

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

Minutes of the Meeting on 28 January 2020 at 7pm in the Annexe, Town Hall, Market Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Present: Mave Morrison (outgoing Chair) (MM)
Cllr Chris Sizeland (incoming Chair) (CS)
Cllr Paddy Bann David Benning
Andy Boundy Graham Brodie
Sonia Brodie John Brook (JB)
Alastair Carrington Joanne Carrington
Patricia Green Cllr Nigel Gourlay
Julie Heath Sandra Higgins
Cllr LP McCarthy Liz McCormick
Peter Soden Rob Thompson
Norma Turner Cllr Stella Walters
Barry Wood

Apologies: Jason Adshead Tony Brackenbury
Sue Stockdale (Parish Council Clerk) (SS)

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1 Formalities

1.1 Apologies for absence

Tony Brackenbury has sent his apologies and Jason Adshead will be late.

1.2 Election of Chair and welcome

Mave Morrison opened the meeting as the incumbent Chair and stepped down. Cllr Chris Sizeland was elected as the new Chair.

1.3 Attendee names and contact details

Attendance forms were circulated and attendees were asked to record their name and email address.

1.4 Agreement of Terms of Reference

There was discussion around whether the meeting was a public meeting or a council meeting open to the public.

It was agreed that specific Terms of Reference do not need to be drawn up as a separate document, and that they be recorded here as: "The development and maintenance of existing footpaths and the creation of new public footpaths in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan objectives." Refer to Objectives paragraph in 2018 Extensions Summary Report. For more detail of why the Working Party was set up.

It was noted that the Working Group is not a complaints route for public regarding specific paths.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 April 2019

2.1 Amendments

The Meeting closed at 11.30 am, not at 11.30pm.

2.2 Matters arising

Information boards. Artwork for existing signs were circulated by CS. The board at Whitehall Works needs replacing as a tree fell on it. HPBC have offered to convert it to printable format. Stephanie Works have offered to pay for it. Agreed to go ahead.

3 Peak Forest Tramway Trail

3.1 Consideration and agreement of main route

Maps relating to the proposed route were circulated. The objective of the main route is to be a leisure facility for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders, leading to the development of tourism and being consistent with government's active travel plan. CS declared an interest as the owner of two pieces of footpath land. David Benning gave a summary of the preferred route on map RR1 which has already been agreed with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) to be taken forward. He has recently written to DCC to find out what progress has been made. More time will be made available in the next meeting to describe the route more fully.

It is considered important to keep the new footpath as close as possible to the original tramway route and to be family friendly. Consideration needs to be given to road crossings and the priority now is to agree a permanent route from Chapel Milton to Sheffield Road. A temporary route was suggested but was agreed not to be taken forward.

Cllr Stella Walters has offered the help of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Community Group to draft a leaflet to publicise the new route once it has been agreed, along the lines of the existing series of circular walks from the centre of Chapel which the Community Group has been updating and more widely circulating.

Cllrs Nigel Gourlay and Paddy Bann and others to walk proposed route on a Saturday morning, to be arranged by email, to be reported on at the next meeting.

3.2 Trail Signage

Purple images of tramway signs circulated by CS for temporary route. It was noted that DCC have been asked to agree that signs can be put on lampposts.

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3.3 Additional Tramway Access Permissions

Land ownership is a very complex issue so was not discussed in detail. It has not been easy to identify all of the land owners, despite various attempts.

Information board at Stodhart Tunnel. The Trust which owns this land has not granted permission. Sue Stockdale to be asked to provide a report on the progress of this for the next meeting. See also item 5 below. SS

CS had contacted Network Rail and they had advised that they now only owned the depot on Barmaclough. Cemex in Dove Holes have been chased by CS. They are assumed to own quite a lot of the tramway. Other quarries may own some of the land and some is still unknown. Cllr Chris Sizeland to follow up land ownership between Sheffield Road and Dove Holes. CS

4 Warmbrook Trail and Bridge

John Brook reported only operational land was passed from British Rail to Railtrack. See Fig A, on which B-C is on railway land and no response has yet been received from Network Rail. Need to write formally with a proposal. JB

Collapsed bridge. The owners of the land need to give permission to replace the bridge, then steps could be taken to raise the money. Concerns were raised as to the cost of such a project (possibly as much as £100,000) as it will need planning permission and Environment Agency approval, and will probably need to be built higher than the original bridge due to flood risk. Despite the concerns, it was agreed to ask Sue Stockdale to write to the landowners to ask for their permission for the bridge to be reinstated so that options could then be explored. SS

Re Fig 1 C-D, Mave Morrison has spoken to Rosebay site manager. There may be a problem with a hedge so this also needs to be walked. MM

5 Stodhart Tunnel Information Board

If permission is not granted (see item 3.3 above) then another option may be on the other side of the road. All agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting as time booked for the room was running out.

6 Derbyshire Cycle Network

Full details are available on the DCC website. Peak Forest Tramway restoration is part of this proposal. David Benning has written to DCC to ask about this process.

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7 Any Other Business

Sandra Higgins asked if anyone had any objections to the email addresses given being shared among the Working Party attendees. There were no objections.

8 Next Meeting

8.1 Agenda Items

David Benning to describe proposed routes in detail.
Feedback from Saturday walk of proposed route.
Stodhart Tunnel Information Board alternatives.

8.2 Date of next Meeting

Proposed 10 March 7pm Town Hall Annex. [Now confirmed]

CS

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.
