

Linkinhorne Parish Council

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

on Monday 18th February at 7.00pm Rilla Mill Village Hall

- 1) Present: Roger Cullingham (Chairman), Cllr Hordley, Cllr Horrell, Cllr Lobban, Lawrence Smith, Cllr Todd Doug Weeks
- 2) Apologies: Catherine Brunsden, Cllr Martin
- 3) Chris Monks from Cornwall County Council's Heritage and Countryside Service was welcomed to the meeting and discussed actions identified following the public path improvement programme survey. The Service planned to carry out much of the work unless the Public Rights of Way Committee had a mind to carry out the tasks, there were no major projects although some structures would need attention. It was anticipated the works would be carried out between April and June of 2008. Specific works discussed were:
 - a) No. 1 – possibility of a dog gate being installed if the Service were able to supply the materials.
 - b) No. 2 – way-marking of diversion and inclusion of some additional steps down through the woods.
 - c) No. 3 – North end – stile needs additional platform – dog gate interested.
 - d) No. 5 – to add a platform set and a further platform set plus a way-marker set.
 - e) No. 6 – installation of a pipe and renewal of stile and board walk. Phoenix – stile possibility of extra granites to build up some steps, gate hanging to be sorted, query way-marking.
 - f) No. 8 – Replace existing steps– round section considered hazardous, depends on cost.
 - g) No. 9 & 10 – Yolland – fallen trees within the woodland. Northern section – one gate had a latch that needed altering and stile into main road – timber – potential stock proofing area.
 - h) No. 12 – PROW worked on the gates but the hangers are too flexible. Ladder stile – consultations through parish council with the landowner.
 - i) No. 14 – Darley Farm – gate/woods.
 - j) No. 16 – stile staircase. PROW could adjust the gate.
 - k) No. 17 – Browda path diversion working well – no problems.
 - l) No. 18 through Patrieda – silver path – complaints about how wet it gets – Possibility of eco-units to form a type of causeway – could be done as a volunteer task? Chris' colleague to approach the landowner.
 - m) No. 23 – renewal of timber steps – done by original landowner – been there for 12-15 years. Care not to be interfering with private rights. Gate been repaired by PROW. Gorse to be left.
 - n) No. 32 – waymarks would be more suitable – requested by PROW to keep people close to hedge. Posts.

Chris Monk agreed to send guidance on permissive paths and the Chairman thanked Chris for the support of Cornwall County Council.

- 4) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 15th October 2007 signed as an accurate record.

- 5) Permissive path from rear of Sterts to Netherton
Cllr Todd had met Natural England and the current landowner who is selling off the land. The new owner of Netherton Farm was keen to keep the path going, it is currently a conservation walk with Defra/Natural England. Natural England cannot reinstate the path until the new landownership transaction is finished when they will put the path back as it was until September 2009. The steps would be put back in and Natural England had supplied some signs to put back on the path in due course. The new landowner's only concern was dog muck. Cllr Todd was thanked for his work in resolving the matter.
- 6) Schedule of work
As attached. Tread for FP 10 to be obtained through Chris?
- 7) Footpath maintenance contract
It was resolved the draft contract was approved by the public rights of way committee and would be awarded by the Parish Council.
- 8) Publications
 - a) Walks booklets sold since last meeting: 20
- 9) Correspondence – noted.
 - a) Countryside Information Officer, CCC
 - b) Tom Fletcher, Principal Access and Development Officer, CCC
- 10) Finance
 - i) Any items for approval – none.
 - b) Dates of parish walks to be agreed
24th March, 2pm, Catherine Brunsdon
6th June, Cllr Todd starting from Manor House Inn
Poppy walk – Beryl – to advise of a date.
It was agreed to use the front of the walks booklet for posters for future walks.
- 11) Dates of future meetings and matters for the next agenda.
16th June and October 20th.

Kate Dilworth, Parish Clerk, 8th October 2007