

Minutes of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee Meeting**Held on 4th March 2013 at 8.15 p.m. in the Bush Room**

Present: - Cllrs. Marcus Fry (MF)(Chairman), Steve Blick (SB), John Cutland (JC), Terry Hunt (TH), Mrs Erika Booth (EB), Mrs Ann Wilkins (AW)
Bob Phillips (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hannah Richmond

2. Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedures were noted

3. Public Participation

None

4. Declaration of interests

EB is an allotment holder and member of the Alveston Allotments Association.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

5.1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd Dec 2012

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd Dec 2012 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5.2. Matters arising - None

5.3. Outstanding Actions

5.3.1. 5/10/09) Clerk to purchase “no smoking signs” and arrange fitting to all Bus Shelters.

Action to Clerk

Action Closed (time expired)

5.3.2. FP 110606-4 to investigate with the local resident the requirement and possible position of a new litter bin at Rudgeway.

Action to Clerk

Action Closed (time expired)

5.3.3. FP 121001-1 to seek alternative solutions to the problems of the muddy allotment access track and obtain estimates for the work. Report via email

Action Clerk

Action Closed (see item 8.1)

5.3.4. FP 121001-4 to modify the allotment plot licence agreement to accommodate “half-plots” and in consultation with the AAA create a number of formal “half-plots”

Action Clerk

Completed – Action Closed

5.3.5. FP 121001-5 to clarify the detail of Parish footpath wardens.

Action Clerk

Initial meeting held see item 9.3 – Action Closed

5.3.6. FP 121203-1 to seek local person to clean and possibly paint the internal walls of both stone built Bus Shelters.

Action Clerk

Bryan Painter has completed the cleaning of the walls and will now paint both shelters.

Action Closed

5.3.7. FP 121203-2 to inspect and determine the actions required to renovate the notice board at Greenhill Parade prior to the next committee meeting on 4th March 2013. Action Clerk

It was agreed to ask Mike York to estimate for the work. It was also agreed to discuss with the members of the Community Forum. (4/3/13)

5.3.8. FP 121203-3 to organise a meeting in January 2013 of people interested in becoming Footpath Wardens. Action Clerk

Meeting held – Action Closed

6. Bus Shelters

6.1. Report

Polycarbonate

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| 1 | A38 northbound opposite Rudgeyway Park | <i>Clean, Inc graffiti removal. Awaiting replacement Perspex (CY Street Furniture given until 18/3 to complete or order to be cancelled). Bench delivered, awaiting fitting.</i> |
| 2 | A38 southbound o/s 70 Gloucester Rd. Rudgeyway | <i>Order for re-paint sent to contractor 27/11/12. (CY Street Furniture urged to complete 27/2/13).</i> |
| 3 | A38 northbound opposite the Masons Arms, Rudgeyway | <i>Clean. 13/2/13 report from SG of graffiti on shelter.</i> |
| 4 | A38 southbound opposite Alveston House Hotel, Alveston | <i>Initial cleaning undertaken – more to do</i> |
| 5 | A38 northbound lay-by opposite Church Rd. Rudgeyway | Clean required |
| 7 | Thornbury Rd. o/s Thornbury Cricket Club | Clean required |
| 9 | Greenhill Down. Alveston. opposite Greenhill Parade | Clean required |

Stone Built

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| 1 | A38 northbound o/s The Old Vicarage, Gloucester Rd. Alveston | <i>The walls have been cleaned ready for painting in the next few weeks.</i> |
| 2 | Thornbury Rd. o/s Merrymead. Opposite The Ship Hotel | <i>The walls have been cleaned ready for painting in the next few weeks.</i> |

7. Street Scene

7.1. Dog & Litter Bins

Litter Bins – See Dog Bins re SGC proposals. It is not yet known if Litter Bins are to be included in their proposals

According to SGC, there are 35 litter bins sited around the Parish.

Currently the Parish Council pays for 3 bins to be emptied at a cost of £7.56 per month for each to be emptied three times a month, total cost £272 per year. There are probably another six bins sited on playing fields which are emptied by our own employee.

Dog waste Bins – Advanced warning of SG Council's proposals to cease “paid for” Dog waste Bin provision and emptying.

Currently Alveston Parish owns 3 bins but only pays for 2 x dog bins to be emptied at £4.26 per week (£221.52 per year) per bin. There are 7 bins located in the parish as listed below which are likely to cost in excess of £1,550 to be emptied. There will also be on-going maintenance and replacement costs at? per year.

| <u>Bin Location</u> | <u>Ownership</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Davids Lane | SGC |
| Greenhill Rd | SGC |
| Down Rd | SGC |
| Down Rd | SGC |
| Wolfridge Lane | Parish |
| Wolfridge Ride | Parish |
| Strode Common | Parish |

It was agreed to await the firm proposals from SGC before discussing further.

7.2. Notice Boards

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| 1 | Greenhill Parade | <i>Storm damage to roof has been temporarily repaired. The notice board needs a complete renovation including re-roof; repair work on one of the main support timbers and a re-paint. (3/12/12)</i> |
| 2 | Jubilee Hall | <i>Currently under repair off-site. (3/12/12)</i> |
| 3 | Rudgeway Park | <i>Requires a repaint. (1/10/12)</i> |

7.3. Other Streetscene

27/2/13 – Report of dog fouling in Stoney Stile Rd, Bodyce Rd, Greenhill Rd and Down Rd.
Reported to SG Dog Warden

27/2/13 – Request from resident to support call for regular footpath sweeping especially along the main routes around Alveston.

FP 130304-1 Request for footway sweeping throughout Alveston to be sent to SG.

Action Clerk

27/2/13 – very narrow footpath o/s “The Green” opposite The Ship on Thornbury Rd. Also the hedge is overhanging the path.

It was agreed that this was more a problem of a narrow footway rather than a hedge problem.

FP 130304-2 Request for widening of footway o/s “The Green” opposite The Ship, Thornbury Rd. to be sent to SG.

Action Clerk

27/2/13 – overhanging holly hedge in Greenhill Down (possibly no. 8)

FP 130304-3 Request to reduce growth of holly hedge overhanging footway to be sent to SG.

Action Clerk

8. Allotments

8.1. Site

Excess Water – To help alleviate the amount of surface water on-site, the landowner has agreed to fund some ditch clearing works along the entire edge of the woods. This action was awaiting suitable ground conditions.

Access Track – A trial repair with geogrid and gravel laid over a 3m length has been in situ for two to three months. The feedback from plot holders and the AAA was that if laid along full length of the track it should eliminate the problem. However, the AAA has called for the track to be a full metre wide to allow for two wheeled trucks to be used.

The Clerk provided estimates (approx.) for guidance.

| Track 80m long x 600mm wide | | Track 80m long x 1m wide | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Ecogrid | £912.00 | Ecogrid | £1,368.00 |
| Stone | £304.00 | Stone | £528.00 |
| Labour | <u>£400.00</u> | Labour | <u>£500.00</u> |
| | £1,616 | | £2,396 |

Both TH and JC were concerned about the cost of this project and felt that enough had already been spent on setting up the Allotments and further expenditure would be very hard to justify.

EB explained that some allotment plot holders had already vacated their plots because of the access difficulties and others had also expressed their disappointment at the access. It was pointed out that with over 300m between the allotments and places where heavy loads could be offloaded from vehicles it was essential to be able to pull a small four wheeled truck along the route. There were real fears that we would be unable to sustain plot letting levels if this problem persisted.

It was suggested that maybe if the cost of labour was eliminated or reduced, the Council could fund the materials. EB thought that amongst the allotment holders there were probably enough willing people to form a working party but she would prefer going to them with a proposal rather than just some ideas.

It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare some options for consideration by both the AAA and the Council.

FP 130304-4 Prepare options for upgrading the allotments track.

Action Clerk

Allotment Inspection

The allotment Inspection was performed on March 3rd by the MF, EB and members of the AAA. A report will be available in due course.

8.2. Other - None

9. Footpaths

9.1. Footpaths Report

OAN25 Footpath off Forty Acre Lane – the resurfacing of the first 50m of the path has been completed by the SGF PROW team

9.2. Footpaths Walks Revision Project

The action plan will be incorporated into the later activities of the Footpath Wardens.

9.3. Footpaths Wardens

A well-attended workshop was held on 28th January supported by the SGF PROW officer and her co-worker as well as the volunteer warden from Olveston. The items discussed included how the footpaths are maintained, the problem reporting process, the Parish Council sponsored Walks, what you can and can't do to keep the path open, relationships with land owners and various other items.

It was agreed that we should progress the "Adopt-a-path" scheme and each present and others who had been unable to attend would chose paths to adopt.

A further meeting was planned for Tuesday April 9th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Any other business

SB reported some difficulties with sight lines when exiting from Davids Lane on to the A38. The problem was caused by a pavement "A" Board sign erected by the Alveston House Hotel.

The Clerk would contact the Hotel and point out the difficulties.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

**The next meeting of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee is on
Monday 3rd June 2013 at 19.45pm.**