

Notes from the informal gathering of members of the
Environment Committee

held in Town Council Office, Castle Park
On **Tuesday 17 November 2015**, at 7pm



Present: Cllr A Oulton, Cllr L Brown, Mr J Beswick, Mr G M Bondi, Mr P Morris & Mrs A Scriven (Office Manager)

Meeting 5

No	Item	Action
The members present agreed to discuss some matters on an informal basis as the meeting was not quorate.		
Marshlands		
It was noted that the Neighbourhood Planning Group are not yet at the stage to discuss matters relating to Marshlands.		
There may be another tree fallen, but this is to be investigated and reported on at the next meeting.		
Japanese Knotweed has been found on neighbouring land owned by CWC.		
Tree Matters		
Following the update that St Lukes School have requested that the Frodsham Transition Initiative are not granted permission to plant 15 fruit trees along the field edge bordering London Road, it was agreed to monitor the existing orchards. A suggestion was made that possibly trees could be planted in the London Road area, with an educational value to be of benefit to the school.		
The 2 additional yews planted in the hedge at the Community Centre are now dying and it was agreed that no further yews should be planted here. Cllr Brown is to look into getting advice on having the soil tested to try to establish the cause of the problem. LB		
Cllr Oulton is to meet with Mr Bondi on site to discuss the coppicing and thinning work required to be carried out at Hob Hey Wood. Chain saw training can then be organized for appropriate people. AO/GMB		
The replacement tulip tree is to be confirmed at the next meeting and the new copper beech has been planted.		
Rights of Way Maintenance		
Footpath 33 – extremely wet area along this path, possibly due to drainage from new houses or collapsed culvert – to be reported.		
Footpath 49 – large amounts of knotweed in this area		
It was noted that all paths are very overgrown at the moment, but it was felt that CWC are starting to catch up on outstanding work.		
To note any update on upgrade of footpath 8 to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT)		
Hob Hey Wood		
Cllr Ashton is to be asked for an update on purchase of piece of track leading up to new land.		
Cllr Jones is to be asked to update the committee on possibility of a grant from Cheshire Community Action. LJ		
Boardwalks – Mr Bondi's report is to be circulated at the next meeting and Mr Morris is to locate a better quality wire to recover the existing boardwalks after the leaves have all fallen. Cllr Poulton is to be contacted to request his group of volunteers help with this work at the appropriate time.		
Mr Bondi is to look into Forestry Commission/Mersey Forest grants that may be available. GMB		
Memorial Field – Wildflower meadow has been cut.		
Marl Pits - the bulbs have been planted.		
Facilities Manager – Van: the van is to have the graphics applied next week		

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	Parish Paths – the updating of the monitor list is to be done at the next meeting.	
	Pond Trail – it is hoped that the Pond Group will reconvene in the Spring. Mr Bondi is to investigate the current status of the Pond Trail for use on the website.	GMB
	Festival of Walks – the costs for the production and delivery of the 2016 leaflet are to be considered at the next meeting.	
	Business Plan 2016-17 and associated budget: members are to be asked to consider and suggest any plans they may have for the future financial year and to bring ideas to the next meeting, along with costs involved. This will allow a full budget plan to be formulated for submission to the FTC budget meeting in January 2016.	
	Campaign to Protect Rural England: FTC are now members	
	Any other matters considered to be urgent for discussion, or item for next agenda	
	Date of next meeting: Monday 7 December 2015	

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