

Duffield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Footpaths Committee held on Tuesday 15 June 2004 at 7.15pm in the Committee Room, Hazelwood Road, Duffield

Present: Councillors: Buckle, Knibbs, Rice, A & Mrs B Woodings

Also in attendance: D J Crowson & T Hodson
D R Bostock – Parish Clerk & R F O
Mrs S Bygraves – Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Apologies: Councillors Carmichael-Smith, Sartin & Storer
Advisors: Mr P Boardman and Mr & Mrs C Tonks

The Parish Clerk opened the meeting and requested nominations for the position of Chairman of the Footpaths Committee:

FP/14/04 Election of Chairman of the Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Rice, duly seconded by Councillor Mrs B Woodings, it was unanimously:

Resolved: that Councillor Mrs P Buckle be elected Chairman of the Footpaths Committee for the ensuing year.

FP/15/04 Election of Vice Chairman of the Committee

On the proposal of Councillor Knibbs, duly seconded by Councillor Mrs B Woodings, it was unanimously:

Resolved: that Councillor J Rice be elected Vice Chairman of the Footpaths Committee for the ensuing year.

FP/16/04 Terms of Reference of the Footpaths Committee

Resolved: that the present Terms of Reference of the Footpaths Committee be reaffirmed, as attached to these minutes.

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FP/17/04 Minutes

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Footpaths Committee held on 23 March 2004, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FP/18/04 Matters Arising

03/04 the Clerk and Assistant Clerk confirmed that work was progressing on outstanding footpath problems and clearances mainly using the Tidyman.

05/04 the Clerk confirmed that the trees on Stiles Walk had now been removed and he would be seeking quotations for removal of roots and patching of disturbed areas of path shortly.

06/04 the Assistant Clerk stated that the new footpath clearance routes had been instigated and that the Tidyman was recording all his time spent on this work.

08/04 the Clerk confirmed that he had offered to lead the NE area walk as part of this years Amber Valley and Erewash Walking Festival on Saturday 18 September 2004, but not received any response from the organisers so far.

12/04 the Assistant Clerk confirmed that she had dealt with the dangerous gap between the fence and bridge parapet on FP11 and the fallen tree across FP26.

FP/19/04 Annual Footpath Reports 2004/05

The Clerk confirmed that he would appreciate the Annual Footpath Reports from the Area Advisors in time for the next Footpaths Committee on 19 October 2004.

FP/20/04 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	860.00	430.00
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Total Income	3,860.00	3,430.00
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Footpath Clearing 2003/04 to date	489.00	366.00
Stiles Walk	16.00	524.00
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Total Expenditure	505.00	890.00

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FP/21/04 Minor Maintenance Agreement with the County Council

The Clerk confirmed that two years grant in the sum of £860 had been received 2003/04 and he had advised the County Council that the Parish Council would be claiming the full grant in 2004/05.

FP/22/04 D C C Temporary Footpath Closures

The Clerk reported that FP's 13 & 18 have been closed until 3 December 2004 to facilitate the building of the new access road on the Hawley's Site and that FP's 10 & 14 had been closed in order to reconstruct FP 10 on the same development.

Resolved: that the Clerk checks the signing and advertising of these diversions on site and mentions the closures in the next Newsletter.

FP/23/04 Acacia Tree, Broadway

The Clerk advised members that the Borough Council had responded favourably to our application to sponsor the above replacement tree in the sum of £80.00 and he reminded members that a sum of £25.00 had been offered by Mr P Tomlinson of 57 Broadway, in support of this project.

Resolved: that this matter be not proceeded with, as members present considered that the replacement of this tree was not the Parish Council's responsibility.

FP/24/04 Claim to add the Chapel Street to Kings Head P H footpath to the Definitive Footpath Network

The Clerk reported on a reply to the Appeal lodged by the Parish Council with the Government Office for the East Midlands, in response to the County Council's decision not to add the above footpath to the Definitive Footpath Network.

The County Council has been given eight weeks from the 26 March 2004 to respond to the Appeal.

FP/25/04 Footpath No.10

The Clerk reported on a letter received from Betty Wragg of 47 King Street regarding her difficulty in negotiating the stile on FP No.10, where it crosses the Ecclesbourne Valley Railway. She also stated that the footpath up The Glen to Hazelwood Road was very muddy and slippery.

Resolved:

- a) that the Tidyman cleans the surface of FP No.10, when he clears the path for the Carnival Run and the Clerk explores the possibility of providing a more robust surface for the Glen Footpath.
- b) that the Assistant Clerk checks the complainants requirements for improving the offending stile on site, prior to carrying out any improvement work.
- c) That the Clerk explores the long term requirements for these stiles with Wyvern Rail and the County Council.

FP/26/04 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000: Provisional Map for Duffield

The Clerk displayed the above map from the Countryside Agency, which showed in provisional form, registered common land and open country in the Duffield area.

Resolved: that the Clerk places a copy of the above Map in the Parish Notice Board.

FP/27/04 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Footpaths Committee will take place on Tuesday 19 October 2004 at 7.15pm.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02pm.

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

Duffield Parish Council

Terms of Reference of the Footpaths Committee

1. The Committee is responsible for carrying out the policy related to Footpaths and the inspection of pavements, within the Parish of Duffield, as determined by the Parish Council and any other matters referred to it by the Council.

The policy includes maintaining all footpaths in a usable condition, ie clearly defined, free from man made obstruction and not overgrown by vegetation.

2. The Committee shall ensure that all paths are walked at least once each year and a report on their condition shall be made to the Council together with a report on the monitoring of the condition of pavements.
3. The Committee shall have delegated powers to direct the activities of any Contractors including the Grounds Maintenance Contractor, who are engaged on any authorised works. Instructions to Contractors will normally be issued by the Clerk. In exceptional circumstances, instructions may be issued by the Chairman of the Committee and / or the Chairman of the Council.
4. The Chairman is responsible for reconciling annually that there is sufficient funding allocated in the budget plans set by the Council to meet the objectives set out in paragraph 1.
5. The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Public Footpath Minor Maintenance scheme, in partnership with Derbyshire County Council.

Reviewed at the Footpaths Committee held on the 15 June 2004.