

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF A MEETING OF EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL RIGHTS OF WAY WORKING PARTY HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, EXMOUTH ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016 AT 3.30 P.M.

Present:

Cllr. A Greenhalgh (Chairman) Cllr. M Williamson
Terry Knights (P3 Coordinator) John Petty
Lisa Bowman Sue Cody (Office Manager)
Cllr. J Trail

Guest Speaker: Ros Davies, DCC Public Rights of Way Officer

Apologies: Cllrs. Robert Masding, Brenda Taylor & David Dadd (Volunteer to P3 Coordinator)

Notes of the Last Meeting 14th October 2015.

These were accepted and signed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from the last notes and not included in the current agenda

- **Solar Lighting** – installation of the self-cleaning solar lights along the cycle trail was completed at the end of October 2015. Several compliments had followed particularly as they aided the elderly when walking.
- **Insurance for the P3 Coordinator** – Exmouth Town Council had Public Liability Insurance which covered activities carried out by volunteers on behalf of the Council. The Town Clerk would advise Aviva that the Council had a P3 Coordinator and a volunteer.
- **Numbering on Public Footpath posts** – some public footpaths now had a small plastic disc on them which depicted the footpath number and was seen useful when walkers wished to report problems encountered on their walk. Terry would identify posts without discs and Ros would identify any P3 funding which could be used for that purpose. Miller signs may be able to produce them. EDDC Countryside division were currently identifying any signage on their nature areas. There was currently no signage to show where Gunfield Gardens were.
- **Provision of handrail between Oldfield and Long Lane**
EDDC Streetscene had installed the handrail.
- **Starcross Ferry in respect of transportation of bicycles**
Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, Exmouth Town Council met with Mr Rattley the owner of the Starcross Ferry but as the ferry was a private enterprise it could not be supported by funding from Devon County Council.

A suggestion was made that the Town Council may wish to participate in the Beating of the Bounds. This had been done several years ago.

Exmouth Rotary Club were to put on a walk around Bicton grounds which may be the last time it would be organized.

Note: Councillor J Trail joined the meeting at that point.

Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Presentation on P3 Scheme – Ros Davies, DCC Public Rights of Way Officer

Ros Davies gave a presentation the Public Rights of Way community approach to improving access in the countryside. Members were distributed with a hard copy of the presentation for their reference. She added that DCC funding was calculated at £30 per mile of Public Footpath and a bid for projects up to the value of £2,000 could be submitted.

The chairman thanked Ros Davies for her informative presentation and her attendance at the meeting.

Feedback from Councillor Rob Masding from his attendance at DCC Highways Parish and Town Council Conference

Councillor Rob Masding had been delayed at a meeting that day and was unable to attend the Rights of Way Working Party meeting to give feedback.

Terry Knights

Terry Knights gave an update on work that had been undertaken during the winter months. The contractor had strimmed Footpaths 4,7,14 &15 and had removed dead Elms on Footpath 15. A fence had been erected adjacent to the hedge at Buckingham Close on Footpath 2. Terry had carried out light clearance and small branch removal on Footpaths 2,4,6,7,11 & 15.

Complaints had been received for 3 footpaths that were not on the definitive map. A suggestion was made for numbers to be attached to official footpath posts to assist with the public identifying and reporting footpaths where problems had been incurred. Small works had been carried out on the Estuary path which runs parallel to the Exe Estuary Trail.

Footpath 5 From Salterton Road to Littleham Church which crosses the cycleway has badger problems on the north-western side resulting in soil being scattered onto the steps by the badgers which is making them slippery. Richard Spurway was aware of the problem.

The finance report had been submitted to Devon County Council which had resulted in no extra money this year but the usual P3 allowance and a contribution to the administration of the P3 scheme had been authorized.

The chairman thanked Terry Knights for his update and his commitment as P3 coordinator.

Removal of Way Markers at Devon Cliffs Holiday Park

Footpath 3 from Littleham which meets Devon Cliffs coastal path has been reduced width ways for the last 100 metres by the re-siting of a larger mobile home which has encroached onto the public footpath. The result of this is that the hedge would need to be well clipped back or removed by DCC. The footpath way marker had also been removed.

Date of the next meeting

No date had been set for the next meeting.

Meeting finished at 5pm.

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