

MORCHARD BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 26th November 2018

1. Present: Keith Davies, Sonja Andrews (P3 Coordinator), Christine Davies, Roger Field, Jackie Patten, David Parker (Parish Clerk).

2. Apologies: None.

3. The Chairman welcomed Jackie Patten and David Parker on to the sub-committee.

4. The minutes of the meeting of 23rd July 2018 were agreed and signed.

5. Finance: Funds stand at £9,136.21 including £6000 'parked' in our account by PROW in order to pay for the work that they were doing on all 69 of our footpaths. The contractor AYRE has done the work and is now claiming back the cost at just under £6,000 + VAT.

6. Work on Sam's list completed by AYRE: The committee are grateful to Sonja for walking most of the paths in the parish recently and producing a report confirming that the work listed by Sam to be done has been completed by AYRE and to a very high standard. There is one query on the invoice relating to work at Stoke Hill which we don't believe is in our Parish and that this is work from a different Parish. Sonja will investigate with AYRE. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek permission of the Parish Council to pay up to the maximum of the invoice submitted by AYRE in order to avoid unnecessary delays.

Sonja would like to see what can be done about FP12 and particularly the stock-control gate opposite The Old Forge, a discussion took place and it was suggested that Sonja approach Ros with a view to DCC replacing this gate as DCC are content to fund anything above ground level. Sonja will also approach Ros with regard to a gate on BW49 where the gate has fallen slightly and doesn't meet with the gate post which makes it very difficult to open and close. Sonja will raise all non-surface matters with Ros and ask her to deal with it.

7. Major and Minor projects: The work on Major and Minor projects as mentioned in the July minutes has been taken over by Sam's list. Once this work is finished we can look to see what we can afford to do out of our own funds. – The following items were suggested as possible Major projects for next year;

FP7 Bear Down on the Farthing Park side – the steps are wearing away, one has disappeared completely, and the slope is getting slippery;

RBW52 The drainage channel running into the stream is silted up, consequently water is covering over half the surface of the pathway. It was suggested that a pipe be laid under the path to alter the course of the stream back to its original course down the fall-line through the gate and back into the stream.

FP8 The path across Joy Carrington's field is already very wet and forecast to get worse, we would like to extend the walkway and do some work to make the path more passable, possibly placing a membrane down the entire length of the path especially as it is central to the village and used as a link-path. Joy Carrington would like a letter from the P3 committee confirming that any work carried out to the surface of the path, the liability will remain with the Public Rights of Ways and would not be her liability. The Clerk will send such a letter.

Sonja will approach AYRE for quotations for the work to be carried out for each of these projects.

At our next meeting we will confirm what our next projects will be.

8. Annual Survey : To be returned to Ros by 11th February 2019.

9. General : Sonja attended the P3 training in Shobrooke on Tuesday 20th November 2018, (37 attended) it was a successful and enjoyable day with P3 treating them to lunch.

**The next scheduled meeting of the P3 committee will be at 6.35pm
on 14th January 2019 at the London Inn.**