



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Parish Paths Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 25th October 2016, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mr M Szabo, Mrs H Sansom, Mr D Webb and Mr A Wyer

In Attendance: Mrs E Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Mrs R Davies, Devon County Council

1. To Elect a Committee Chairman for 2016-2017

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Frank Letch as Committee Chairman for 2016-2017. (Proposed by Cllr Sansom)

2. To Elect a Committee Deputy Chairman for 2016-2017

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Michael Szabo as Committee Deputy Chairman for 2016-2017. (Proposed by Cllr Sansom)

3. To receive and accept apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mr F Letch. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

4. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

5. Public Question Time

There were no questions.

6. Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

7. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

8. Parish Paths Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 22nd March 2016, as a correct record. Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 22nd March 2016, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Sansom)**

9. Matters Arising

Page 4, minute number 23: Cllr Szabo requested an update. Mrs Davies confirmed that parish path coordinator Sam Jeffcoat is progressing this project and he aims to carry out the improvements in the coming months.

Page 5, minute number 25: Cllr Szabo requested an update. Mrs Davies confirmed that this footpath is not owned by Devon County Council (DCC) and therefore they are not responsible for it. The Assistant Clerk confirmed no additional information had been obtained despite further investigation.

10. To receive an update on the Parish Path Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council.

Mrs Davies informed members of the Parish Walk & Talk events that are being held on 2nd, 4th, 8th, 10th, and 12th November, and encouraged members to email her if they wish to attend.

Sam Jeffcoat has identified all the work required across Crediton's parish paths and is in the process of producing a schedule of these works. This schedule should be available within the next two weeks or so. Once the schedule is produced DCC and Crediton Town Council will take a joint collaborative approach to remedy the areas of concern.

The annual surveys will be sent out shortly and these will be sent directly to Graham Chudley, the town's volunteer path surveyor. Graham's reports can then be compared to the report produced by Sam Jeffcoat.

11. **Financial Report - To receive the financial report relating to Crediton parish paths.**
The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the P3 Fund stood at £1,195.84 at the last meeting in March. Since then £258.54 has been spent on Redvers Ramble waymarkers and various repairs. A £250 grant was also provided by DCC towards the Redvers Ramble project, leaving £1,187.30 in the P3 Parish Paths fund.
12. **To discuss the condition of Crediton parish paths, including the following, and agree any works that may be required:**
 - **Junction of footpaths 1, 2 & 10 - Excessive mud.** Mrs Davies confirmed she would check whether this area is included within Sam Jeffcoat's report.
13. **To discuss using noticeboards around the town to promote Crediton's footpaths and agree a course of action.** Members discussed using existing noticeboards around the town in locations such as St Saviours Way car park, Lords Meadow Leisure Centre and the Hospice Centre. Members also discussed the possibility of purchasing new noticeboards instead, to place in key locations within the Town. Mrs Davies suggested funding sources such as Locality funding and Awards 4 All could be used to fund such a project.

It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to investigate the various options available to the Committee in purchasing new noticeboards and obtain an estimate of the costs involved.

14. **To discuss creating a leaflet promoting possible walking routes within Crediton and agree the routes to be included plus any further actions.** Further information relating to this item was provided at the meeting. Members discussed various elements of the leaflet including the routes to be included, the size of the leaflet and the design.

After lengthy discussions, the following was resolved:

- The leaflet will include the following routes:
 - Route 1: Redvers Ramble - with a shorter option included
 - Route 2: A short circular walk using footpaths 29, 11, 7, 8, 2 and 10. With the possibility of starting at footpath 29 or footpath 1
 - Route 3: A walk to Shobrooke using footpaths 24 and 57
 - Route 4: A circular walk through Downes Golf Club using footpaths 22, 6, 11, 20 and 18
 - Route 5: A walk from Peoples Park to Sandford lake near the Millenium Green in Sandford using footpaths 31 and 47
- The leaflet will be a 16pp DL size
- The leaflet will include minimal text, plenty of pictures and short introductions for each route
- The leaflet will be named Redvers Ramble & other walks, using the Redvers Ramble red signpost artwork. This leaflet will then replace the existing leaflet for Redvers Ramble.

(Proposed by Cllr Sansom)

15. To discuss organising a Redvers Ramble promotional walk in 2017 and agree a course of action. Cllr Sansom explained that she would like to hold an anniversary walk in July and that Bishop Dame Sarah Mullally had previously expressed an interest in being involved in this. Cllr Sansom also thought that the anniversary walk could be tied in with one of the dates that the Crediton Walk & Talk group meet.

It was resolved for an anniversary walk to be arranged for July 2017 and for the Assistant Clerk to contact Bishop Dame Sarah Mullally and the Walk & Talk group to arrange a date. (Proposed by Cllr Sansom)

16. To discuss this Committee's aims and objectives for the next six years in order for them to be considered in the development of Crediton Town Council's Strategic Plan.

17. Close
The meeting closed at 6.40 pm

Signed.....


(Chairman)

Date:.....
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