

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

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
in the Method Church Rooms

**Present: Cllrs:** David Cordle (Chairman), R Kirkup, M Stevens,  
**Others:** L. Foster, K Cooper, B. Miller, P. Norton

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. No apologies for absence were received but former Councillor D. Latter had telephoned to say that he was no longer a member of the Parish Council and had also resigned from the F T & H Committee.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 13th November 2012**

The minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman

**3. MATTERS ARISING from the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

No matters were raised from the minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012..

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

LF declared that he had an interest in Agenda Item 7 as he expected to provide an estimate for carrying out risk assessment and maintenance of Parish Council trees.

**5. FOOTPATHS**

5.1 Monitoring Returns: for Spring 2013 were received from all areas except Area 1. formerly monitored by D. Latter. LF agreed to take on the monitoring of this area

5.2 Work to be done: Area 2. FP 4 (the Pyckle). Ivy along the churchyard side needs to be cut back. FP 7A. The fence has collapsed at the bridge over the Grindle. LF will speak to the landowner, Mr J Edgell about replacing the fence. Area 3. Bwy 11. (Hill Farm Lane). Many, fairly deep potholes have developed. Landowner will be taking remedial action. In general all areas have footpaths, which are very muddy and slippery following the exceptionally wet weather. Broken and missing signposts were also reported. These are reported to the Footpaths Officer at SCC, but financial restraints are likely to delay rectification for some time.

5.3 Maintenance and repair of machinery: None required at present.

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

**6. TREES AND HEDGEROWS**

- 6.1 Tree Wardens Report: LF reported that he and KC had trimmed back the hedge along the side of the allotments in Pin Mill Lane. A dead tree and a wind-blown tree had been removed from the Playing Field. Work continues to clear undergrowth around the perimeter of the Playing Field. One tree has branches overhanging the garden at 23 Collimer Close, which the house holder could cut back, but the tree warden will assess whether they can be removed from the playing field side.
- 6.2 Projects in hand: The partial clearing of undergrowth at Pages Common is now complete. Some tree planting remains to be finished.

**7. RISK ASSESSMENT AND MAINTENANCE FOR PARISH COUNCIL TREES**

The need for proper risk assessment and the programme for the necessary maintenance of trees belonging to the PC was discussed. LF showed details of the assessment he had carried out for Shotley PC, and it was agreed that he should be asked to submit an estimate for carrying out similar work here. An estimate should also be sought from another competent company for comparison before any decision was made. The Chairman would arrange for the Parish Clerk to formally request the estimates.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other items of business were raised.

**9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Footpaths, Trees and Hedgerows Committee will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

Signed. . . *David Cordle* . . . . . Date . . . . 18/03/2013

(David Cordle, Chairman)