

# Duffield Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Footpaths Committee held on Tuesday 23 March 2004 at 6.15pm in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield

Present: Chairman: Councillor Mrs P Buckle  
Councillors: Rowlands, Sartin, Storer, A & Mrs B Woodings

Also in attendance: P Boardman, D J Crowson, T Hodson, C Tonks & Mrs M K Tonks  
D R Bostock – Parish Clerk  
Mrs S Bygraves – Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Apologies: Councillor Rice & Mr J Raw.

### **FP/01/04 Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Footpaths Committee held on 18 November 2003, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **FP/02/04 Matters Arising**

**30/03** the Clerk confirmed that Footpath No's 10 and 12 had been cleared to the satisfaction of the County Council.

**42/03** the Clerk reported that the Assistant Clerk was arranging for the Tidyman to remove the top rails on the stiles either side of the Wyvern Rail Track on FP 9 and also erect a support post on the North side.

### **FP/03/04 Annual Footpath Reports 2003/04**

The Clerk reported that John Raw had made a verbal report to him for this year, indicating that all was well in the SE area, apart from problems with the bridge over the brook on our boundary with Derby City.

The Clerk suggested that the Advisors for the remaining three areas should carry out their next inspection following the next Footpath Committee meeting, in order to hit the main growing season.

In the meantime he requested Advisors to try and establish the name, address and phone number of the farmers who own the following sites where replacement stiles are required, as follows:

**South East Area – J Raw and D Hancock**

1. FP 36 – stile at Grid Ref: 350429.
2. FP 36 – stile at Grid Ref: 353412.

**South West Section: D J Crowson and C Thompson**

3. FP 8 – 2No. stiles at Grid Ref: 330436.
4. FP 35 – stile at Grid Ref: 343417.

**North West Section: P Boardman and T Hodson**

5. FP 19 – 2No. stiles at Grid Ref: 333441.

The Clerk confirmed that he would arrange for replacement signs at G R's 343417 (FP 35) and 342446 (FP 25/26).

The Clerk also reported that he had placed the two additional items of annual clearance on FP No. 36, on the Tidyman's Schedule.

The Clerk confirmed that all other outstanding items on the last minutes will be identified by the Assistant Clerk and dealt with by the Tidyman.

**Resolved:** that the above actions be noted and approved.

**FP/04/04 2003/2004 Budgetary Control and 2004/2005 Budget**

The Clerk reported the budgetary control situation regarding the Footpath Committee's budget of £3,000.00 for the current year and the agreed budget for 2004/2005, as follows:

	2003/04	2004/05
	£	£
Budget	3,000.00	3,000.00
DCC/Minor Maintenance Fund	430.00	430.00
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Total Income	3,430.00	3,430.00
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Footpath Clearing 2003/04 to date	489.00	
Stiles Walk	16.00	
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Remaining Budget available	£2,925.00	
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**FP/05/04 Stiles Walk Improvement Scheme**

The Clerk reported that two quotations had been received for the above project in the sums of £13,300 and £8,711 respectively. These quotations were

considered to be exorbitant and alternative ways of carrying the work had therefore been investigated.

Subsequently therefore quotations were sought for the removal of the trees required to facilitate the scheme and these were received as follows:

	£
R A Bowmer	524.00
Garden Scape Company	600.00
Abbey Tree Care	785.00
Derbyshire Tree Services	995.00
N T Killingley Ltd	1,100.00
T P Ulyett Landscapes	1,100.00

The above quotations were opened at the 10 February 2004 Parish Council Meeting, with the quotation of R A Bowmer being accepted.

He also reported that Wyvern Rail had responded positively, to the Parish Council's request for them to deal with the roots of trees they had removed from their property. These were causing the tarmac to heave on Stiles Walk and they had subsequently confirmed that they had killed off all the roots in question.

**Resolved:** that once all the trees above have been removed the Clerk seeks quotations from local surfacing contractors to repair the damaged areas of Stiles Walk.

#### **FP/06/04      Grounds Maintenance Contract**

The Clerk confirmed that he had removed the Footpath Maintenance element of the Grounds Maintenance Contract from the Contractor and he issued all present a new route plan, which the Tidyman will follow in future, on two or three occasions per year.

**Resolved:**

- a) that the new footpath maintenance routes be instigated in the coming season and that any problems or omissions from the route be reported to the Clerk.
- b) that the Assistant Clerk ensures that the Tidyman completes a timesheet every week detailing the work and hours he spends on each of his activities, in order that his work and tasks can be allocated to the appropriate code and budget.

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#### **FP/07/04      Minor Maintenance Agreement with the County Council**

The Clerk confirmed that he had received the full £430.00 grant for 2003/04 and had advised the County Council that the Parish Council would be claiming the full grant in 2004/05.

**FP/08/04 Amber Valley and Erewash Walking Festival 2004**

The Clerk reported on a letter from Groundwork Erewash Valley, thanking the Clerk for offering to lead another walk for them this year, in the above festival.

He further confirmed that he proposed to offer a walk in the North East area of the Parish this year. The walk would start at Eyes Meadow again, visiting Duffield Castle, climbing up to and along the Chevin, down to Milford (with a possible Pub Stop) and then back via Farley's Wood and BW1.

All present were circulated with a draft plan of the route.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk's proposed walk be supported and offered to the Amber Valley and Erewash Walking Festival 2004.

**FP/09/04 Claim to add Cockpit Lane to the Definitive Footpath Network**

The Clerk reported on a Notice of Acceptance of the above Claim received from the County Council and that an order is to be made to add Cockpit Lane, Duffield, from Town Street (A6) to Eyes Meadow to the Definitive Map and Statement.

**Resolved:** that the above satisfactory outcome be noted.

**FP/10/04 Claim to add the Chapel Street to Kings Head P H footpath to the Definitive Footpath Network**

The Clerk reported on a Notice of Rejection of the above Claim received from the County Council, which gave 28 days in which the Parish Council could appeal against the decision.

Arising from minute 031/04 c) of 9 March 2004 Parish Council Meeting the Clerk confirmed that he had lodged an appeal with the Department of the Environment, copied to the County Council. He further reported that this appeal had been made on behalf of the Parish Council, the Chapel Street petitioners and all 31 residents who completed the original evidence forms to establish this path as a definitive Public Right of Way.

**Resolved:** that the above action be noted and supported.

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**FP/11/04 Acacia Tree, Broadway**

The Clerk advised members that the Acacia Tree removed from the junction of Broadway and New Zealand Lane by the County Council for Highway Safety reasons, was to be replaced under the Borough Council's Tree Sponsorship Scheme in the near future.

**FP/12/04      Other Business**

Mr Boardman reported that there was a dangerous gap between the fence and bridge parapet on FP 11 and a fallen tree across FP 26.

**Resolved:** that the Assistant Clerk investigates and tries to resolve these matters.

**FP/13/04      Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Footpaths Committee will take place on Tuesday 15 June 2004 at 7.15pm.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.58pm.

Signed ----- Date -----