

Pathways Group Meeting

6th October 2020 7.30pm Online (Zoom)

1. **Attended:** Tom Currie (Chair) Brian Gaskin, David Brown, Sue Brown, John Seales
2. **Apologies:** Robin and Eileen Greenaway, Connor Furnivall, Clerk, RPC
3. **Notes and actions (notes of 4th August 2020)**

Noted, and incorporated in the action plan identified in item 5 below.

4. Condition of footpaths – Feedback from All

No new issues reported from the group, although the recent ploughing programme had impeded access slightly on R9. Longdon on Tern L16 (at its Northern spur) has had an access stile installed by the landowner (Phil Davies) at the request of this group (TC). Mr Davies supports access to all routes on his land but has concerns about re-igniting a boundary dispute between residents over the access to L16 via the Old Smithy. R3 via the Cemetery access remains barely passable; weeds and over-growth were removed by TC and BG but this route needs comprehensive clearance. There is work to be done on improving access to R6, R7 and R15 but these would benefit from modifications to routes.

5. Meeting with Senior Rights of Way Officer, Andrew Careless, TWC

A meeting was held with the above on the 2/10/20 with the above, Tom Currie, Brian Gaskin and Denise Davies (local landowner). As Chair of the Pathways Group, Tom identified that we are now operating as a P3 partnership, in conjunction with the Parish Council (ROWs form part of the Parish Plan 2021-2226) and Telford and Wrekin Council. Brian identified the following actions that were agreed upon:-

1. Contact Nick West and Graham Davies on the installation of 3 galvanised 'kissing' gates.
2. Arrange for removal of 2 stiles and tree situated on Church Road, adjacent to R3 prior to the installation of gates.

It was noted that Nick has an objection to this work taking place prior to the rerouting of the diagonal section of the current path which proceeds through a copse. Ultimately, access to the field would be provided by that (current) ROW parallel to Church Road and intersecting with R6. Denise wishes to improve the field boundary on her land and is therefore dependent on this agreement taking effect.

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3. Consult Sandy and suggest he installs wire fence and horse steps at North end of R10. This would preserve the route but prevent vehicles tipping onto this land.
4. Contact Nick W, Graham D, Ian G and Sandy W re proposed diversion of pathways explaining fees. Request funding for this via Rodington Council.
5. Contact and consult with the Ramblers Association (Amanda is the appropriate person) to identify proposals and rationale.
6. Make an application for pathway diversions via a 'Field Edge Path Agreement'. This would have the net effect in law of retaining the existing Rights of Way, but re-routing some of these to make better access.
7. Arrange signage design (customized +dog notices) and order Footpath posts & way-markers (11 in this first tranche)
8. Request all landowners to clear and maintain the field edge routes.
9. Install the Footpath posts & way-markers and a kissing gate (Cemetery end of R3) a bridge and stile at R7 on Rodenhurst Lane.
10. Maintain regular meetings with the SRO to ensure that there are no impediments to the above.

6. Web this site/Communications

Brian will provide an updated map of the local ROW, annotated but with the proviso that this is indicative at this time, subject to further work and developments identified above. A copy of this will also be displayed in the Parish Council notice boards.

7. Date and time of next meeting (amended)

Following the last meeting with Andrew Careless on the 6/11/20 it was suggested that we postpone until January. He will attend this meeting. At this stage, we will plan for this meeting to take place on Zoom and invites will be sent out to everyone for Tuesday, 12th January 2021, at 7.30pm.