

MINUTES of the Works Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 6.00 p.m. at the Parish Centre, Gerald's Way
in accordance with notice given

In the Chair: Cllr Samaroo

Present: Cllrs Lilly, Oakley, Wood

In attendance: Clerk & Chris Attwood

W.01.06.22 APOLOGIES – Cllrs Mayo, D Taylor and L Taylor for personal reasons.

W.03.06.22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

W.04.06.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

W.05.06.22 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Oakley proposed, “**acceptance of the minutes of 18 May 2022**” This was seconded by Cllr Wood. There was one abstention.

W.06.06.22 CLERK'S REPORT – attached

Activity Trail – the cost of the trail has increased once again, this time by a delivery charge of £143 giving a final total of £1,284. It was agreed to proceed.

Friends of Frith Wood – we have been given a copy of the MDH Forestry Services survey of the wood together with a summary and recommendations. To be put on the next agenda. **ACTION: Agenda**

Bus stop issues – Cllr Lilly advised that he had checked the stops and they all have a flag. The bus shelter at Bussage Village hall is the ‘terminus’ and doesn't have a flag as it is no longer an active stop. However, the time table app does not appear to agree with the actual bus stop flags.

W.07.06.22 REFERRALS – none

W.08.06.22 CORRESPONDENCE

Several Chalford Hill School students wrote to the Parish Council recently making suggestions for improvements in the parish. The suggestions included dedicated dog play areas in playing fields, public toilets, more gym equipment and a library. It was also mentioned that foliage is overhanging some footpaths. The Clerk will find out the paths of concern. **ACTION: Clerk**

W.09.06.22 DRY STONE WALL STONE

Cllr Oakley referred to recent training for volunteers in stone walling and the fact that they ran out of large stones. Stone will be required for the repair of collapsed walls on parish land, e.g France Lynch and Brownhill allotment walls. Friends of Frith Wood has applied for a grant that could include funding for stone for the rebuilding of the walls along the path bordering Frith Wood. Other sources could be via Cllr Mayo and stone on a path in Middle Hill Allotments. Cllr Lilly said that funding for stone should be included in the 2023/24 precept.

W.10.06.22 JUBILEE AREA SEAT REPLACEMENT

The committee considered designs. Cllr Lilly proposed, “**we purchase a Marmax Recycled Seat at a cost of £329 plus delivery and VAT.**” This was seconded by Cllr Wood and unanimously agreed. Funds to come from the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces budget. It is suggested that the jubilee plaque (supplied by Cllr L Taylor) that we have for the dead oak tree could be used on the seat. The Clerk will speak to Cllr L Taylor before proceeding. **ACTION: Clerk**

W.11.06.22 METAL DETECTING

A resident has asked for permission to carry out metal detecting on parish land. A similar request was received in 2019 and permission given, the agreement being that 50% of the value of finds, over a value of £50, to be paid to the Parish Council. Cllr Oakley proposed **“we give permission for metal detecting to be carried out on parish land according to the same conditions as stated above.”** This was seconded by Cllr Lilly and unanimously agreed. Playing fields are excluded to avoid damage to the ground. **ACTION: Clerk**

W.12.06.22 JUBILEE TELEPHONE KIOSK

A request to paint a telephone kiosk purple, in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, was considered. Although the feedback was not entirely favourable Cllr Lilly proposed, **“we ask the resident who maintains the Silver Street Kiosk if he would paint the kiosk purple”**. This was seconded by Cllr Samaroo. There was 1 abstention and 1 objection. If the resident's response is negative, we will not proceed any further. **ACTION: Clerk**

W.13.06.22 FOOTPATH GROUP

MCH69 – an estimated cost of £6k/£8k has been given for the work required to this path. County Cllr Turner will hopefully provide some funds and the Parish Council has funds. Another meeting will be required to finalise the required work.

Barnwood Trust – Cllr Oakley has spoken with the Trust's representative regarding an accessibility statement. As a result, Cllr Oakley has been asked to forward a simple statement of what is required. In compiling the statement it became apparent that our project is quite small. The initial advice was to think big and ahead. Cllr Oakley proposed, **“we put Barnwood Trust on hold until we have further requirements.”** This was seconded by Cllr Lily and unanimously agreed. The question was asked as to whether we should paint the rails yellow as suggested by Barnwood Trust. No decision taken.
ACTION: Cllr Oakley

Bussage Pleasure Ground – it was agreed to proceed with the widening of the entrance opposite Frith Youth Centre. The current more experienced stone wallers will be asked to carry out this work.

France Lynch Allotments – Cllr Wood referred to the suggestion to replace the gate into the allotments, stating that it is quite solid and doesn't need replacing. This was agreed.

PROW and bridle ways – Cllr Oakley confirmed that it is illegal for horses to be ridden along PROW. There are three bridleways in the parish.

Frith Wood Waymark signs – Cotswold Wardens installed waymark signs in various places in Frith Wood but have not carried out the exercise correctly. It was agreed that Footpath volunteers will redo the exercise.

Baptist Church boundary wall – Cllr Wood referred to the planned repair of this wall by the Footpath volunteers asking the question as to whether there was sufficient stone to repair the wall or is the church supplying the stone. Cllr Oakley confirmed they have sufficient stone.

W.14.06.22 CHRIS ATTWOOD'S REPORT

Committee members considered the report. Cllr Samaroo suggested that more content is needed in the report to provide a true picture of the work that Chris carries out. The Clerk had received an email today from residents thanking Chris for taking the time to assist them.

W.15.06.22 WARD MATTERS

Cllr Oakley referred to the gate at the bottom of Frith Wood, opposite the cemetery, stating that it did not close properly. Chris will investigate. **ACTION: CA**

W.16.06.22 ANY OTHER MATTER

Two signs have been stolen, one on the road approaching from Bisley and the other on The Vatch. One stating Welcome to Chalford and the other Welcome to Bussage and Brownhill. Both thefts have been reported to the police.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.00 p.m.