

Minutes of the Footpaths & Allotments Committee Meeting

Held on 1st September 2014 at 8.20 p.m. in the Bush Room

Present: - Cllrs. Marcus Fry (Chairman), Alison Peters (AP), Paul Caddick (PC), Steve Blick (SB), James Sumner (JS), Erika Booth (AAA)

Graham Smith (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Terry Hunt (TH)

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 2nd June 2014

14045 Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2014 were agreed and signed by the chairman.

5.2. Matters arising –

None

5.3. Outstanding Actions -

To be discussed under item 7.2 on the agenda.

6. Bus Shelters

6.1. Bus Shelter report

(Clerk) presented to the committee a report from Tom Roberts (Infrastructure Projects manager – SGC) relating to funding & upgrade of bus shelters on the Aztec West to Thornbury Corridor (A38) and requested input from councillors with regard to order of preference. (AP) proposed that a councillor should accompany the clerk to inspect the shelters and provide a recommendation to SGC. (AP) was selected.

FP140901-01: Inspect bus shelters with remit to submit to SGC most suitable for upgrade.

Action to Clerk & (AP)

6.2. Re-route request – 312

(Clerk) reported to the committee that he had received a request from a parish resident to investigate the possibility of rerouting the 312 bus route to pass through Alveston via the parade of shops as opposed to continuing the current route. (PC) commented that this request had been raised in the past and was rejected however, it was noted that the bus in question was much larger. (AP) raised concerns relating to the congestion at the road junction at St Helens Church / School and also asked the question with regard to demand for the change requested. (Clerk) informed members that the request was made by only one resident. (AP) requested that (Clerk) investigate the process involved in re-routing any bus service.

FP140901-02: Investigate the process involved in re-routing bus services.

Action to Clerk

7. Street Scene

- 7.1. Update on performance of SGC under new contract: - (Clerk) reported that despite many teething problems on the part of SGC at the early stages it appears that problems have been ironed out and grass cutting and bin emptying are completed regularly as per agreement.
- 7.2. Future of Dog Waste Bins – (PC) commented that dog bins were essential for Alveston and consideration should be made with regard to placing Dog Waste bins at the location where footpaths emerge onto housing. (AP) recognised that although dog waste bins are still being used by residents, thought should be given to the best location for each bin and recommendations be presented to the Council. (AP) requested that one other member become involved in investigating to which (MF) volunteered.

FP140901-03: Investigate best location for each dog bin and present recommendations to the Parish Council.

Action to (AP & MF)

8. Allotments

- 8.1. (MF) reported that an inspection had taken place in July and that there were no major issues to report. The (AAA) have undertaken to improve the access footpath to the allotments and are in receipt of a grant to aid development.

(EB) reported that the half plots are working well and that the half plot on plot 1 which was given up due to issues relating to location and waterlogging has been treated and improved by the AAA and is ready to be offered to residents on the waiting list.

FP140901-04: Contact waiting list re. availability of plot 1.

Action to Clerk

(EB) reported that there had been several unusual incidents of vandalism occur on the allotments over the summer these include: decapitated birds found on compost heaps, over turned sheds, opened first aid box (although nothing had been taken). (Clerk) reported the events to PC Tony Blackmore and escorted PC Blackmore to the allotments. Mr Blackmore was unaware of the location of the allotments and has agreed to include the allotments onto his beat rounds.

9. Footpaths

- 9.1 Footpath Calendar update

(MF) reported that good progress was being made.. The commercial sponsors have been confirmed and money has already been forthcoming from Tockington Manor and The Ship. All named community groups have been confirmed and money for advance purchases of the calendars has been received from two community groups.

Ordering and printing of calendars will be an online transaction and (MF) requested that he carry out the transaction with his personal credit card and claim back as an expense. The committee unanimously approved this transaction.

(MF) raised the motion that the committee approve allocating £100 of the F & A to support the calendar project. (AP) seconded.

14046 Resolved: One hundred pounds of F & A budget (Reprint Parish Walks) be allocated to the Footpath Calendar project.

- 9.2 (MF) reported that eleven out of the twelve walks which are to be included in the footpath calendar had been inspected and volunteer wardens allocated to monitor each walk.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Any other business

(SB) had received a complaint relating to over grown hedges which impaired users progress located on Wolfridge Lane. (JS) commented that he often uses the lane in question and had not noted anything untoward however, he will re-examine this and report to Clerk if appropriate action needs to be taken.

FP140901-05: Investigate concerns relating to over grown hedges in Wolfridge Lane and if appropriate write a letter to the residents concerned requesting that the bushes be pruned back.

Action to Clerk and (JS)

Meeting ended at 20.55pm.

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