

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.00pm at the Morchard Bishop Sports and Social Club

Present: Neale Meade, Jackie Patten (P3 Co-ordinator), Sonja Andrews, Massimo Proietti, Claire Proietti, Karen Hayman, Sheila Sinclair, (Parish Councillor), David Parker (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** John Kanefsky,
2. **The minutes** of the meeting of 11th December 2023 (and Appendix) were approved and signed by the Chairman. The minutes for October 2023 were also signed by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising.
4. **Finance:** – Funds in the P3 account stand at £2,585.14, this includes the £1000 reserved for the work to the gateway on Footpath 9.
5. **Volunteer Reporting** – The remaining footpaths for last year were all walked by committee members over Christmas and Jackie had been able to submit the report to PROW. As reporting from Footpath Friends had not been great last year it was agreed that Jackie should e-mail a reminder letter to the Footpath Friends as Easter approached or the weather improved and people started walking again.
6. **Report on Footpaths/outstanding works – see separate appendix for ongoing work.**

FP18 the area to the north of the Drive to Watcombe Farm is flooded and it may not be a good idea to re-route the footpath at that particular point. FP19 is covered with electric fences around Watcombe Farm, thankfully not switched on but without handles to break the current. – Someone will need to speak with the farmer – possibly a farm walk though on both footpaths 18 & 19 is needed.

FP28 as it goes around Wigham, the land owners claim that the footpath shown on the map appears to show the original route and not the route that the previous owners had diverted (around the buildings). Neale agreed to take a look.

FP44 needs “Restricted Byway” markers at exit of FP44 onto RBW53

FP41 the kissing gate at Southcott Farm is impeded by a hedge. David will tackle this.

FP63 could do with the brambles cutting back in places.

Fp12 – David will chase the landowner with regard to a new gate arrangement.

Work to do (see separate Appendix)

7. Annual Returns to Devon PROW

Jackie has sent in the annual survey of footpaths walked.

The Annual finance forms have not yet been sent to us, that is not surprising whilst the vacancy left by Ros Davies' promotion remains unfilled. David will make up new forms based on last year's version and submit them to the PROW e-mail address.

8. Mid Devon Walking Festival – 14th to 29th September 2024

The organiser has confirmed that we have been allotted the final weekend of the festival 28 and 29 September 2024.

The committee discussed groups that could benefit from this Festival.

Sonja says the Morris Men could perform in the London Inn Car Park on Saturday 28th September at lunchtime. The Playing Fields Committee are thinking about what they could do. and the Sports and Social Club. Karen has spoken with the shop and they await further information. Jackie has spoken to the London Inn who also are open to supporting the event.

9. Any other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

**The next scheduled meeting of the P3 committee will be at 7.00pm on
A date to be agreed 2024 at the Sports and Social Club**