

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 13th February at 7.00pm at the Morchard Bishop Sports and Social Club

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

- 1. Apologies:** Karen Hayman, Claire Proietti, Sonja Andrews
- 2. The minutes** of the meeting of 10th October 2022 (and Appendix) were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising.
- 4. Finance:** – Funds in the P3 account stand at £2,030.52. We approved an invoice of £408.24 for Jay Northfield for swapping over gates on Fps 12, 19 & 64 and installation of the Oak Signpost at the junction of Footpaths 14, 15 & 16. We also approved the annual expense payments to the footpaths coordinator and the Clerk of £35 and £20 respectively. After these payments there will be £1,567.28 left in our account. We are instructing Jay to carry out further work on Footpaths 28 and 29.
- 5. Devon PROW report forms for 2022 and bid form for 2023** – We amended and approved the annual returns which have now been submitted to Ros at DCC.
- 6. Volunteer Reporting:** - All footpaths were walked last year and the Annual Return was submitted to Ros before Christmas. Since then, the only report has been from Neale relating to Footpaths 28 and 29.
- 7. 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. We await Stuart's winter visit. We noted that this is part of the Two Moors Way and therefore should be prioritized. We also discussed Jay's remedy and thought that it may be better to re-profile the path and not use any "teram" matting – acknowledging that this will increase the cost.

Fp14/Fp15/Fp16 – The three way wooden finger post has been completed and installed.

Fp12 – New Two-in-One gate installed

Fp64 – New Two-in-One gate installed

Fp19 – New Two in One gate installed.

Fp19 Watcombe Farm Footpath Diversion

Devon County Council remain short staffed and this is delaying this project – this project is still very much in the hands of DCC.

Work to do (see separate Appendix)

8. Any other Business

Sheila Sinclair raised that a walker had reported to her that when walking on Fp9 behind The Forge – the workman working there rather intimidatingly told her that she would not be able to walk there soon. This is a public right of way and so David will point this out to the solicitors dealing with the sale and Torbay Clearance Services who have been clearing the property.

Sheila Sinclair said that the Environmental group were looking to plant a Community Orchard somewhere in the village and would we let the committee know of any land that might be available for such a project.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

**The next scheduled meeting of the P3 committee will be at 7.00pm on
Monday 17th April 2023 at the Sports and Social Club**