



**Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Parish Paths Sub-Committee Meeting, held on
Tuesday, 29th October 2019, at 2.00 pm, at the Old Lanscore School, Greenway, Crediton**

Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch, Mr M Szabo, Mr J Downes and Mrs E Brookes-Hocking
Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council Public Rights of Way

In Attendance: Mrs Lisa Blake (Assistant Clerk)

1. To Elect a Committee Chairman for 2019-2020

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Szabo as Committee Chairman for 2019-2020 (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

2. To Elect a Committee Deputy Chairman for 2019-2020

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Letch as Deputy Committee Chairman for 2019-2020. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking).

3. To receive and accept apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Letch and Downes 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.

5. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

6. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

7. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

8. Parish Paths Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 26th March 2019, 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 26th March 2019, as a correct record (Proposed by Cllr Szabo).

9. Matters Arising.

Page 11 - minute number 56 – Cllr Szabo advised that the budget stands at £583.15.

Page 12 - minute number 60 - Cllr Letch advised this issue had been resolved.

10. To receive an update on the Parish Path Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council (A copy of the P3 Parish Paths Newsletter was issued with the agenda). Mrs Davies advised that the annual surveys are due to be sent to all Parishes in the next couple of weeks, these need to be completed in order to receive any funding for the maintenance of local paths. There are no workshops this Autumn but there may be some in the Spring, possibly May/June.

These present a good opportunity for tree wardens, to have a walk and receive advice and information from a Devon County Council (DCC) warden to help with Ash dieback which is becoming a large scale problem. The owners of those trees identified with the issue will be served notice by DCC for remedial action. Further information is available on the Forestry Commission website. Cllr Szabo suggested that Stonypark is checked to see if there are any affected areas, that may need to be addressed.

Cllr Letch reported an issue with the gate latches only facing one way on Footpaths 2,8 and 7. Ros confirmed she will look into this and raise the issue with DCC.

- 11. Financial Report** The Assistant Clerk advised that the finances remained unchanged with the balance of £583.15 and felt that the key priorities were to use the funds wisely to ensure that the paths were able to be kept open for all to enjoy. Cllr Szabo reported that he had contacted the Clerk to see if any additional budget could be allocated in the future.
- 12. To receive an update on the following and agree any actions:**
 - **Installing a handrail on FP29 and the path scraping on FP2.** The handrail is still to be completed, Ros will chase the completion of this project.
 - **The broken gatepost on FP19.** This was awaiting the completion of the installation of the handrail on FP29 to see if there were any residual funds.
 - **The updating and printing of the Redvers Ramble leaflets.** The Assistant Clerk advised that these had been updated and printed.
- 13. To discuss and review the recent Redvers Ramble promotional walk on 29th June 2019.** Cllrs Szabo and Letch confirmed they attended and distributed leaflets, there were only a couple of other attendees.
- 14. To discuss and review the recent Redvers Ramble Summer Solstice Walk on the 21st June 2019.** Cllr Szabo advised that there had only been a couple of members of the public in attendance, the Clerk asked whether the walk would be done again next year, Cllr Szabo advised that it would not due to the busy summer calendar of events within the town.
- 15. To discuss having a metal handrail installed along footpath number 30 and agree a course of action.** This item had been requested by Cllr Szabo. Cllr Szabo had made enquiries. He advised there is a lot of pipework underground so digging would not be an option and questioned but whether a handrail could be secured in another way. Ros felt that this was an unlikely project to be taken on by DCC due to the ongoing maintenance costs, but suggested maybe applying for a grant to be considered elsewhere along with obtaining quotations for the work.
- 16. To discuss the ongoing maintenance of FP1 Tinpot Steps and agree a course of action.** This item had been requested by Cllr Letch. The Assistant Clerk confirmed the growth over the steps had been cut by Sam Jeffcoate. Ros suggested for the future that this could be taken on as a local project. Cllr Letch asked Ros about the potential for the installation of a handrail along the path, unfortunately a handrail would not be a feasible option due to the size and the required ongoing maintenance. Cllr Brookes-Hocking asked if this was something that could be taken on by the Town Council in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan, Ros agreed this is something that could be appropriate.

- 17. To discuss having additional signage on FP20 through Downes Golf Course.** All Councillors agreed that this would be beneficial, as this is a very popular route but difficult to navigate especially for unfamiliar users. Ros agreed to walk the route and report back to the committee. It was agreed to defer this to a later date.
- 18. To discuss having a new bench installed on Footpath 33 and agree a course of action.** This item had been requested by Cllr Szabo. The Assistant Clerk advised that on notification that the original bench had been vandalised and was no longer present she had contacted Ros to enquire whether a new bench could be installed. It was felt that due to the amount of vandalism that had occurred over the last few years, it was questionable as to whether a replacement was a good idea. The only feasible option would be a galvanised bench to prevent any further vandalism. It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes to bring to the next meeting.
- 19. To discuss having another Boxing Day Ramble and agree a course of action.** This item had been requested by Cllr Szabo. Cllr Szabo agreed that he would take charge of the organisation of the event, but felt that 10 am would be a more appropriate start time.
- 20. Close**
The meeting closed at 2.48 pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....

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