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Rights of Way Committee Meeting Minutes – 3rd March 2021 commencing at 19.00pm held Remotely via Zoom

ROW12/20 Persons Present/Apologies

Persons present: Cllr Holman (Chair), Cllr Mrs Padley (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs Mitchell, Cllr Jannaway, Cllr Spencer

Apologies: All present. Michael Bunney

In attendance: Parish Clerk Wendy Yelland, Cllr Passmore

Public present: No members of the public.

ROW13/20 Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members.

ROW14/20 Public Participation

None

ROW15/20 Committee Meeting: Minutes 8th October 2020

It was

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Rights of Way Committee, previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Prop Cllr Mrs Padley, sec Cllr Spencer

ROW16/20 Local Maintenance Partnership Agreement 2021/2022

It was

RESOLVED to **APPROVE** the 2021/2022 schedule for signing. Prop Cllr Mrs Mitchell, sec Cllr Mrs Padley.

ROW17/20 Parish Footpath and Bridleways

It was agreed to wait for the full integration map onto the website.

ROW18/20 Parish and Agency Footpaths

Residents concerns re Carnestents (top of Gover Valley) and how the valley is being treated by mountain bikers with a lack of respect. The path down to the cottages are a mud bath as people are digging out great pits beside the path to make jumps and crossing the path at speed oblivious to walkers. The path to the old Carnestents pool appears lost. Some of the tracks they are making is only a foot wide with a 20 ft drop down the sides of the old clay workings.

There is litter everywhere and BBQ remains. Concerns the valley will catch fire as its mainly bracken and gorse and could threaten the cottages at the bottom. Imerys have erected signs, but it is getting worse. Imerys should stop this practice or regulate/monitor the situation.

No social distancing noticed amongst 30 youngsters. Carnestents to walkers is a health and safety risk and feels intimidating with the number of youngsters in a large group. A lot of litter is being left.



There are no toilet facilities.

Some of the jumps have been made in the big ditch that drains the water away down to Gover Valley and away from Carne Hill and Trewoon.

Carnestents is an area of historic value and on the other side of the road St Mewan beacon, which is a SSSI site (not Imerys) and is also being used by mountain bikers and motorbikes. Motorbikes use St Mewan beacon path to break into Blackpool pit site.

It was

RESOLVED the clerk writes to the individual and report to Devon and Cornwall Police. Copy to Imerys. Prop Cllr Jannaway, sec Cllr Spencer. **Action: Clerk**

Making of Public Path Orders under Highways Act 1980 s118

Members received the brief from the Chairman.

The Cornwall Council (Part of Footpath No. 38, St Stephen-in-Brannel Public Path Extinguishment Order 2021 The Cornwall Council 'Hawkesview', St Stephen-in-Brannel Public Path Creation Order 2021.

NOTED

a) Report from Cllr Holman re hardcore or scalping the footpaths linking the estates off Ashdown Rd in Sticker to St Stephens Rd

Wide range of discussion took place, and it was **AGREED** the clerk obtains quotations for scalping's and hardcore for the two link footpaths from Ashdown to St Stephens Rd, Sticker in the first instance. Cllr Spencer stated the ground will need a lot of preparation before any material is just laid, but that does not mean the parish council should not consider remedial works. Cllr Mrs Padley expressed the paths are used a lot; however, the paths are not the responsibility of the parish council but agreed that it is something that should be considered.

The Chairman thinks a programme of works to paths could be considered depending on the expense, however other factors need to be debated as to whether it would-be one-off works or continued maintenance. It maybe something that needs to be included in the annual budget. **Action: Clerk to report back at the next meeting**

b) Resident request to hardcore or scalping the entrances end of Sticker Open Space (namely the Dog Field

Members appreciate there are areas of land in the Parish that have experienced waterlogged ground which has created a heavy and muddy surface under foot, however this is an annual problem all over the county due to inclement weather. The resident has kindly volunteered to lay scalpings/hardcore. The clerk advised members the areas would need to be managed if the offer were accepted. Sticker Open Space (namely the dog field) is not a right of way and people need to be mindful should they wish to use the space they do so at their own risk. **Action: Clerk writes to the resident. Cllr Holman to draft a public notice.**

ROW19/20 Bridleways in the Parish

419/34/1 - The Countryside Access Team viewed the bridleway, and it was deemed wide enough for social distancing.

419/34/1 - Cllr Holman and Cllr Mrs Padley reported their findings. Wide range of discussion took place on how best to proceed.

It was

RESOLVED that the bridleway remains, the existing footpath is maintained and cleared back hard which can be easily maintained over 2 years. Prop Cllr Mrs Padley, sec Cllr Mrs Mitchell. **Action: Clerk**

ROW20/20 Footpath Post and Sign Inspections

Small band of volunteers have come forward, which is encouraging. The Clerk advised members that a couple in Sticker are going to take on the Sticker paths and report back. The Enhanced Scheme requires reporting on all footpath signs and posts even if some don't require renewing in order for Cornwall Council to keep a record.

ROW21/20 Correspondence received up to time of meeting (previously circulated and for information only)

No correspondence.



ROW22/20 Items to agenda for next Rights of Way meeting.

None.

There being no other business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 20.01pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Rights of Way

Date.....

Rights of Way Committee Members

- Clr Holman (Chair)
- Clr Mrs Padley (Vice Chair)
- Clr Mrs Mitchell
- Clr Jannaway
- Clr Spencer

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