

Minutes of meeting of
Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council
Rights of Ways and Trees Advisory



Venue: Old Manor House
Date: Wednesday 19 September 2018
Time: 13:00

R19SEP18
2018/19 Meeting 02
Adopted

Chairman Jerry Watkiss

Councillors present:

Jerry Watkiss, David Miles and Ian Parker

Lay members present:

Tim Cornish, Peter Cudmore, Kathy Setford, Janet Crossley Mandy Savage and Sue Foster.

Also present: One member of the public and Janna Todd (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

1.1. There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of substitute members

2.1. There were no substitute members.

3. Declaration of interests on agenda items

3.1. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public questions and comments

4.1. There were no public questions.

5. Minutes of the meeting of 27 June 2018 (previously adopted)

5.1. The minutes were reviewed and the actions list updated.

Matters arising from the minutes:

5.2. The landowner of footpath FP55 where the vegetation is overgrown has informed that it will be cut back in November this year.

5.3. FP79 is still blocked by vegetation at the A267. A reminder will be sent to ESCC with a request for them to install a sign at the opposite end to inform walkers that it is impassable. **Action JT**

5.4. The broken dog latch on FP15 has been reported to ESCC however there is an adjacent gap so it is not obstructing the path.

6. Trees Report

6.1. There have been several planning applications for tree work that have been approved by WDC.

6.2. There has been a complaint about the safety of a mature tree in Station Road that abuts the boundary of a residence in West Street. The WDC Tree Warden has been requested to assess the situation.

7. Volunteer maintenance team report (previously circulated)

7.1. The work programme was reviewed and updated.

7.2. The steps at the corner of the football field have been built up.

7.3. The wobbly stile on FP46 has been repaired.

- 7.4. There was an attempt to install the memorial bench in Court Meadow however the bench fixings are inappropriate to install on grass. An alternative location will need to be considered.
- 7.5. There has been additional clearance work on FP55 towards Fletching Street.
- 7.6. The Jacobs Ladder on the circular walk is in need of repair.

Newly reported items:

- 7.7. There is overgrown vegetation on FP47 near Pennybridge Lane that will be reported to the landowner. **Action JT**
- 7.8. There is a broken stile on FP30c on the Southern edge of Ashurst Wood (asset number S0928).
- 7.9. There have been horse riders using the footpath from the old furnace noticeboard to Coggins Mill Lane. Waymarkers have been recently installed to make the nearby bridleways more obvious.
- 7.10. BW38c off Tidebrook Road is very overgrown on one side with barbed wire on the opposite side that will be reported to ESCC. **Action JT**
- 7.11. The bridleway to Bassetts Lane from Tunbridge Wells Road has been recently cleared by ESCC as well as the road from the windmill to Bicycle Arms at Argos Hill.

8. Diversion of footpath 3 (information previously circulated)

- 8.1. The Committee looked at the proposed diversion in March 2016 and there were no objections raised at the time.
- 8.2. This decision has been forwarded to ESCC with comments that in general it is not considered appropriate to divert footpaths that have been in situ for many years.

9. Stiles on FP69e (information previously circulated)

- 9.1. A report on the missing stiles on FP69e from ESCC was circulated.
- 9.2. They have advised that although the stiles are missing the landowner has provided sufficient room for walkers to pass. The missing stiles have therefore been removed from their asset list.

10. Mayfield circular walk publication (information previously circulated)

- 10.1. The circular walk leaflet was previously printed in 2011 and is out of date.
- 10.2. The Committee agreed it is a very well used walk and should be republished.
- 10.3. Enquiries will be made into the original artwork. **Action TC**
- 10.4. Any updates required on the walk's information will be determined prior to rewriting.

Action JC

11. Items of information and next agenda items

- 11.1. All members of the Volunteer Maintenance Team must re-register with ESCC if they are to attend an outing. Signed forms will be accumulated by the Clerk and sent on to the ESCC Rights of Ways Team. **Action JT**
- 11.2. A new version of the Rights of Ways Volunteer handbook has been published.

The meeting closed at 13:50

The next Rights of Way and Trees Committee meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 12 December 2018
Time: 13:00
Venue: Old Manor House

.....*Chairman's Signature*

.....*Date*

ANNEX 1 – Actions not included on work programme

Actions from meeting R27JUN18			
6.2	Provide ESCC with asset number of removed stile on FP69e	JT	Closed
8.9	Ascertain contact for rights of ways issues on Rausing land	SF	Closed
9.3	Contact landowner of FP55 to discuss clearance problems	IP	Closed
Actions from meeting R19SEP18			
5.3	Remind ESCC of vegetation blocking FP79. Request a sign if not cleared	JT	Open
7.7	Inform landowner of overgrown vegetation on FP47	JT	Open
7.10	Inform ESCC of overgrown vegetation on BW38c	JT	Open
10.3	Ascertain whether artwork for circular walk is still held	TC	Open
10.4	Determine any updates required on the circular walk information	JC	Open
11.1	Send Volunteer Maintenance Team forms to ESCC	JT	Open