

CHELMONDISTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FOOTPATHS TREES AND HEDGEROWS MONITORING GROUP**

**Held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.00 pm.
at Stone Cottage (Pin Mill Lane/Hill Farm Lane)**

Present: D. Cordle, D. Barwick, K. Cooper, L. Foster, R. Kirkup, M Stevens

1. WELCOME The Chairman, David Cordle, welcomed those present.
2. APOLOGIES None.
3. MINUTES of the meeting of 18 April 2016 were agreed and signed.
4. MATTERS ARISING from the Minutes 18 April 2016:

RK has sent a list of broken/missing signs via parish Clerk.

MS has spoken with landowner re Bway 14 which will now be cut.

DC has not yet met the new owner of Red House Farm but FP56 now OK.

Caroline Chicken will give up mowing next season.

5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none.

6. FOOTPATH MONITORING RETURNS

All RoW now in passable or good condition.

AREA 1.

6.1 LF will speak to Gus Curtis about overhanging brambles on Bway 6

6.2 Permissive paths 1+2 very overgrown. LF has offered to cut when a tractor is available from landowner.

6.3 Barbed wire causing a possible problem on FP50

AREA 2.

6.4 FP40 top end. Dung heap now encroaching on path. Causes serious hazard in wet weather. LF to speak to landowner about re-locating it.

6.5 FP42 now passable, but weeds need cutting back at E end. RK to inform Coastal Path.

AREA 3

6.6 No problems

AREA 4

6.7 The Junction between B'Way13 and B'Way54 still not marked properly (sign is too far from junction). Paths now passable.

AREA 5

6.8 Landowner has now been asked to trim BWay14, just S of Gravel Pit Farm.

6.9 FP49 is still ploughed too close to the path, making mowing difficult. DC to speak to landowner before next ploughing.

AREA 6

6.10 Broken post at Bylam Lane end of FP3.

6.11 BWay21 has no post at the Ling's Lane end.

6.12 Broken post at Ling's Lane end of BWay 33

- 7. **MOWING TEAM and EQUIPMENT**
 - 7.1 Agreed that payment to mowers is an allowance, therefore they continue to be volunteers working under the PC insurance.
 - 7.2 KC may still do one more cut.
 - 7.3 Mowers both in satisfactory condition.
 - 7.4 MS will speak to a possible replacement for Caroline Chicken for next season

- 8. **TREES AND HEDGEROWS**
 - 8.1.Scattered Orchard project: clearing of weeds beneath the trees has been done.
 - 8.2.Risk Management: all trees in satisfactory condition for now, although some ash die back evident. LF will do further Risk Assessment if PC requires it next year.
 - 8.3.KC will arrange trimming of allotment hedges alongside PM Road. Householders in Orwell Rise to be asked to trim their side of PM road.
 - 8.4 Crab apples trees in Jubilee Garden may need pruning. LF to have a look.
 - 8.5 Hedges in car park need pruning. Clerk has this in hand.

- 9. **FINANCE**
 - 9.1. Next year’s budget requirement likely to be similar to this year’s.
 - 9.2. No future Projects are under discussion.

- 10. **DATE AND TIME** of next meeting : Stone Cottage,
Monday 13th March 2017, at 7.00pm

ACTION ARISING FROM MEETING:

RK

- To write to Coasts and Heaths re FP42.
- To contact Orwell Rise householders re cutting hedge on PM Road.

LF

- To ask Gus Curtis to trim brambles over BWay 6.
- To arrange with landowner to trim Permissive paths 1+2.
- To ask landowner if he can re-locate dung heap from top of FP40.
- To check condition of crab apple trees in Jubilee Garden.

DC

- To ask landowner to leave wider edge when FP 49 is ploughed.

KC

- To arrange for allotment hedge to be trimmed.

MS

- To speak to person who may be interested in doing mowing next year.

Signed.....Date.....