



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Parish Paths Sub-Committee Meeting, held on Tuesday 16 March 2021, at 13.00, via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Mr F Letch, Mrs E Brookes-Hocking, Mrs L Martin and Mr J Downes (part meeting)

In Attendance: Mrs Emma Anderson, Assistant Clerk
Mrs Emily Armitage, Administrative Assistant
Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council (part meeting)

27. To receive and accept apologies
None received.

28. Declarations of Interest
Cllr Letch declared that, as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

29. Public Question Time
There were no questions.

30. Order of Business
There were no changes to the order of business.

31. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements
There were no announcements.

Mrs Ros Davies entered the meeting at 13 02.

Cllr Downes entered the meeting at 13 02 and declared that, as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

32. Parish Paths Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Paths Committee Meeting held on 27th October 2020, 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 27th October 2020, as a correct record (Proposed by Cllr Letch).

33. To receive an update on the Parish Path Scheme from Mrs Ros Davies, Devon County Council.
Mrs Davies provided the following updates:

- Grants relating to the P3 Scheme would be assessed in April
- There is currently no news on strimmer courses/training courses
- Crediton has a new footpath warden, Mr Richard Spurway

34. Financial Report - To receive the financial report relating to Crediton parish paths.
The Assistant Clerk confirmed that there is currently £3,273.65 in the Parish Paths budget, with £2,923.65 of this unallocated. £350 is set aside for improvements to Footpath 2.

35. To receive an update on the creation of a new footpath from the footbridge on Downeshead Lane to the entrance to Tarka View and agree any actions.

Mrs Davies provided contact details for a member of Devon County Council's County Farms team, Dan Meek, and advised he would be able to provide the information needed to move this project forward. It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to make contact.

36. To consider the future of the Redvers Ramble including the following:

- **The name 'Redvers Ramble'**

Following the last meeting, the Assistant Clerk explained that the discussion at Full Council regarding the use of the name 'Redvers' had not yet taken place. An idea has been put forward for a heritage trail to be used to offer education on 'Redvers' rather than removing the name entirely. It was agreed for the name to remain unchanged at this time.

- **Updating the leaflet**

Cllr Martin had requested that the Redvers Ramble route be updated to warn readers that it can be muddy/slippery when wet. This has been added to all electronic copies of the leaflet. As there is already a box of leaflets in the office, these will not be re-printed yet.

- **Setting up a Facebook Page**

This item was suggested by Cllr Martin, as a place where updates on walking routes can be posted from Committee members or members of the public. It was **resolved** for a Facebook page to be set up and administered by Town Council staff. (Proposed by Cllr Letch) Posts would go through the Town Council office for approval before publishing.

- **Anniversary Event**

It was provisionally agreed to hold an event on Saturday, 19th June 2021 subject to covid guidance at that time. It was agreed that this would be a great opportunity to promote the town's walking routes generally.

37. To consider a request from The Turning Tides Project for improvements to be carried out to Footpath 18 to increase accessibility and agree any actions. Further information had been issued with the agenda.

Mrs Davies had visited Footpath 18 prior to the meeting. The path was being used at the time and there were no obvious issues. Mrs Davies felt that adding material to the surface of the footpath would create the risk of it slipping into the road and did not feel that a handrail would bring any apparent benefit to this particular section.

It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to report back to The Turning Tides Project with this information and discuss the specific issues they may be experiencing.

38. Close

The meeting closed at 13.25.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....