local works. It was requested that any outstanding footway checks should be completed by the next meeting. Mr Comer asked what would happen about problems that had been identified by the survey. The Information Officer had already reported footways where trip

hazards had been identified to the County Council and will also report other footways requiring attention on completion of the survey.

545. Cotswold Gateways Project
Cllr Claydon provided a summary of the Project for the benefit of new members of the committee. The Information Officer advised that the decision on the funding bid had been delayed due to various requests for further information but that the outcome was now expected within a couple of weeks. It was noted that the outcome of the bid may result in additional work for the committee in relation to the implementation of new footpaths and cycle routes. As membership of the Committee had changed, the Information Officer will circulate the information submitted for the bid to committee members.

546. Holywell Leaze
Mr Jarmuz outlined his proposals for works to the corner of Holywell Leaze and the old mill wall and circulated photographs to illustrate his ideas.

The plans include:

1) restoration of the wall with lime mortar and the installation of a millstone.
2) installation of a retaining wall at the base of the raised area
3) creation of an attractive seating area for people to enjoy
4) repair of walls as required.

Work could commence in May using funding provided by the Town Council and the Cotswold Wardens. It was agreed that the work could go ahead subject to the proposals being in line with what the Town Council had originally provided the funding for. Progress is to be reported to the next Town Council meeting.

547. Any other Footpath/Amenity Area Matters
Cllr Pinnegar advised the meeting that the second Wotton Walking Festival is taking place from 11th to 13th May. It was noted that the programme included a greater number of walks than the previous year and some interesting new routes.

548. Dates for Future Meetings
Further meetings are arranged for 17th July 2018 and 30th October 2018.

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

Signed: Date:

Chairman of the Public Rights of Way and Amenity Areas committee