

Linkinhorne Parish Council

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

Monday 22 February 2010 at Rilla Mill Village Hall, 8.00 pm
MINUTES

- 1) Apologies
None
- 2) Present: Roger Cullingham (chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Martin, Cllr Todd, Laurence Smith
Julia Todd, clerk
- 3) Minutes of the meeting of 21 October 2008 were signed as an accurate record
- 4) Schedule of Work
 - a) schedule of known work to be updated (*refer to attached tables*)
Footpath 16 (Liverscombe to Plushabridge) The work to replace the ladder stile with a Bristol gate supplied by County had been completed by volunteers.
Footpath 3 (Colpit down to river) Additional steps have now been completed
Footpath 1 (B3254 to Treovis) A fallen gate at is buried in undergrowth and needs to be removed.
Footpath 6 (Dunsley to Phoenix) Nothing to be done.

Cllr Lobban arrived at the meeting

Footpath 10 (B3254 to woodland on parish boundary with St Ive PC) - drainage pipe work completed by Cornwall Council.

Footpath 32 (NE from Uphill) cultivated up to hedge again.

Footpath 11 (Sutton) Stile leading out of orchard needs a way-marker.

- 5) County Public Path Improvement Programme
 - a) outstanding items to be identified and given a priority
Items 1 and 2 still outstanding; item 3 barbed wire is a hazard.
Footpath 3 (Starabridge to Measham) Starabridge stile has been rebuilt by landowner and it was noted that it restricts access to walkers with dogs.
A boardwalk/bridge was needed on other side of iron stile as the path becomes impassable after wet weather. It was noted that the Gold standard previously awarded to this path was under threat. It was agreed that the clerk would write (and send a copy to Cornwall Councillor Turner) to Cornwall Council to ask for work scheduled to be undertaken.
- 6) Work to add to programme

Footpath 8 (B3254 to Ley Mill) It was agreed that the steps do not require re-building but leaves may need clearing to make safer. Following some discussion on waymarking at the Ley Mill end it was agreed that there was no need to do so.

Footpath 9 (B3254 to Downgate) gate needs new latch after re-hanging.

Footpath 12 (Sutton to Hillyfields) hanging post work now complete, and a new gate had been erected; it was noted that the iron stile in the centre field was still there. It was agreed that the gate at the Sutton end needs securing.

Footpath 14 (Henwood to North Darley) wooden gate needs re-hanging.

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Footpath 23 (Marke Valley) gorse has been cut contrary to request.
Footpath 23 (Marke Valley) granite bridge ends are eroding.
Footpath 6 (Newlands to Knowle) additional waymarking required. It was agreed that Cllr Martin would investigate missing waymarkers and others around Dunsley.
Footpath 13 (Upton Cross towards Sutton) wooden slat on top of stile is loose.

7) Publications

- a) details of remaining publications – there are still plenty remaining but may need an addendum.
- b) extension of distribution – it was agreed that a notice advertising the Walks' Booklet would be placed at the Tourist Office in Liskeard, in the Link, and at the Heritage centre and that the clerk would prepare a notice for Cllr Martin to distribute. Cllr Martin suggested that grant funding could be sought for future updates.

8) Correspondence

- a) Cornwall Council (29 Jan 2010) – Local Maintenance Partnership PPIP 2010/11. Concerns were expressed regarding doubt over future funding and consequently how planning expenditure might be undertaken. The committee also felt that the LMP had disregarded its long-standing, tailor-made regime of assessing public rights of way, and contracting work only in areas that required attention. The committee was also dismayed that the LMP seemed to have undertaken its own assessment without consultation with the PRow committee and without taking into account the particular requirements of the PRowS. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the LMP expressing these concerns.
- b) E-mail (26 Jan 2010) from parishioner regarding condition of footpath at Henwood. Cllr Todd explained history, and recounted a discussion he had had with the landowner and with the Henwood Association. The latter is prepared to get a group together to clear mud but are unable to do so until March, at least. It was agreed that the clerk would reply to explain the situation and also to suggest that help would be appreciated.

9) Finance

There were no financial items to approve.

10) Recruitment of Volunteers

- a) The committee hope for a positive response to the Parish Plan Questionnaire

11) Dates of Future Meetings

- a) Date of next meeting: 21 June 2010

12) Matters for next Agenda

None

13) Walks

Laurence and David offered to organise walks; dates tbd but one would be evening.

Mike doing a 'Friends of Stara Woods' walk in April.

14) Close of Business the meeting closed at 21h10