

Turnpike Field Working Group (TFWG)

Notes of Meeting Monday 17th June 2024

Present: Cllr Steve Elliot(SE) – Chair ,Michael Cookson (MC) Cllr Kate Down(KD) Nigel Mottershead (NM), Jean Stainthorpe(JS),Judy Evans (JE)

Public Forum: No MOP attended the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr.Geoff Seddon(GS). Christine Middleton(CM), Peter Morgan(PM) Cllr Ryan Jones(RJ) -
2. **Notes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024:** All members agreed that these were an accurate record.
3. **Car Park:** A sub group consisting of Steve Elliot(SE) Nigel Mottershead(NM) Judy Evans(JE) Michael Cookson(MC) & David Higham(DH) met recently to look into the requisites for restarting the car park project for the field. It was agreed that DH together with NH and JE would, subject to approval by APC, put together a presentation based on the design plan previously prepared as to the way forward.
 - a. During its preparation this paper would be reviewed with some other councillors. prior to its presentation to full council for approval at their November meeting.
 - b. The next step would that a Village Meeting take place in November to present these plans to residents for their approval.
 - c. This plan of action is to be submitted **by SE** to APC for approval at their July 1st meeting.
4. **Fields in Trust:** Awaiting the outcome of ongoing solicitors review.
5. **Funding:** Awaiting the outcome of ongoing solicitors review.
6. **Bridge Between Fields:** APC has approved the work on this, however new material prices are required **(SE)** APC require a Design and Health & Safety Statement before any works are carried out.**(SE)**
7. **Muddy Path:** In order to alleviate the situation it has been suggested that a French Drain be installed. Costings to be sought from Dylan Jones **(SE & NM)**
8. **Benches:** Awaiting the outcome of ongoing solicitors review. The positioning of **ADAS** bench and the picnic bench from outside the Public Hall will need to be decided. The bench from the Public Hall is in storage. **(NM & SE)**
9. **Pond Dipping Platform:** Awaiting the outcome of ongoing solicitors review.
10. **Maintenance: AWEG** have requested that when the tree by the entrance gate is cut down that a couple of tree trunk sections be placed near to the ponds to encourage wildlife. Parish Clerk is checking with the tree surgeons regarding this. The removal of the tree will require traffic management – as BT are closing the road in early July could this be linked in with them **(SE)** to investigate. Ragwort – the lower field is virtually clear and the grass will be cut and baled, suitable for reuse. The upper field which has a lot of ragwort will be cut, baled and dumped.**(PM)**

Balsam – volunteers have cleared a large quantity but more needs to be cleared, volunteers still needed(**ALL**)

Tony Seabridge to be asked to cut the parking area in the top field prior to PoTP.(**SE**)

The hedge between the Shropshire Street entrance and the corner of Green Lane is overhanging the pavement – this will hopefully be cut this week.

11. **Trees:** Consent had been received for carry out the recommended survey work. BenBow Brothers Ltd are to carry out the works. See also **10**. Above.
12. **Environmental Update.** Nothing to report.
13. **Website:** In abeyance.
14. **Bookings:** There seems to be some confusion as to the location of the Village Fete, is this on the field or the Playing Field? if the latter is parking required on the field? ADAS to be contacted(**SE**). The visitors padlock for the Festival of Transport will be held by **NM**.
15. **Any other business:** None
16. **Date of Next Meeting –Provisional Date 15th July 7-30pm – venue - Methodist Church Meeting Room.**

Future Meetings: 23rd September, 21st October, 18th November