

**MINUTES OF THE FOOTPATH, CONSERVATION & ALLOTMENTS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2009 AT
7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr J. Davies, (Chair), Cllr T. Cook, Cllr R. Milner-Gulland,
Cllr L. Britt (co-opted for the meeting)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Shaw- other commitments

Clerk- in the absence of the Clerk the minutes were taken by Cllr Britt

2. **Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July were approved and signed.

2.1 **Matters arising**

2.1.1 A24 Bridge - Bridge no.1488 St Mary's Bridge. The Chairman referred to the email she had sent out and confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for 30th November at 10.00am, hopefully to include someone from the BHS, the Chairman to check this with the Clerk prior to the meeting. A notice on the bridge is the bottom line if funding can not be found soon.

2.1.2 Vera's shelter – A notice has been put up asking for suggestions of the colour it should be stained internally- 42 responses received and it has now been decided. Preferred colour will be purchased and bill sent to PC.

2.1.3 Other items to be discussed under the agenda item.

3. **Conservation issues**

3.1 The red phone box in Sanctuary Lane will be painted in the spring.

3.2 Cllr Milner-Gulland confirmed that the sign had been removed from the field, ready for cleaning prior to going to the museum.

3.3 Millennium sign- Clerk to be asked to write and ask for it to be cleaned & future notice regards removing. There is still concern with the content, ask when they might review it.

4. **Footpath Maintenance issues**

4.1 Footpath 2701- Darren Rolfe has informed PC that it has been cleared, but residents have complained that it is still very slippery on the stream edge and the rail too high for a 5 year old. Darren Rolfe is to replace the bridge 'this year'. Footpath does appear to have been cleared with a large stretch at the worst of the bends. Clerk to thank him for the considerable progress regards this footpath & look forward to the bridge replacement before the end of the year.

4.2 Footpath 2698- Beggars Lane- Unstable banks, will be checked on 30th November.

4.3 Home Farm bridleway- Cllr Milner-Gulland pointed out that it was the main East-West footpath. It was agreed to ask the cost of making an appropriate surface. Clerk to enquire.

4.4 Ashington Parish Council had been approached by WSCC regarding a footpath/bridleway link, which it is thought would come through Washington parish. It was suggested that a meeting may be appropriate; the Chairman will email the Clerk.

4.5 A request was made by Cllr Cook & Cllr Milner-Gulland a copy of the footpath maps, Cllr Britt will ask if Cllr Turley can arrange.

- 4.6 Footpath 2699- It was noted that this footpath needed cutting back where it abuts Tilley's Cottage.
- 4.7 Bridleway 2623- Georges Lane- Clerk to be asked to write to the National Trust again about the pot holes which it was thought could cause injury to horses.

- 5. **Allotments – points to be raised**
Cllr Britt to look at the allotment that has been overgrown recently and report back to the Chairman.

- 6. **Any Other Committee Business**
Budget requirements- cost of supplying a tap for drinking water at Vera's shelter & The Street to be explored- budget £1500.

- 7. **Date and time of next meeting**
January 2010

Meeting finished 7.55pm

Signed Date 18th January 2010