



**Minutes of Credition Town Council's Parish Paths Committee Meeting, held on
Wednesday, 15th November 2017, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition**

Present: Mr F Letch, Mr M Szabo, Mrs E Brookes-Hocking and Mr R Wright

In Attendance: Mrs E Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Mrs R Davies, Devon County Council Public Rights of Way
Mr G Chudley, Parish Paths Volunteer

17. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Heather Sansom.

18. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Letch & Wright declared that as members 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.

19. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

20. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

21. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

22. Parish Paths Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 27th June 2017, 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 27th June 2017, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

23. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

24. To receive an update on the Parish Path Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council.

Mrs Davies advised members that Sam Jeffcoat had successfully acquired funding to replace the damaged steps on footpath 33 and the footpath is now re-opened. The old slabs have been replaced with concrete steps and tarmac. In addition, footpaths 8 and 12 are scheduled to be stoned up. The local farmer who owns the field next to footpath 8 will be helping by installing a wire fence.

Mrs Davies thanked members of the committee for attending the recent P3 workshop in Credition and explained that the Redvers Ramble was very well received at the workshop and was a big talking point. Mrs Davies also reminded members that the path surveys should be completed and returned shortly.

Cllr Wright queried why the fencing on the school boundary along footpaths 10 & 11 had only been partly completed. Mrs Davies was not aware of these works but confirmed she would check with Sam Jeffcoat if he has any further information.

25. **Financial Report – To receive the financial report relating to Crediton parish paths.** The Assistant Clerk circulated a copy of the running expenditure for the P3 Parish Paths budget, the balance of which currently stands at £1,267.50.
26. **To discuss the condition of Crediton’s footpaths and agree any works that may be required.** Mr Chudley confirmed there have been no major issues on any footpaths.

The Assistant Clerk advised members that Mrs Sansom had reported that at the junction of footpaths 1, 2 & 10 the nuts are still missing. Mr Chudley confirmed we would investigate this.

27. **To consider producing signs to mark the start point of Redvers Ramble by the Signal Box and agree any actions.** The Assistant Clerk advised members that at present a laminated sign is on the telegraph pole near the signal box, however this is not weather proof. This location would not be suitable for a more permanent sign to be attached to, due to the amount of cable/wiring casing that is on the pole. Although there is a small space, it would require a very thin sign that would not be obvious enough. Mrs Sansom previously suggested using a different pole located on the right of Four Mills Lane and the Assistant Clerk showed members a photo of this pole. Due to the fact it is not covered in cable covers, it was agreed that this would be more appropriate.

The Assistant Clerk advised members that Touchwood Signs can print an A4 sign on Allupanel (tough weatherproof outdoor signage material) with a UV protection film for £18.00 + VAT and fixing it to the pole would cost approx. £15.00 + VAT. The opinion of Touchwood Signs would be sought to find out the most suitable way of fixing the sign.

It was **resolved** to instruct Touchwood Signs to produce a sign at a cost of £18.00 + VAT and allow a maximum of £15.00 + VAT to cover the cost of fixing the sign to the telegraph pole, with the money being allocated from the P3 budget. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

28. **To discuss possible ideas for next year’s Redvers Ramble promotional walk and agree any actions.** New committee members were briefed on the event held this year and the Assistant Clerk advised members that Mrs Sansom had proposed that a similar event be held next year.

It was **resolved** to hold an anniversary procession on Saturday, 7th July 2018 with invitations being sent to the following:

- Bishop Dame Sarah Mullally
- Crediton Town Crier
- Town Council community mailing list
- Additional list provided by Mrs Sansom
- Town Councillors. Asking Cllr Zorlu to pass the invitation to other mothers and children.

(Proposed by Cllr Letch)



Cllr Brookes-Hocking expressed concern that many people are not aware of the footpaths within the Town and surrounding parishes. She suggested working jointly with neighbouring parishes to create bigger walks that encompass Crediton's footpaths as well as footpaths within surrounding villages.

It was **resolved** for the Assistant Clerk to devise a brief that could be circulated to neighbouring parishes, expressing the Committee's interest in working on a collaborative approach to promote the P3 footpaths. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking). It was agreed to ask Cllr Way if he could present this brief when he attends the meetings of surrounding parishes.

Cllr Letch also suggested members of the Committee could join him on the Town Square for his Mayor's Surgery, with a couple of the surgeries leading up to July being allocated to promoting footpaths and walking routes.

- 29. To discuss the footpath leading to Greenway play area and agree any actions.** The Assistant Clerk circulated a picture of the footpath and explained that at present we are unaware who is responsible for maintaining the path, however Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) and Devon County Council (DCC) have both stated it is not owned or maintained by them.

Members discussed possible ideas for the future of Greenway play area and the Assistant Clerk advised that the Property & Allotments Committee would be discussing the future of the play area in January. It was agreed that a decision on the footpath could not be made until the proposals for the play area itself had been discussed.

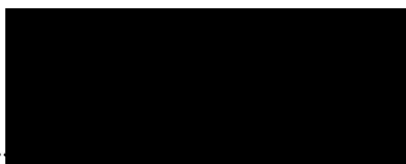
- 30. To review the Committee's aims and objectives.** A copy of the Council's Strategic Plan had been issued with the agenda. The Assistant Clerk advised members that the Committee is on target to meet all aims and objectives.

Within the strategic plan, it was agreed for a site visit to be held in the winter to look at Tinpot Lane and assess whether any works need to be carried out due to the severe mud last year. The Assistant Clerk agreed to send an email to all members to set a date for the site visit.

- 31. Close**

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)



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