



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Parish Paths Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 22nd March 2016, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Crediton

Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch, Mr M Szabo and Mrs H Sansom

In Attendance: Miss E Lucas, Assistant to the Town Clerk & Mayor
Mr G Chudley, Parish Paths Volunteer
Mrs R Davies, Devon County Council (part meeting)

Absent: Cllr Mr J Downes

14. **To receive and accept apologies**
No apologies were received.
15. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.
16. **Public Question Time**
There were no questions.
17. **Order of Business**
There were no changes to the order of business.
18. **Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements**
The Chairman advised members that he has another meeting to follow, therefore needs to leave by 6.30 pm.
19. **Parish Paths Committee Minutes** – To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2015, as a correct record. Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 13th October 2015, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)
20. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
21. **To receive an update on the Parish Path Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council.**
Mrs Davies advised members that the finance forms for P3 have now been completed. Currently a grant has not been made to Crediton Town Council due to the healthy budget the Town Council currently holds. The Parish Paths newsletter will be released shortly. Mrs Davies also advised members that strimmer courses are being held in April/May. They are free to attend and a recognised qualification can be gained. Finally, Mrs Davies explained that Sam Jeffcoat, the local P3 coordinator, would be walking the paths shortly.
22. **Financial Report – To receive the financial report relating to Crediton parish paths.**
The Assistant advised that £16.16 had been spent from the P3 Parish Paths fund of £1,212, leaving £1,195.84. An additional £3,000 is also still being held for a specific future project on Creedy Bridge.

23. To discuss the condition of Crediton parish paths, including the following, and agree any works that may be required:

- **Junction of footpaths 1, 2 & 10 - Excessive mud**
Members agreed to reassess this area in April, Mrs Davies confirmed she would inspect the site. Mr Chudley advised that the area is passable. The Assistant agreed to look into quotations for scraping the area and laying scalplings, after the area has been assessed in April.
- **Footpath 23 - Pedestrian access**
Mrs Davies circulated a picture of the footpath. All members were happy with the pedestrian access provided.
- **Footpath 29 - Dumping of refuse**
Cllr Sansom had been in contact with Mid Devon District Council and confirmed that they are still investigating where the refuse is coming from.
- **Footpath 57 - Bridge over River Creedy and broken rail**
Mrs Davies advised members that after looking into the matter of replacing Creedy Bridge and the little bridge, the estimated cost stood at £80,000. Creedy Bridge is a structure carrying many services, therefore there are significant costs involved in replacing it. Mrs Davies suggested holding off on any project on Creedy Bridge and the little bridge and waiting until Devon County Council have spoken to engineers and are ready to progress the project. Mrs Davies advised that it would be more beneficial for the Town Council's P3 Parish Paths fund to be diverted elsewhere for the time being.

Mrs Davies suggested using the Council's P3 Parish Paths fund on Footpath 12, in order to bring in stone to relieve the mud problems. Undertaking this project would help to reduce mud and the slipperiness of the surface, making it more accessible. Mrs Davies advised this would use most of the budget and any shortfall could be met by Devon County Council.

It was **resolved** to use the remaining P3 Parish Paths fund to resurface Footpath 12. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

24. To receive a proposal from Councillor Sansom for a Green Circle Walk in Crediton and agree any actions required.

Cllr Sansom advised members that she had spoken to Mrs Davies in October, at the P3 drop-in session, about starting a Green Circle Walk in Crediton and has since devised an action plan. A copy of the action plan was circulated to all members.

Cllr Sansom also circulated a copy of a draft poster for the route and a map of the proposed route. Cllr Sansom had the idea of naming the route 'Redvers Ramble'. Members were happy with the poster design and the name of the route.

Mrs Davies showed her support for the idea and advised that additional funding could be raised through Mid Devon District Council and also through Locality funding.

Mrs Davies confirmed she will walk the route within the coming weeks and assess the surfaces, structures and way markers.

It was **resolved** to progress 'Redvers Ramble' as the Town Council's parish project, with the funding being sourced through a P3 grant for £210. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

Mrs Davies advised that the grant would be received early-mid April.

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It was further **resolved** to alter the draft poster by changing 'Devon County Council' to 'Crediton Town Council'. (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

25. To discuss the public footpaths located at Greenway and agree a course of action.

Mrs Davies confirmed these footpaths are not part of Devon County Council's public rights of way. She suggested they may be a legacy left over when the houses were built. Cllr Letch suggested they may belong to Mid Devon District Council. The Assistant agreed to look into the ownership further.

Mrs Davies left the meeting at 5.55 pm

26. To discuss this Committee's aims and objectives for the next six years in order for them to be considered in the development of Crediton Town Council's Strategic Plan.

Members made the following suggestions:

- Maintain 'Redvers Ramble' as an ongoing facility, with events being held each year.
- Ensure all footpaths paths are clean and attractive.
- Use noticeboards within the Town to publicise Crediton's footpaths. Members suggested potential areas, such as the Railway Station and car parks.
- Produce leaflets publicising Crediton's footpaths and possible routes, including things to look out for and the history of the area. Members suggested putting the leaflets in the Library and local shops. It was agreed for the production of a leaflet to be included on the next agenda.

27. Close

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm

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(Chairman)

Date: 25/10/16