

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 15th August at the Morchard Bishop Sports and Social Club

Present: Neale Meade, Jackie Patten (P3 Co-ordinator), John Kanefsky, Sonja Andrews, Massimo Proietti, Claire Proietti, Karen Hayman, Sheila Sinclair (Parish Councillor), Ros Davies (Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Liaison Officer for Devon), David Parker (Parish Clerk).

- 1. Apologies:** Paul Trimming,
- 2. The minutes** of the meeting of 13th June 2022 (and Appendix) were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. Matters Arising**

Fp2 – This footpath was muddy as it nears Morchard Wood. – The farmer ploughed the path with the rest of the field. David and Jackie have spoken with the farmer about reinstating the path next time the whole field is ploughed. The farmer concerned was very helpful and agreed to this suggestion.

Fp13 – The farmer has planted wheat over the line of footpath on Footpath 13 and has also planted close to the edge of the field so there is nowhere for walkers to go. The farmer has been warned by PROW for the last two years. Ros and Stuart have contacted the farmer and the farmer has now cut a footpath through the field. We agreed to monitor the position next year.
- 4. Finance:** – Funds in the P3 account stand at £4,133.83.
- 5. Volunteer Reporting:** - Jackie will send out a reminder to Footpath Friends in the next few weeks. Whilst Jackie is on holiday, David will arrange for the Footpath Friends e-mail reports to be forwarded to him.
- 6. Report on Footpaths/outstanding works – see separate appendix for ongoing work.**

Fp14 – Stuart Howell has looked at this footpath and wants to wait for a Winter visit. He will then make a suggestion as to how to remedy the problem with this footpath.

Fp39 – Jay will commence work on this footpath soon. – David to let him have land owner's contact details.

Fp14/Fp15 – David will instruct Marc Hoskins at Wild-Work to commence making the three way wooden finger post.

Fp10/11 – Wide gate into Rixey Lane – Karen reports that it is difficult to open and requests a gate within a gate. – David to speak with the farmer concerned.

Fp16/17 – A Footpath Friend reports that the new gate is difficult to open – it appears that the adjacent landowner has added a board to the gate that now obstructs the opening of our gate. David will ask Jay Northfield to adjust the gate.

Fp16 A resident and landowner along this path has complained that the wild flowers she planted either side of the path had been strimmed. – we agreed that the flowers should not be planted on the line of the path - David will speak to the landowner concerned.

Fp15 Complaints from Footpath Friends and others that the footpath beyond the garden is thick with brambles – we will arrange a working party to cut back the hedge after 1st September.

Fp19 Watcombe Farm Footpath Diversion

Progress - with regard to Devon County Council procedure that may mean that the waiting list can be shortened which will promote our project.

Work to do (see separate Appendix)

7. Any other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

<p>The next scheduled meeting of the P3 committee will be at 7.00pm on Monday 10th October 2022 at the Sports and Social Club</p>
