



Minutes of Credition Town Council's Parish Paths Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday, 27th June 2017, at 5.30 pm, at the Council Chamber, Market Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch, Mr M Szabo and Mr R Wright

In Attendance: Mrs E Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Mrs R Davies, Devon County Council Public Rights of Way

1. To elect a Committee Chairman for 2017-2018

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Frank Letch as Committee Chairman for 2017-2018 (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

2. To elect a Committee Deputy Chairman for 2017-2018

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr Mike Szabo as Committee Deputy Chairman for 2017-2018 (Proposed by Cllr Letch)

3. To receive and accept apologies

No apologies were received.

4. Declarations of Interest.

Cllrs Letch and Wright declared that as members of more than one authority that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

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 28th March 2017, 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 28th March 2017, as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Szabo)

9. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

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

Mrs Davies advised members that this is the busiest time of year for the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP) as all their contractors are out cutting and clearing the footpaths.

Members were also given a copy of the PPP Spring/Summer 2017 newsletter and Mrs Davies drew their attention to the annual workshops being held, including brush cutter courses. The Devon County Council PPP website has also been recently updated.

Cllr Letch asked Mrs Davies whether cuttings are usually left on site or cleared. Mrs Davies confirmed that most of the time cuttings are left on site as it is usually just soft matter. If there are hardwood arisings, these would be pushed to the side or taken away depending on the circumstances.

Cllr Wright reported that a resident had complained about the recent cutting along footpaths 10 and 11. The work had been carried out, but too little was cut off. Mrs Davies confirmed she would look into this.

Mrs Davies advised members of the following:

- The Creedy Bridge project may be moving forward as there may be an opportunity for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to be used to help with the improvements. This has not yet been confirmed however.
- Sam Jeffcoat will be arranging for more material to be put down on footpaths 14 & 12 to reduce the muddy conditions in the winter.
- Sam Jeffcoat has replaced some more stiles and pedestrian gates.
- One of the Redvers Ramble waymarkers is pointing slightly the wrong way, creating confusion as to the correct path to take. The waymarker is located towards the level crossing at Salmonhutch and is currently directing people towards the bridleway not Salmonhutch. The Assistant Clerk confirmed she would rectify this.

11. Financial Report - To receive the financial report relating to Crediton parish paths. The Assistant Clerk circulated an up to date financial report to all Committee members. There is currently £1,267.50 in the P3 Parish Paths Budget.

12. To discuss the condition of Crediton's footpaths and agree any works that may be required.
Cllr Letch requested for Graham Chudley, local path volunteer, to provide the Committee with a report on Crediton's footpaths.

The Assistant Clerk advised members that a resident on Barnfield Hill had raised a concern with the Town Clerk this morning regarding the footpath near QE lower school. The exact footpath is unknown, but along footpaths 7, 8 & 9 there is a section that is no longer a suitable width. In addition, a nearby landowner has installed barbed wire which is making the footpath unsafe. Mrs Davies confirmed she would investigate this and take action as necessary.

13. To discuss the use of noticeboards around the town to promote Crediton's footpaths and agree any actions. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that Cllr Szabo had approached the owner of the houses near to the Railway Station, however at this time the Committee will not be able to erect a noticeboard on the Glendower Court building as part of it has now been sold to private landlords. It may be possible to attach one to the fencing near the Railway Station, however Cllr Szabo is unsure whether the railing would be strong enough. It was agreed that Cllr Szabo would have another look at the fence to assess the suitability and, if suitable, the Assistant Clerk would find out who owns the fencing.

14. **To discuss the upcoming Redvers Ramble promotional walk being held on Saturday 1st July 2017 and agree any actions.** The Assistant Clerk confirmed the final details which are as follows:
- The procession will leave the Town Square at 11 am
 - The procession will head up Market Street, turning right onto the High Street. Then along the north side of the High Street, crossing the road at the refuge island by the junction to St Saviours Way. It will then travel along the south side of the High Street and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing into North Street.
 - The Town Crier will lead the parade and will announce his cry first on the Town Square, and then 3 times on either side of the High Street or as appropriate.

The Assistant Clerk confirmed the walk would be advertised as widely as possible again this week.

15. **To review the Committee's aims and objectives as detailed within the Council's Action Plan.** A copy of the Council's action plan had been issued with the agenda. Members agreed that improving disability access along Crediton's footpaths is one of the Committee's priorities. It was also agreed for this objective to include making the footpaths family friendly, providing better access for buggies etc.

16. **Close**

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....