



**Minutes of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 10.00
at The Bungalow, 8 North Street, Crediton, EX17 2BT**

Present: Cllrs Giles Fawcett, Liz Brookes-Hocking and Guy Cochran

Apologies: Cllr Steve Huxtable

Minute Taker: Emily Armitage

MINUTES

16 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened at 10.03 am and Cllrs introduced themselves.

17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was noted that there were no members of the public present, and thus the Public Question Time was skipped.

18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Huxtable, who was on holiday. The committee accepted these apologies without any objections.

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

The Chair asked if there were any declarations of personal interest or disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda. There were none. Additionally, there were no requests for dispensations.

19.1 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

19.2 TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)

20 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The committee noted that decisions would be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making.

21 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair proposed no changes to the order of business, and there were no adjustments made.

22 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

23 PARISH PATHS SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 October 2024 were discussed. Cllr Cochran confirmed he had read them and was satisfied with their accuracy. The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

24 FINANCE REPORT

The committee received a verbal update on the P3 finances. It was noted that £920 had been received for maintenance and previous works, bringing the current total to £1966.17. There was enthusiasm about utilising some of the funds for upcoming projects.

25 DISSOLUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEE

The committee discussed the dissolution of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee and transferring its responsibilities to the Community Committee. The members agreed that the Community Committee could manage these tasks efficiently within its regular agenda. Cllr Cochran proposed the dissolution, and it was agreed to bring this proposal to the Community Committee for further consideration. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

Decision: The proposal to dissolve the Parish Paths Sub-Committee and transfer its responsibilities to the Community Committee was agreed upon for further consideration.

26 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The committee discussed the temporary closure of DCC Footpath 28 for six months due to public safety concerns. A large oak tree had fallen, undermining the footpath. The members expressed frustration over the lack of detailed information and clarity regarding the closure and the repair schedule. It was suggested to draft a letter to inquire about the specifics of the closure, the timeline for repairs, and the possibility of reopening the footpath sooner.

Task: Draft a letter to inquire about the specifics of the closure, the timeline for repairs, and the possibility of reopening the footpath sooner.

27 CREDITON FOOTPATHS COMPETITION

The discussion focused on promoting the use of footpaths in Crediton. Councillor Fawssett expressed a strong desire to encourage walking and proposed integrating footpath walks with tree walks. The idea of a competition to walk all the footpaths around Crediton was discussed, with the goal of engaging the community and promoting the benefits of walking.

There was also a suggestion to improve signage and the overall appeal of footpath #1, including potential heritage elements and making the path more attractive for school children.

Task: Develop a plan to promote the use of footpaths in Crediton, including the integration of footpath walks with tree walks and the organisation of a competition.

Task: Improve signage and the overall appeal of footpath #1, including potential heritage elements and making the path more attractive for school children.

28 P3 NOTICEBOARD

The committee considered moving the noticeboard at the junction of St Saviours Way/High Street to the St Saviours Way carpark entrance. However, it was ultimately decided to leave the noticeboard in its current location and instead focus on improving signage and visibility for footpath #1. The idea of a new sign or a welcome board was proposed to better indicate the start of the footpath and enhance its appeal.

Decision: It was decided to leave the noticeboard at the junction of St Saviours Way/High Street in its current location.

Task: Develop a plan to improve signage and visibility for footpath #1, including the creation of a new sign or welcome board.

29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting could not be decided during this session. It was noted that the date will be agreed upon following a decision by the Community Committee regarding the dissolution of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee.

Decision: The date of the next meeting will be agreed following a decision by the Community Committee regarding the dissolution of the Parish Paths Sub-Committee.

30 REPORTS

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