

Minutes of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee Meeting

Held on 2nd June 2014 at 7.45 p.m. in the Bush Room

Present: - Cllrs. Marcus Fry (Chairman), Terry Hunt (TH), Alison Peters (AP), Paul Caddick (PC), Steve Blick (SB), James Sumner (JS)
Graham Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Erika Booth (AAA)

2. Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation procedures were noted

3. Public Participation

None

4. Declaration of interests

None

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

5.1. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd March 2014

14023 Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2014 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5.2. Matters arising –

(Clerk) informed committee members that due to the resignation of Ann Wilkins that the F & A committee does not fulfil the quorum requirement and requires one more member. (SB) agreed to become a committee member.

5.3 Outstanding Actions -

FP140303-1 - Contact SGC to enquire status of green cabinet and advertising sign situated next to the bus shelter.

(Clerk) informed committee members that he had spoken with SGC and they agreed to remove the padlock to the bicycle shelter (green cabinet) in order to reinstate use and to move the advertising sign – action Closed

FP140303-2 - Monitor the efficiency of South Gloucestershire Council as contractors, actions to create public awareness and analyse the areas in which Dog Bins may be rationalised during the second half of the year.

(Clerk) reported to committee members that two issues had been raised by residents with regard to dog waste bins. SGC appear to be fulfilling their contract re timely empties. (Clerk) informed councillors that monitoring will continue through the summer period and an item will be placed on the agenda for the next F & A meeting (1st September) relating to removal of dog bins where not required. – action ongoing

FP140303-4 - To monitor illegal tipping of garden waste products and report.

(MF) informed committee members that the illegal tipping of grass cuttings and garden waste at the footpath behind the Ship Hotel continues. (TH) asked (Clerk) to request that SGC remove the material – action closed

FP140602-1 - Contact SGC and request removal of garden waste from public footpath.

Action to Clerk

FP140303-6 - To progress the meeting held re-people interested in becoming Footpath Wardens.

(MF) recommended to (clerk) that a meeting is required within two weeks to move this action forward. (SB) had received expressions of interest from residents interested in becoming footpath wardens – action ongoing

FP140303-7 - To progress the proposal presented by (MF) by establishing an F & A subcommittee.

The Footpaths and Allotments committee agreed that committee members take a specific role of responsibility in each area or the F & A committees' responsibility in order to correlate all ideas and bring structure to initiatives so members may analyse, share ideas and suggestions and action the approved ideas. The roles were agreed as follows: -

(TH) – Streetscene & Contracts
(SB) & (AP) – Footpaths
(PC) – Allotments

- action closed

6. Bus Shelters

6.1. Bus Shelter report

(Clerk) presented to the committee a report following a recent inspection of the bus shelters within the Parish. (MF) commented that residents had noted the improvements to the shelter on the A38 southbound opposite Alveston House Hotel.

7. Street Scene

- 7.1. (Clerk) reported that the performance of SGC relating to the new contract has had its initial teething problems with large areas being missed and patches within cut areas also being missed. (Clerk) had met with Gary Meyer from South Gloucestershire Council to discuss the issues and received assurances that the issues raised were initial teething problems and the service will settle by the next cut. (Clerk) informed the committee that vigilant monitoring will continue.

(TH) requested a copy of the SGC grass maintenance specification.

8. Allotments

- 8.1. (Clerk) reported to the committee that all invoices had been paid promptly by allotment holders, all bar one which is currently being chased.
- 8.2. (Clerk) has recently received a number of requests relating to half plots, mainly from current allotment holders requesting that they down size as a full plot is onerous to some. (AP) recommended that a discussion take place with (AAA) relating to future policy / strategy relating to half plots with regard to location, waiting lists, and information re availability.

FP140602-2 – Meet with (AAA) to discuss future policy relating to half plots.

Action to PC / MF / Clerk

9. Footpaths

- 9.1 Footpath Wardens – Ongoing strategy
(MF) stated that he would raise the subject of footpath wardens at the Alveston Community Forum meeting on the 4th June and seek assistance from the forum in the production of a new footpath guide series.

- 9.2 (SB) & (AP) agreed to work on the footpath subcommittee.

(SB) reported that the bridal path at Woolfridge Ride had become exceptionally worn and as a consequence is now very muddy. The suggestion was made that chippings could be placed to

prevent the situation becoming worse. (PC) commented that the same situation occurred at the bridal path adjacent to his house and that he had bought a bag of chippings for £45 and local residents spread it out. (Clerk) informed committee members that he would investigate.

FP140602-3 – Investigate options relating to the muddy bridal way at Woolfridge Ride.

Action to Clerk

10. Correspondence

(Clerk) read a letter to members from Marlwood School stating that the Deputy Headmaster will be in touch in due course with regard to working together in many of the initiatives raised by (MF) in promoting footpaths usage and public awareness.

11. Any other business

None

Meeting ended at 20.40 pm.

**The next meeting of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee is on
Monday 1st September 2014 at 20.00pm.**