



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
RIGHTS OF WAY AND TREES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2010 AT
LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD
AT 1330 HOURS**

Committee Chairman Councillor Jayne Bramwell

**9R05
COMMITTEE
APPROVED**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Walk Wealden project – rejected.
- FP13 – current position reviewed.
- Clearance report reviewed.
- BW92 – extension project discussed and current position reviewed.
- ESCC workload programme arrangements discussed.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

J Bramwell (Chairman)	(JB)	Present and Voting
J Watkiss	(JW)	Present and Voting

Lay Members

S Foster	(SF)	Present
I Rutherford	(IR)	Apologies for Absence
J Redford	(JR)	Present
K Setford	(KS)	Apologies for Absence
T Cornish	(TC)	Apologies for Absence

Councillors: Present and voting 2; Present and not voting 0, Apologies for Absence 0; Total 2
Lay members: Present 2; Apologies for Absence 3; Not present 0; Total 5

Also Present

D Thompson, Parish Clerk

MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS ON AGENDA ITEMS BELOW

- 1.1. There were no declarations of interests by members on agenda items.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2009 (9R04)

- 2.1. One minor change the minutes were approved by the Committee.

3. OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE MINUTES

- 3.1. With regard to minute 9R04/3.1 (BW57), the fallen tree had now been removed.
- 3.2. With regard to minute 9R04/3.2 (Streamlink) the Clerk would liaise with Andrew Le Gresley on obtaining land registry data.
- 3.3. With regard to minute 9R04/3.3, the Clerk reported that it was not possible to obtain a copy of Mr Sharman's letter from ESCC.
- 3.4. With regard to minute 9R04/3.4 the Clerk reported that he had asked for a TPO to be placed on the large Oak tree in Berkeley Cottage. He also reported that a planning application had been received for an extension to the building.
- 3.5. With regard to minute 9R04/4.3, it was noted that arrangements would need to be made to ensure a microphone, keys, heat and light was available for the meeting for the FP13 appeal on 24 February 2010. The Clerk reported that he had obtained the information on the microphone from TC as instructed.

ACTION DT

- 3.6. With regard to minute 9R04/7.1 (FP5) it was noted that the fence was still down. The land was owned by Mr Lazell of Crowborough, and priority action needed to be taken.

ACTION DT

- 3.7. With regard to minute 9R04/7.3 (FP81) Scotsford Farm, the stile was still in a dangerous position and needed to be repaired as a priority.

ACTION DT

- 3.8. With regard to minute 9R04/7.4, the Clerk noted that he had received some information on stile designer and would circulate to members.

ACTION DT

- 3.9. With regard to minute 9R04/8.3 it was reported that the rabbit burrows undermining BW92 had now been cleared.

- 3.10. With regard to minute 9R04/12.2, marker posts on FP45B and way markers on FP43B/46C and 46B, JR reported that she would re-examine the situation.

ACTION JR

- 3.11. With regard to the way markers at Moat Mill Farm, (minute 9R04/12.3) JR reported that these had now been completed.

- 3.12. With regard to minute 9R04/12.5 it was noted that the permissive path at Bassets Bridge was still impassable and that the Clerk would write to Mr Tindall.

ACTION DT

- 3.13. JR reported that the stile on the junction of FP14 and FP15 Piccadilly Lane was broken and as it was on the circular walk wondered if a dog latch could be fitted when the stile was replaced.

3.14. FP43 on the circular walk has a way marker which needs to be repaired. It is located near the concrete bridge.

3.15. BW20 Newick Lane – the bridge has been repaired.

4. WDC 2012 CHALLENGE

4.1. JB reported that she had studied the paper on Walk Wealden the 2012 Action Challenge and commented as follows:

- The distance of the walks were too short.
- The need for health walk training was doubtful.
- The need for insurance, risk assessment and safeguarding policies were excessive.

The project in her view was a waste of public money and the Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council Rights of Way Committee would not be participating. Clerk to advise WDC.

ACTION DT

5 ESCC MAINENANCE REPORT

5.1 The Clerk reported that as yet the ESCC workload programme for the last quarter had not been received. He would liase with Andrew Le Gresley on the subject.

ACTION DT

5.2 It was reported that the ESCC Heathfield Depot held stocks of dog signs.

ACTION DT

5.3 A further summary report from the ESCC Digital Survey had been received – see Annex 2.

6 CLEARANCE REPORT

6.1 JW reported that there had been little clearance work done over the winter period, however he had three offers of help from the clearance team.

6.2 It was also noted that there was a further path going through the middle of the former Mayfield College land and it was decided to conduct some research regarding the use of this path for a potential claim.

7. FOOTPATH 13 UPDATE

7.1 JB reported that statement of case documents had been received, and further documentation would become available. JB would be making the case on behalf of the Parish Council.

ACTION JB

7.2 The appeal would be heard on 24 February 2010 at the Memorial Hall starting at 10.00 hours.

8. BW92

8.1 It was reported that the BW92 extension report, had been completed and was currently being reviewed by ESCC prior to release.

8.2 The search for the land ownership documents for the access footpath to Yew Tree Lane was still ongoing.

9. TREE WARDEN REPORT

- 9.1 The Tree Warden reported that the Sycamore Tree on The Avenue near Chetwyns would be felled in the near future.
- 9.2 Application had been made for a TPO to be placed on the Oak Tree in the grounds of Berkeley Cottage.

10. ESCC LETTERS

- 10.1 Recent correspondence with ESCC was reported.
- FP14 and FP15 Streamlink project.
 - BW57 clearance.
 - ESCC – broken stile FP14 and FP15.
 - ESCC stile replacement policy.
 - FP81 dangerous stile.
 - Mayfield quarterly footpath report.
- 10.2 The following issues arose from the ESCC correspondence report.
- FP32 clearance work on path.
 - BY87 drainage problems on path to lane. DT to check with ESCC.

ACTION DT

- FP12 to Newick Lane had been cleared.

11 MEETING DATES 2010/11

- 11.1 Meeting dates in 2010/11 will be:

24 March 2010	9R06
26 May 2010	10R01
21 July 2010	10R02
29 September 2010	10R03
26 January 2011	10R04
23 March 2011	10R05

12 ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- 12.1 FP3 stile needed – letter to be sent to landowner.

ACTION DT

- 12.2 It was noted that Dr Stevens had sold his land – database to be updated.

ACTION DT

- 12.3 JW noted that the footpath at Tidebrook was closed because of a faulty bridge. Noted that on the Mayfield footpath in the same area the Bridge had been repaired and the footpath was open. The way markers were not clear.

- 12.4 SF reported that the stile near the Waterworks on FP43C needed repair to the lower step.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1445 HOURS.

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

DATE: 24 MARCH 2010

VENUE: LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD

TIME 1330 HOURS

ANNEX 1 – Actions as at 9R04

Minute	Description	Current Position
• 5R5/11.1	FP10 “Clear up after your dog” notices to be fitted. Awaiting ESCC action. DT to follow up with WDC. Also available from Heathfield Depot. ACTION DT	OPEN
• 7R3/7.1	IR to examine the possibility of a linking footpath across the head of FPs. 13,14,15.	HELD
• 8R02/5.9	FP58 Winters Farm – Dog latch needed. JW to take forward.	OPEN
• 8R5/11.2	Clerk to get copy of Mr Sharma’s letter from ESCC under Freedom of Information Act. Done – letter will not be released.	CLOSED
• 8R6/7.3	ESCC digital survey – copy to be obtained for Parish Council use – in hand.	OPEN
• 8R6/10.1	Parish Council to make formal claim to reclaim footpath link between FP32 and FP46 – in hand.	OPEN
• 8R6/10.4	BW57 – progress of work to be followed up – in hand – on County Council list.	OPEN
• 9R2/9.3	Clerk to thank ESCC for bridges work on FP90 at Cranesden. Done.	CLOSED
• 9R2/10.4	SF report that landowners needed to keep Rights of Way in order as part of the compliance process. In hand with SF. Done.	CLOSED
• 9R3/3.4	BW57 areas to be pruned back by owner – in hand. Done	CLOSED
• 9R3/3.5	SF to further clarify position with regard to EU re land payments.	CLOSED
• 9R3/3.6	Land Registry large scale boundary maps to be obtained for stream link project.	OPEN
• 9R3/4.3	ESCC to be asked to send copy of Mr Sharma’s letter as matter of urgency.	CLOSED
• 9R3/8.3	BW92 – costed project to be progressed – in hand.	OPEN
• 9R3/9.2	Oak Tree at Berkeley Cottage to have TPO requested – in hand. Done.	CLOSED
• 9R3/10.3	BW57 East Street – Chicken Farm to be cleared – in hand. JW	OPEN
• 9R3/11.1	BW20 Problems found and to be inspected by JB Done.	CLOSED
• 9R3/11.2	JW to check fallen tree on FP25 – in hand.	OPEN

• 9R04/3.1	Clearance of BW57 – tree now removed.	CLOSED
• 9R04/4.3	Microphone for FP13 hearing – Clerk to ask T Cornish for advice – done.	CLOSED
• 9R04/7.1	Owners of FP5 to be located – land owned by Mr Lazell of Crowborough – Done.	CLOSED
• 9R04/7.3	FP81 – still needs priority repair – in hand.	OPEN
• 9R04/8.2	Access path to Yew Tree Lane as part of BW92 project – ESCC. In hand.	OPEN
• 9R04/8.3	BW92 closed – Clerk to ascertain reason. Done.	CLOSED