

Rodington Parish Pathways Group

Minutes of the Meeting, 26th March 2024

Present

Tom Currie (Chair)	Brian Gaskin (Secretary)
Andrew Careless	David and Sue Brown
John Seales	Gemma Crossley
Steve Lowe	

Apologies

Duncan Maidens Nick West Simon Rogers

1. Notes and any matters arising (from meeting 23.01.2024)

- Andrew Careless reaffirmed his commitment to appeal the Rodenhurst DMMO with the secretary of state, but regretted time had not been available to move on this as yet. His unit now have the responsibility to finalise all legal documents following 'efficiencies' at Telford and Wrekin.
- Letters were sent to Ian Griffiths (R7 and R9), Sandy Walker (R4, R7) and Denise Davies (R3 and R6) about reinstating rights of way. Due to the very wet weather conditions, it has been impossible to access the land until now, but it was reported that R9 had now been sprayed. Hopefully the weather will now allow the others to comply.
- Tom Currie undertook to contact Sandy Walker about restoring access for horses over the ditch on R10 dug to discourage fly tipping.
- Sale of Longswood Farm has delayed progress on L1, which will require a DMMO to avoid current hazards.
- Following the working party opening the access to R11, Andrew Careless reported a stile with a dog-flap will be fitted by 2nd April to allow sheep to be put in the field. The 2 gates there will be replaced by similar stiles at the request of the landowner.

2. Printing

- Excellent material for the proposed leaflet was presented, but this will have to be checked for accessibility and annotated before publication. Steve Lowe showed us the Shropshire booklet whose design we would like to follow. Andrew Careless said he could arrange for the booklet to be printed in A3 format, but we would have to look at funding for a more expensive waterproof cover. Estimates of the number required ranged from 100-200, Brian Gaskin advising not to go to print too many as later revisions will be required and reprints will be possible. We would want the book to be available digitally as well. A meeting of those wishing to help co-ordinate this next stage was arranged for 19.00 on Tuesday 16th April at John Seale's house.

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3. Report back from Andrew Careless

- Andrew Careless requested our presence at the Local Access Forum on June 5th 12.00pm at Southwater to demonstrate the progress made by the RP3 group in order to enable other areas to set up similar groups and those present showed willingness to do so.
- All the gates requested have now been fitted with the exception of the exception of L3 opposite Longdon Village Hall which requires traffic management and the gate opposite Ercall Mill on the B5062 where the hedge also needs cutting back from the road. Steve Lowe also pointed out that the stile on the far side of that field needs replacing and this was seen as an urgent priority.
- Signposts that we have requested will be the priorities in the coming months. Andrew has also provided way-markers for us to put up. An update to our priorities is attached.
- A working party will meet at 13.00 At Rodington Village Hall on Saturday 27th April to fit these. Brian Gaskin will provide details of locations for them to be fitted.

4. Date of next 2 meetings

AGM followed by normal meeting at 19.00 in Rodington Village Hall on Tuesday 11th June. The following meeting will be on Tuesday 13th August at 19.30 in Rodington Village Hall.