

**MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE RIGHTS OF  
WAY AND TREES COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2007 AT  
LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD  
AT 1330 HOURS**  
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**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

- Two new members join committee
- Walks booklet completed
- Works programme reviewed

**ATTENDANCE**

J Bramwell (Chairman)	(JB)	Present and Voting
H Hills	(HH)	Apologies for Absence
D Findlater	(DF)	Present
S Foster	(SF)	Present
I Rutherford	(IR)	Apologies for Absence
J Redford	(JR)	Present
K Setford	(KS)	Present
C Lilly	(CL)	Present and Voting
T Cornish	(TC)	Apologies for Absence
L Coumbe	(LC)	Present

Councillors present and voting 2

Present and not voting 0

Other members present 5

Apologies for Absence 2

Not present 0

**Also Present**

D Thompson (DT) Parish Clerk

## MINUTES

### 1. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

1.1. There were no declarations of interests.

### 2. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2.1. JB announced two new committee members:

- Tim Cornish
- L Coumbe

They were accepted and welcomed to the committee.

### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2007 (6R5)

3.1. The minutes had been approved by Full Council.

### 4. ACTIONS

4.1. Actions progress was as follows:

Minute	Description	Current Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5R4/2.3</li><li>• 6R3/8.1</li></ul>	BW57b – Hawksden Park Wood at Hareholt Andrew Le Gresley will speak to the land owner about dog control and a diversion. Jayne Bramwell to follow up. Further complaints received  <b>ACTION ESCC/JB</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5R4/2.7</li></ul>	FP90 Cransden – Work will start when land dries out.	<b>CLOSED</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5R4/7.9</li></ul>	Jayne Bramwell to obtain electronic copy of Footpath Land Owners for Clerk. Still not received. Confirmed that data is not available. DT to investigate possible alternatives, using an old hard copy. Andrew Le Gresley has data.  <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5R5/11.1</li></ul>	FP10 “Clear up after your dog” notices to be fitted. Awaiting ESCC action.  <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5R6/8.1</li></ul>	ESCC circular walks leaflet. ESCC advised no funding available. Costs were estimated at £500 + £200 artwork for 1000 copies. It was noted that funding may be available from: Mayfield and Five	<b>OPEN</b>

	Ashes Society and Chamber of Commerce.	
• 5R6/8.4	Froghole – tractor problems – see minute 6R1/3.9.	<b>OPEN</b>
• 6R1/5.1	Update of Walkers Guide. In progress expected March 2007. See minute 6M02 completed	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R1/9.2 • 6R3/9.3	Trees at Hillside estimated for treatment being prepared.	<b>OPEN</b>
• 6R2/6.2 • 6R3/ 4.1	South Mead ESCC advised to write to households about rubbish after clearance has taken place. In hand	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R3/9.3	Carpenters Arms trees need cut back Order placed for work	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R3/11.5	Recently installed dog latches to be adjusted. <b>ACTION IR</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R3/11.7	Concrete Bridge near Cannon Foundary examination needed JB to follow up FP46C. Andrew notified. Transfer to bridges lits.	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R3/7.4	BW27 Andrew Le Gresley has asked for gates to be repositioned. A further incident has been reported. Gate now chained open and will be changed in future.	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R4/6.1	Update to Walkers Leaflet – Mayfield and Five Ashes PC to be placed in project List. <b>ACTION IR</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
• 6R4/9.1	Hare Holt – Andrew Le Gresley will pass onto ESCC legal dept and a letter would be sent re footpath diversion at the bottom of the slope – JB confirmed that this is to done - refer to minute 6R5/6.1 <b>ACTION DT to obtain a copy</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
• 6R4/10.3	Strathbourne - Andrew Le Gresley has issued notice that path must be re-instated in 14 days – paperwork passed to barrister - refer to minute 6R5/6.1 <b>ACTION - members to monitor situation</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
• 6R4/13.2	FP55 Footpath to be inspected with regard to resurfacing. <b>ACTION IR</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

## **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 5.1 With regard to minute 6R5/8.1 it was noted that Fanny Instone was undertaking the drawing work for the circular walks leaflet.
- 5.2 With regard to minute 6R5/4.2, it was noted that a letter had been sent to D Tindall with regard to the stiles.
- 5.3 With regard to minute 6R5/12.1, it was noted that a letter had been sent to the Countryside Agency reminding them of the need to provide adequate footpath maintenance.

## **6. MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES WALKS BOOKLET**

- 6.1 The Clerk reported that:
  - The booklet had been completed on time and budget.
  - Cost to Parish Council was £3.70 per book.
  - 140 had been sold to date.
  - Sale price through outlets was £4.99.
  - Parish Council sells at cost to shops.
  - The launch of the booklet had taken place, with the Courier Newspaper being present.
- 6.2 It was agreed by the Committee to place a table in the High Street on the forthcoming Village Open Day on Saturday 12th May. JR agreed to man the table on the day and the opportunity to obtain walks booklets would be provided.

## **7. LETTERS SENT AND RECEIVED**

- 7.1 JB had sent a copy of the works list to Andrew Le Gresley.
- 7.2 A letter had been sent to David Tindall with regard to stiles on FP30 on the A267. This path is in the walkers guide. There were two strands of barbed wire which needed to be removed, and in addition a bridge had been closed.
- 7.3 The Clerk reported that Mrs Buck had replied to the letter recently sent to her with regard to the stile on FP45e, declaring that she was not the landowner. Clerk to write to Mr Summerhayes.

### **ACTION DT**

- 7.4 A letter was sent to Lady Rose with regard to the stile on FP15.
- 7.5 A letter had been sent to Mrs Siggs with regard to the stile on FP60, noting that stile kits and dog latches were available.
- 7.6 A letter had been sent to R Monkton with regard to a stile on FP3 Argos Hill.
- 7.7 JB reported that she had received a letter from ESCC which proposes to formally open a bridleway from the Stub end of the old Tunbridge Well Road up to the Bridge at Bassets Lane. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of a further extension of the bridleway.

### **ACTION DT**

## **8. HAREHOLD BW57 AND STRATHBORNE FP13**

- 8.1 JB reported that in the case of BW57 action was being taken to enforce the 'right of way', but the paperwork was not ready yet.
- 8.2 With regard to FP13, JB reported that the owner of Strathborne had not complied with ESCC requirements with regard to the dogs being used to intimidate walkers. ESCC were taking court action. It was noted that padlocks were still situated on the gates, but at present were not locked.

## **9. CLEARANCE SCHEME**

- 9.1 It was noted that ESCC were prepared to train voluntary parties in clearance work. It was also suggested that community service personnel could be used. Notice to be placed in a future edition of Yellow Pages.

**ACTION DT**

## **10. UPDATE OF MASTER LIST**

- 10.1. The Master List of works was updated, as published in the Annex to the minutes.

## **11. OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- 11.1. JR suggested we write to Chris Maughan to thank him for his contribution to the production of the walks booklets.

**ACTION DT**

- 11.2. JR reported that a stile on FP46b in Parsons Wood was on the floor, a gap had been made by Mr Foster to allow passage.
- 11.3. JR had started the Footpath Survey for 2007, but was unable to do some of the Five Ashes footpaths. These were 26a and 26b which would be surveyed by JB and 87, 82, 83, 86 and 17 which needed to be covered.

**ACTION JB**

- 11.4. DT to place a piece on Yellow Pages to draw attention to wheelchair friendly footpaths FP10 and those in Court Meadow.
- 11.5. It was suggested that the new path in Court Meadow adjacent to Mr Treherne's land be adopted as a footpath. DT to follow up.

**ACTION DT**

- 11.6. It was reported that some footpaths are equipped with metal finger posts. To be followed up with ESCC.
- 11.7. It was reported that the recent planning application for Highfields may have conflict with the existing footpaths. DT to provide planning application for JB, who will take action.

**ACTION DT/JB**

- 11.8. KS reported latest tree issues. It was decided not to proceed with the £50 fee for the tree warden certification.
- 11.9. It was reported that a dog was worrying horse riders near the lodge at Merrieweathers. Andrew Le Gresley had been informed and would take action should this happen again.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1510 HOURS.**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY AND TREES COMMITTEE  
WILL BE HELD ON:**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2007**  
**VENUE: LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD**  
**TIME: 1330 HOURS**

## APPENDIX 1A - STILES AND GATES – OPEN LIST

• FP41a/41b	Lake Street near Harwood Lodge – stile broken. D Tidall In Hand Parts supplied	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP67B	Stile has no steps and is on a slope near Grubbins Wood – SF to ascertain landowner. Clerk to write to Little Orchard at Tidebrook. <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP3	Argos Hill – Fir Toll Road – Broken Stile – JB written to R Monkton	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP30A	Great Trodgers Stile in dangerous condition. 2 <sup>nd</sup> letter sent to David Tindall.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP45	Glebe Farm Stile repairs needed – 2 <sup>nd</sup> step missing – Mrs Buck declines ownership. Clerk to write to Mr Sumerhayes. <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP14	Vale Road – Piccadilly Lane Stile first step at illegal height – Needs extra step and dog latch. JB will advise ownership, either Lady Rose or Emma Hinkley. <b>ACTION JB</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP23A	Footpath that joins Meers Lane (Five Ashes) to Knowle (Mayfield) – New Stile required near Meers Stud. <b>ACTION JB</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP15	From Picadilly Lane 2 Stiles need support. JB to write to Lady Rose. <b>ACTION JB</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP60	Gillhope brokenstile – write to Tim Siggs. <b>ACTION JB</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>

## APPENDIX 1B - WAY MARKERS AND FINGER POSTS – OPEN LIST

• FP64	Froghole Farm. Plastic WM missing	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP59	Opposite Little Baiden Farm, Witherenden Road. Post required. In Hand HH	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP19	Meers Lane at private road to Northover Farm and at junction with FP18. Waymarkers on road.  Andrew Le Gresley	<b>IN HAND</b>

• FP67B	Near Cinderhill farm No fingers on post – SF to investigate. Post missing. <b>ACTION SF</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• BWs 49C,49D, FP48	Near Lower Sharnden Manor Farm Finger post on ground Mark fence posts as alternative. SF will arrange <b>ACTION SF</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP52	Coggins Mill Lane Way marker needs to be resited as it gets overgrown. Andrew Le Gresley informed.	<b>IN HAND</b>
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• FP23A	Footpath that joins Meers Lane to Knoll – Way Marker required. JB will do.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP23B	At the Knowl Way Marker required – JB given arrow to Robin Balfour.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP65A	Witherden Road – Finger Post has fallen over near Fair Oak Farm. Still down. Andrew Le Gresley has been notified.	<b>IN HAND</b>

#### APPENDIX 1C – CLEARANCE – OPEN LIST

• FP 90	New path Cranesden. Ongoing correspondence. Jayne dealing. JB this Summer	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP61	Side of Witherden Road. Gillhope Farm to Fair Oak Farm very blocked in places. Work not yet been done. Write to Glynde Estates, Estate Offices, Nr Lewes, Glynde. <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• BW28 (Extension)	Bridleway near Bassets Lane – initial clearance done. To be extended back from bridge south for 30 yards. <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP55	Rose and Crown area need clearing. Done.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP12	Vale Road needs clearance. Mrs Whittacker of 2 Richmead Gardens responsible – write letter. <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP13a	Towards Strathborne – tree obstructs path and grows out of garden. Owner Mrs Jane Carr-Jones, Dollis Folly – write letter. <b>ACTION DT</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>



**APPENDIX 1D – OTHER WORK – OPEN LIST**

• BW57	Hareholt, Hawksden Park Wood. Garage obstructing legal line – diversion pending. <b>ACTION SF</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP13	Strathborne – Dogs Dog issues to be continued to be reported. ESCC preparing legal action.	<b>IN HAND</b>

**APPENDIX 1E – BRIDGES – OPEN LIST**

• FP21A • FP21B • FP24	Bridge needs attention – JB will liaise with Andrew Le Gresley. Bridge closed. <b>ACTION JB</b>	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP69d	Crosses Tidebrook – Plank needed on bridge. JB to inform Andrew Le Gresley.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP67b	Grubbins Wood – Bridge needs plank. JB to follow up with Andrew Le Gresley.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP64	Froghole – Bridge over stream needs several replacement planks. JB write to Andrew Le Gresley.	<b>IN HAND</b>
• FP64C	Concrete bridge near Cannon Foundry – Examination needed. JB to follow up with Andrew Le Gresley.	<b>IN HAND</b>

