

## Bleadon Parish Councillor

### Public Rights of Way, Footpaths & Bridleway related minutes

May 2018 - April 2019	04 May 18	308.11	To receive the Clerk's report... .Footpaths: muddy footpath AX6/12/30 – NSC estimate £350 to improve with stone and asked if the Parish Council can pay half. This will be on the next agenda for decision. Chairman confirmed he has the definitive map at home.
	14 May 18	309.8	<b>AGREED the following Councillors responsible for: ... c) Footpaths &amp; Bridleways = Cllr Hemingway</b>
		309.17	To Consider a contribution to improvements to Footpath AX6/12/30 – South Hill A resident reported that this footpath had been extremely wet over the winter. NSC suggested that stone to be placed along approximately 30 metres. NSC estimated the cost at £350 and asked if the Parish Council would contribute 50%. Options include: 1 – agree to fund; 2 – <b>prepare a schedule of the footpaths in the parish and rank their 'importance' to residents in order to agree best use of Parish funds.</b> Standing Orders were suspended to allow a discussion. Parishioners noted that several paths were a problem but considered that roads were a problem too, suggesting double yellow lines be put on the corner by Coronation Hall. A Councillor explained that this had been suggested within the last three years, at which time parishioners did not wish to have yellow lines at all. Standing Orders reinstated. Councillors responsible for roads, transport and footpaths will look at these issues together. The definitive map requires updating but gives a reasonable picture of the Public Rights of Way in the parish. AGREED that a schedule of the paths will be created in order to determine relative importance. <b>Action: Clerk to write to NSC to ascertain their planned expenditure on PROW in Bleadon (copy to Cllr Porter). [BOB NOTE: Were the public consulted re: importance? Where is this schedule publicly accessible?]</b>
		309.22c	To Receive the following Reports: ... (c) Footpaths & Bridleways – trees are encroaching on the footpath behind the post office on to Purn Hill. Clerk to write to landowner asking for them to be trimmed.
		309.24	To Receive the Clerk's report. The missing stile on the footpath exit on Roman Road close to Hillside Road was reported on 15th March and a reply received on 14th May: "The landowner has been offered a new pedestrian gate to replace his stile but, as yet, has not come back to me.

		There's no problems for the public so the gap will remain until the landowner decides on what he wants to do. Previous clerk updated in January."
11 June 18	310.3	To invite public participation – Cllr Hartree also handed over the PROW definitive map copies that had been water damaged and were now dry. Clerk to ask NSC for new copies.
	310.14c	To Receive the Following Reports: a) Allotments – Clerk to write to the Church Commissioners who own the allotments and explain that the boundary may be cut back. Another place where private hedging is encroaching on a footpath was mentioned.] ... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – many are overgrown; some information has been sent to NSC but they are only responding to 'H&S' issues due to budget cuts. The path from Bridge Road to the Caravan Park is flooded. On the bridleways there are gates that do not admit horses easily. Our section of the West Mendip Way is not a good advert for the village. A full report will be given at the July meeting.
09 July 18	311.12c	To Receive the Following Reports: ... c) Footpaths & Bridleways (report circulated to Councillors). <b>Cllr Hemingway was commended for the excellent report.</b> Undergrowth blocking many paths and stiles/gateways. Actions: Interim Ranger to strim the two gates on Purn Hill. Clerk to write to landowners re track to Purn Hill, footpath near South Hill Farm and the Rectory. Clerk to notify NSC re the footpath alongside A370 towards WSM. [ <b>BOB NOTE: Where is this report publicly accessible?</b> ]
13 Aug 18	312.9	<b>To Consider the Application for Modification of the Definitive Map</b> – Claimed Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT), Upper Canada Coombe, Hutton. It was AGREED TO OBJECT to the proposal, citing the need to keep public footpaths and bridleways vehicle-free where possible.
10 Sept 18	313.23c	To Receive the Following Reports: ... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – Yet to meet with NSC for full discussion. Bridleway repairs very good round Shiplate Road. Clerk to ask NSC whether barbed wire at the bottom end of Purn Lane is permissible on the PROW.
	313.25	To Receive the Clerk's report. Actions Completed: - <b>framed the copy of the PROW map – Hall Management Committee will confirm whether / where it may be hung in the Hall.</b>
08 Oct 18	314.20	<b>To Consider Actions for improving public footpath access and safety. Setting up a group of volunteers</b> requires further work. Meanwhile, the Ramblers group working with NSC will undertake the works on AX6/23, AX6/22, AX6/20, AX6/14, AX6/12 at South Hill Farm Woods, AX6/10 Roman Road to woods down the hill, AX6/10, AX31 and sluice gate of AX6/14. Yet to meet with NSC and Landowners to clear up Anomalies on AX31/08, AX6/04, AX6/10, AX6/12, AX6/14 and AX6/21,22,23 exit on to Roman Road.

		NSC has not yet agreed funding for new furniture and signs for AX6/25, AX621, AX6/18, AX6/12, AX6/10, AX6/05, AX6/04 and AX6/01. <b>Signage for Bridleways and Caution signs for Walkers and Horses</b> need to be on Shiplate, Roman, A370 and Accommodation Roads as there are no signs and these links to the Bridleways are very dangerous. <b>AGREED to prepare costings and allocate funding for signs. F&amp;P Committee to consider at next meeting.</b> Proposed Cllr Richardson. Seconded Cllr Hemingway.
	314.21c	To Receive the Following Reports:... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – plan to set up three volunteer groups, training from NSC (50% contribution from Parish Council) to cover footpaths; Bleadon in Bloom; and litter/tidying. <b>Need to investigate whether PC insurance covers the volunteers (as with Hutton). Lead trained volunteer responsible for Risk Assessment and group management, sent to NSC.</b> West Mendip Way sign at Purn Farm is broken and needs replacing.
12 Nov 18	315.19c	To Receive the Following Reports:... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – <b>coordinators for each of these will manage volunteers and work with NSC to improve. Meeting on 14th November [BOB NOTE: Where are the outcomes/decisions made at these meetings publicly accessible?]</b>
23 Nov 18		No minuted report
10 Dec 18	317.22c	To Receive the Following Reports: ... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – Mendip Way signposts to be replaced by NSC at Purn Way and Purn Lane. Postholes dog out by Mr Davies.
14 Jan 19	318.19	To Consider disposal of the strimmer and brushcutter. Cllr Hemingway confirmed that the Bleadon in Bloom group and <b>Footpaths Volunteers</b> wanted BPC to keep these for their use. <b>Andy Eddy is coordinating the volunteers and is insured by NSC for the purpose.</b> He has the training and required certification for safe and proper use. <b>Risk Assessments are prepared prior to each group activity.</b> PROPOSAL: that the <b>Parish Council keep and maintain the equipment for use by the volunteers.</b> Proposed = Cllr Hemingway. Seconded = Cllr Baines. CARRIED <b>[BOB NOTE: Where are these Risk Assessments publicly accessible?]</b>
	318.22c	To Receive the Following Reports: ... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – West Mendip Way steps from the field to the corner of Celtic Way replaced. Full report next month.
	318.25	318.25 Correspondence since last meeting ... NSC confirm safety signs to be progressed in the New Year ?
11 Feb 19	319.18c	To Receive the Following Reports: ... c) Footpaths & Bridleways – no report

		319.21	To Receive the Clerk's report ...West Mendip Way signs being repaired by NSC (Purn Way) ...NSC confirm safety signs to be progressed in the New Year.
	11 Mar 19	320.18b	To Receive the Following Reports: ... b) Footpaths & Bridleways: (no report) Bleadon House to Rectory Lane is muddy – Cllr Richardson to seek hardcore from Marshalls
		320.20	NSC yet to complete safety signs
	01 Apr 19	321.18b	To Receive the Following Reports:... b) Footpaths & Bridleways: it was suggested that NSC has grants available to improve access; clerk requested information but has not heard back to date. It was requested for the gates on the bridleway at the top of Mearcombe Lane which are currently inappropriate for horseriders. Signpost to be replaced on Purn Way soon. Marshalls are donating chippings for the footpath from Bleadon House to Pear Tree Lane.
		321.13	To Consider use of Reserves ... <b>£1,650 = NSC horse/pedestrian signage</b>
		321.21	Other Correspondence. Out:... <b>email thanks to Marshalls for donations for Allotments and Footpaths [BOB NOTE: How will footpath &amp; bridleway maintenance be financed if/when Marshalls close the quarry?]</b>
May 2019- April 2020	13 May19	322.15c	<b>To Appoint members responsible for: ...c) <u>Public Rights of Way and other footpaths: Cllr Richardson [BOB NOTE: Bridleways removed?]</u></b>
		322.34c	To Receive the Following Reports and Consider any recommendations: ... c) Public Rights of Way and other footpaths: updated audit at next meeting
		322.36	To Receive the Clerk's report...Requested accessibility improvements for bridleway on Mearcombe Lane; NSC has had very limited complaints but will investigate.
	10 Jun 19	323.21c	To Receive the Following Reports and Consider any recommendations: ...c) Public Rights of Way and other footpaths – no report
	08 July 19	324.4	Exchange of information between Councillors Cllr Baines stated that several members of the public had complained to him regarding the impassable state of some footpaths in the village.
		324.14	To Note the Reserves Schedule. ... Allocated from Special Reserve 10.4.19 Road safety signs - 1,650 [Change of wording from NSC/horse pedestrian signage see 321.13]
		324.22	To Consider arrangements for strimming footpaths. <b>Complaints are being received regarding paths being 'impassable'. The responsibility for clearance lies with the landowner and NSC as enforcer. NSC will train volunteers (the cost is £100 per volunteer, which NSC will grant</b>

		<p><b>aid 50%)</b> in the use of brushcutters. BPC has a brushcutter and strimmer. The following ACTIONS were AGREED: <b>Cllr Richardson to prepare a report and proposal with map of the essential paths. Clerk to ascertain from insurers whether we are already covered and, if not, the cost of doing so. Clerk to request NSC write to landowners to remind them of their duty. Clerk to write to landowners (where known) if no action apparent by end of July. [Where is the report, proposal and map of essential paths publicly accessible?]</b></p>
	324.24	To Receive the Clerk's report, including Correspondence, and Consider any requests ...16. Letter from resident regarding impassable footpaths.
20 Aug 19	325.22	To Receive the Following Reports and Consider any recommendations: DEFERRED, except: ... <b>Roads and footpaths</b> – drains are not coping with the rain; Clerk to write to NSC. In particular, the broken/blocked drainage at Bridge Garage caused a serious flood (and has not been addressed in several years). [ <b>BOB NOTE: Roads added &amp; No Bridleways?</b> ]
09 Sep 19	326.26c	To Receive the Following Reports and Consider any recommendations: ... c) Public Rights of Way and other footpaths – Cllr Richardson informed members that there was nothing to report
14 Oct 19		No minuted report
11 Nov 19	328.10	Reports/Update from Committees, Working Groups and the Clerk:- ...Public Rights of Way and other footpaths. No report