

**CHELMONDISTON PARISH COUNCIL
FOOTPATHS, TREES AND HEDGEROWS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th November 2013
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: David Cordle (Chairman), R Kirkup, M Stevens,
Others: B Miller

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from P Norton, L Foster and K Cooper.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 18th March 2013

The minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2013 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING from the meeting held on 8th July 2012

No matters were raised from the minutes of the meeting of 8th July 2013.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest..

5. FOOTPATHS

5.1 Monitoring Returns for Autumn 2013 were received from all 8 areas and the following comments noted:

Area 1. FP 42 slat broken on small footbridge (close to barge Dolfjin).

FP 50 arrow sign missing from point where FP emerges into the back of King's yard.

Area 2 FP4. Tree fallen across path in Baptist chapel graveyard (near the Old Bakery).

FP40 Post needs replacing at bottom of FP 40 where it joins 7A (by new gate).The old post is lying against the fence near the picnic area entrance.

Area 3. BW 11Hill Farm Lane – very poor surface.

Area 4. FP 45 Walkway close to section that was concreted and where a handrail was placed – is sloping towards river. Needs levelling or fencing on river side as well as land side.

All other areas were recorded as satisfactory

5.2 Work to be done.

FP 42 suggest National Trust be informed and asked to repair bridge.

FP 50 suggest inform SCC Rights of Way office of missing arrow post.

FP4 M Stevens has offered to remove the bits of tree that are blocking the path

Bway 40 suggest SCC Rights of Way office be informed that post needs re-positioning.

BWay 11 Landowner is aware of the problems and will mend surface as soon as possible.

FP45 suggest report to SCC Rights of Way office and Coasts and Heaths Path

5.3 Machines both reported as in good order, and not requiring maintenance other than the regular checks.

5.4 Monitoring Returns for Spring 2014 will be sent out to members with the Agenda for the next meeting.

6. TREES AND HEDGEROWS

6.1 Tree Warden's Report. L Foster sent a report via RK. He reported that he has not done any parish work since July. He has spoken with the resident of Collimer Close who had complained about potential danger from a tree in the Playing Field. The resident is now satisfied that the tree has been checked and declared safe.

6.2 Projects in hand. The possible need to re-shingle FP 50 behind the boatyards was discussed.

7. FINANCE

The precept for the year 2014-15 was discussed and the form completed for the RFO. It was agreed to request £300 for the next year as we already have £677.78 in hand.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A new version of the definitive map for our parish has been received by the clerk It was noted that FP 13 is not on the map, and that some paths have different numbers – for example the Pykle is marked as FP 46 (the section around the Baptist chapel) and FP 31 – the section to the S and W of the C of E graveyard. There is a path noted as 8A which is new (from N end of Dawn's Covert to the junction with FP 9)

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Footpaths, Trees and Hedgerows Committee will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2014

Signed. . . . *David Cordle* Date 25/03/2014 . . .

(David Cordle, Chairman)

These minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman at the meeting held on 25th March 2014