

## EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL: PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY WORKING PARTY

### Notes of meeting of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm in ETC Meeting Room

#### **ACTION POINTS IN YELLOW**

#### **PRESENT**

Bruce de Saram	BdS	ETC councillor, Chair
Chetna Jones	CJ	ETC Deputy Town Clerk
Olly Davey	OD	EDDC & ETC councillor
Ian Kirvan	IK	ETC councillor
Andrew Toye	AT	ETC councillor
John Petty	JP	Cycle Path Group
Jan Gannaway	JG	Sustrans/Cycle Path Group
Helen Bennett	HB	Footpaths Volunteer
Heath Nickels	HN	Footpaths Volunteer & P3 Co-Ordinator, Exmouth Wildlife Group
Ross Hussey	RH	Footpaths Volunteer
Tim Clatworthy	TC	ETC & Footpaths Volunteer

#### **APOLOGIES**

Jeff Trail                    DCC councillor  
Emma De Saram

#### **1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**

#### **2. NOTES OF MEETING OF 23RD OCTOBER 2019**

These were accepted as accurate.

#### **3. MATTERS ARISING FROM NOTES OF LAST MEETING**

The wooden fence on the Exe Trail has been repaired, but not the tarmac surface.

#### **4. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Community Actions recommended in the Exmouth Neighbourhood Plan (NP) have now been linked to PRoW action plans. Action on GA12 (i.e. to improve the cycle/footway network across the Exmouth NP area as a strategic infrastructure project; p.87 of NP document) to be initiated at next PRoW meeting.

#### **5. TO RATIFY HEATH NICKELS AS THE NEW P3 CO-ORDINATOR FOR EXMOUTH**

HN was ratified as the new P3 Co-Ordinator.

#### **6. ITEMS FOR SUBMISSION FOR P3 SCHEME, INCLUDING UPDATE ON ANNUAL SURVEY**

- a) FP 1 (Coast path): The hole at the western approach to Devon Cliffs has been repaired, probably by the National Trust, but much of the path is dangerously muddy and ideally should be gritted.
- b) FPs 2 & 6 (Green Farm): Paths extremely muddy, and overgrown in places. By the river, the path has been fenced in. P3 coordinator to review with volunteers.
- c) FP 5 (where it joins Salterton Road, near McDonalds): Handrail added; **directional marker to be added.**
- d) FP 14 (Lyndhurst Road, alongside brook): Overgrown; will need to approach the owner of affected part. ETC Supplementary Maintenance Team could attend to this, although the footpath does not form part of the P3 scheme. It was asked if we could take it off our list of responsibilities, but apparently this has been suggested before and on public request it was reinstated.

## 7. UPDATE ON EXMOUTH DEFINITIVE MAP REVIEW

- a) No updates had been received. **CJ to chase up.**
- b) **BdS/CJ to enquire whether there remains any S106 funding** for the Partridge Road/Dennesdene area. JP pointed out that the numbered footpaths constitute only 10% of the total footpaths in Exmouth, and that all of them were important.

## 8. UPDATE ON CURRENT STATE OF FOOTPATHS

- a) Exe Trail: The tall bench near the Lower Halsdon Farm crossing has been vandalised again. **CJ to report this to LAG** as this is a recurring problem.
- b) FP 9 (between Maristow Avenue and Exeter Road) The collapsing wall has now been repaired by the landowner. **CJ to request Locality Grant funds from Richard Spurway** to re-lay this path as it is much used by residents catching buses, as well as others in the vicinity.
- c) **Footpaths off Exeter Road: RH to take photos/ videos of the situations here and to send to CJ and HN.**
- d) FP 11 (estuary) has been affected by the ongoing tidal defence works. Waiting for EA (Environment Agency) to complete works.
- e) FP between Partridge Road and Lovell Close: now impassable due to overgrowth. Ironically there has been a reduction in complaints since the overgrowth, as this has deterred anti-social behavior, and there was a feeling that it might be better in this case to allow it to overgrow.
- f) FP 3: Five-bar gate at junction of Castle Lane with Golf Course: dilapidated, resulting in people walking around it, thereby creating a new path. **HB to send ETC updated photos**; though this forms part of Budleigh's province, it still comes under Richard Spurway's responsibilities, and he is aware of this.

## 9. AOB

- a) **Toxic yew** planted by EDDC on Beach Gardens opposite 'Ocean': ([Yew \(Taxus baccata\) - British Trees - Woodland Trust](#)): highly poisonous to humans and animals; **recommended to contact Parks team to remove and replace.**
- b) **Tim Dafforn: CJ to invite him to next meeting.**
- c) On behalf of ECA (Exmouth Community Association), JG recommended that we push for the foot/cyclepaths mentioned in the NP to be created (e.g. along Maer Valley, and to Woodbury Common); this to be considered at next PRow meeting.
- d) **Recommended that members contribute to publicising Exmouth's footpaths & cycleways;**
- e) **Highlight the publications "Visit Exmouth" and "Eight Circular Walks in Exmouth and Lymptone";**
- f) **Draw public attention to 'Active Travel Day' on April 18<sup>th</sup>,** intended to raise awareness of the increasing need to have safe places to cycle.
- g) JG is working on designing an App which she hopes to present to ETC in April. JG to meet in April to discuss creating an App which provides information to the user on where the nearest foot/Cyclepath is.

## 10. NEXT MEETING: 4.00pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, ETC ground-floor meeting room.

This meeting closed at 7.55pm.