

MINUTES OF RODINGTON PARISH PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIP MEETING 10.11.2021

Present

Tom Currie (Chair) Brian Gaskin (Secretary)
Robin Haseley
David and Sue Brown
Andrew Careless
John Hall
John Seales
Steve Lowe

Apologies

Nick West
Eileen Greenaway
Denise Davies

Minutes of the September Annual General Meeting

The main points were discussed and the minutes approved.

Report from Andrew Careless

1. **Delivery of equipment** (including goggles for brush-cutters with metal blades, gauntlets, vizors and overalls) was arranged for 8th January at 13.00, meeting at Rodington Village Hall. Steve Lowe is already trained for use of the brush-cutter but, as there is a need for others to be trained, Adrian Bloor from contractors ABT will attend and lead a training session.
Action: Volunteers to be informed and invited to attend by Tom.
2. **Definitive map modification orders.** T&W Council have a backlog of about 150 DMMO's and, with Andrew Careless working on his own, progress has been slow. However, the good news is that Andrew will gain 2 new Definitive Map officers; 1 new Rights of Way officer and 1 Highways Technician has been seconded to assist. This should accelerate work on reducing the backlog. Two current DMMO's in our parish were clarified: namely the Somerwood BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) and the diversion of the RoW at Isombridge Farm. Regarding the DMMO'S already discussed, the Rodenhurst planning application has already been submitted and Andrew Careless is to liaise and discuss how to proceed with Sandy Walker so modification proposals can be put forward jointly before Christmas, with a view to work starting Spring 2022. The current proposal for R16 by the Old Smithy is likely to be rejected as the stone path on the verge would have to be maintained by T&W.

The new proposal, which will be drawn up by Andrew Careless, is to run the path on the field side of the hedge start a few metres past the last cottage.

Action: Andrew will determine the landowner's availability in January before posting the date of the site meeting on the parish notice board, also contacting the Ramblers Association, Rodington Parish Council, High Ercall PC and a list of named residents.

3. Tom Currie will write a letter on behalf of the Partnership to Mr Telford at **Longswood Farm** about his obligations concerning the RoW's on his land. Andrew Careless will write a 'pre-enforcement' letter to the owners of **Old Manor Cottage** before Christmas.
4. The DMMO of R3 through the spinney next to Church Road is to be commenced in January and the diversion of R7 to Rodenhurst Lane will be linked to the Rodenhurst / R6 proposals.
5. **All routed way-markers (signposts) and gates** purchased and identified in the last minutes will be put in place before Christmas.

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Tom Currie has produced an excellent, detailed description of the circular walk through Rodenhurst to the B5062 and back through R16 and Sugden, using the template created by John Seales. It is hoped Tom Hayek, the adviser to Rodington PC on local ecology will be able to add other circular walks to this using his knowledge of flora and fauna.

Action: It was agreed to invite Tom Hayek to the next meeting to give an over view of the flora and fauna in the area.

Andrew Careless also pointed out that the definitive map can be downloaded to your mobile phone from the T&W web-site and will give your position with pinpoint accuracy as long as you have a signal.

Next Meeting

January 12th 2022, at 7.30pm, Rodington Village Hall. Andrew Careless will pay for the hire of the hall if Rodington Village Hall send the invoice to him.