

# CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

## Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7pm online via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Chris Sizeland (Chair)  
David Benning  
Sandra Higgins  
Mave Morrison  
Stella Walters

Tony Brackenbury  
Liz McCormick  
Peter Soden

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<b>1</b>	<b>Formalities</b>	<b>Action</b>
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Chris Sizeland welcomed everyone to the meeting.

<b>1.2</b>	<b>Attendee names and contact details</b>	
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Attendance recorded by Sandra Higgins.

<b>1.3</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
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None.

<b>1.4</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	
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Attendees were asked to declare any interests.

Cllr Chris Sizeland has two footpaths on his land. One on the route and one just off it. The Clerk as a given Chris a dispensation to talk about the tramway matters relating to his land.

Liz McCormick is a trustee for the G E Barratt estate which incorporates part of the land that Footpath 122 crosses at the Target Field and heads up to the railway embankment.

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<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020</b>	
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<b>2.1</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	
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Item 7 – This is the drainage by the Wain Homes housing estate.

Item 8.1 - Ruth George is DCC Councillor for Blackbrook as well as Whaley Bridge.

Item 8.1 – Before last paragraph insert “David suggested that the Parish Council should send information to DCC stressing the considerable amount of work that has been undertaken by the Group. This should help improve the priority given to the project. The information should include the Summary Report of March 2018 together with other documents produced since then which demonstrate recent work.”

## 2.2 Matters arising

Item 2.2 – see item 3.1 below.  
Item 3.1 – see item 3.1 below.  
Item 3.2 – see item 3.1 below.  
Item 4 – see Item 4 below.

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## 3 Tramway trail signage and simplifies maps.

### 3.1 Trail signage

David has emailed Thom Howe, the Rights of Way Officer at DCC, who replied saying he had passed the email on to the Highways department. David now does not have a contact to follow this up as it is not known who the Highways Officer is at the moment, but he will try. He will also push for the site meeting he asked for in due course.

PVC are not responding about the information board. Chris contacted the company in Macclesfield that provided the boards at Bugsworth Basin and they are priced very reasonably at around £500 so Chris is hopeful that he can get funding for this from HPBC.

Chris has largely managed to follow the suggested locations for the stickers on the route to Chapel Milton to Bowden Hey Road, which are now up. Everyone is encouraged to go and have a look.

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Still not heard about the fingerpost application. Sue chased this in December but DCC could find the application. Anna Chapmen, who was the contact several years ago, wrote to Sue Stockdale saying the application sent in October has been lost so Sue has sent it again. Anna has investigated upgrading the status to bridleway, but there are difficulties because there are so many landowners and COVID-19 has caused delays. This still looks hopeful though.

### 3.2 Simplified maps

Peter ran through the two simplified maps which had been circulated. David will use these to illustrate the routes when he speaks to DCC, and they can be used for the next progress report to demonstrate where we have made progress. They are simplified to just show the interim walking routes. Map 1 shows the rural route joining up the north and south parts of the tramway. Map 2 shows the urban route.

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## 4 Warmbrook trail and bridge

Chris is trying to see if he can access the s106 money and find out what can be done with it. Disabled access looks like it will be a problem along this route just before the station path.

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**Warmbrook trail and bridge – continued ...**

Chris has written to HPBC for permission for access to the land behind the Scout hut. He may also apply for permission to put picnic tables there, and is looking into getting a defibrillator in the area.

A reply from Barry Wood at the George Barratt Estate has been emailed to Sue, and this should be shared with the group with the minutes.

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Peter shared map Fig A from the summary progress report to go with the document circulated earlier and the map of the area next to the station. There was a lot of discussion about the proposed new path down from the station, which would start along the narrow footpath below the train line between the station and Long Lane and zig-zag down the hill keeping as close to Warm Brook as possible. This was considered by some to be an expensive, if not unrealistic option. Tony highlighted there was already an existing footpath down from the station to the west of the road leading up to the station, which was wide enough for disabled access, and could easily link up with the Warm Brook trail by going through the housing estate to reach Long Lane.

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**5 Stodhart tunnel information board**

This is on English Heritage's at risk register. Mave reinforced that this is a major part of the Tramway.

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**6 Any other business**

**6.1 Summary Progress Report**

Chris asked Peter and David to produce a summary report of what the group has been doing over the last year to go with the simplified maps. This report will include details all the signage that has been put up and can be based on the proposed cycle route emails to DCC.

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**6.2 Cycle Route Correspondence with DCC**

David and Peter have drafted three emails with 15 attachments to be sent DCC as a record of all the work that has been done by the group. These have now been circulated and the group were asked to read them and comment to David, Peter and Chris before they are sent to DCC. They have been split into three to make them easier to digest, as there is a lot of information to be included. Meanwhile, Peter and David will draft them as three separate emails with attachments ready to send for Chris to review. There is some urgency to get these sent as soon as possible so actions can be incorporated into DCC work plan for next year. When approved, Chris will pass on to Sue to be sent on to DCC.

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**Cycle Route Correspondence with DCC – continued ...**

It seems that all the cycle route network money has been allocated but Ruth George is campaigning for cycle routes in the area and the work this group has done will be very useful for anyone looking at developing cycle routes in this area.

**6.3 National Trust**

David has had a reply to his enquiry to the National Trust regarding their plan to link cities and the countryside. They cannot help financially, but they would be happy to write a letter of support, and this would be useful in the future when putting proposals forward to DCC.

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**7 Items for next meeting**

**7.1 Agenda items for next meeting**

Warmbrook trail - Proposed route down from the station, who owns the land to the west the road with the current path on it, and the stile at the bottom.

**7.2 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 9 March 2021.

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The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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