



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Footpaths Committee meeting in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 6.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Ms S Osborne (Chair), Mr G Beach, Mr R Andrews, Mr A Bickley, Ms S Brown, Dr M Zumbuhl, Ms M Stevens (co-optee)

In Attendance – Mrs R Faulkner (Clerk to the Council), Sharon Williams (Parish Path Warden)

15/FP/1 Ms Osborne was elected as the Committee Chairman for the council year 2015/16.

15/FP/2 The committee **RECOMMENDED** co-opting Margaret Stevens to the Footpaths committee

15/FP/3 To receive apologies for absence – none

15/FP/4 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 - were agreed and signed as a true record.

15/FP/5 Declaration of Interests – none.

15/FP/6 Public Participation – none

15/FP/7 The committee received a report from the Parish Path Warden (nominated by the Ramblers) regarding the role of the warden. Ms Osborne asked if there was a way of combining the work that the Footpaths committee does with the work of the Warden to avoid duplication. The warden reports findings to the Ramblers who then report to Oxfordshire County Council. The committee was keen to confirm that the spreadsheet is used by Oxfordshire County Council and concluded that it was a useful tool and record. The committee asked if there might be other ways of collating the information.

15/FP/8 The committee agreed to undertake the biennial walk of all the parish rights of way for 2016. Ms Osborne suggested that the parish map be divided into quadrants as usual, but that these are rotated so that each committee member can get to know all the paths over time:-

NW – Andrew Bickley

NE – Margaret Stevens

SW – Sue Brown

SE – Mark Zumbuhl

15/FP/9 Ms Osborne confirmed that the path through Fruitlands is not a registered public right of way.

15/FP/10 Wharf Stream Way. Ms Osborne said that she feels that the entrance to the walk, which is owned by Thames Water, could be significantly improved. Sharon Williams suggested that Thames Water may be willing to provide funding and would pass on relevant contact details. An email has been received by Heather McCulloch regarding the next stages of the project and a meeting is to be set up with her.

15/FP/11 The pedestrian signage at the crossing from the Bitterel to the Wharf Stream Way has still not been completed by Oxfordshire County Council. Ms Osborne will contact the council to ask when the work will be completed.

15/FP/12 Path between Marlborough Place and Hanborough Close. Complaints have been received about this path many times over the past few years. It has been difficult to establish the ownership of this path and Ms Osborne will continue to try and discover ownership.

14/FP/24 Date of next meeting – 8 March 2016

The meeting closed at 7.30pm