



Bothenhampton & Walditch  
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**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
held REMOTELY at 5pm on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

<b>Initials:</b>	<b>Invited:</b>
MW	Cllr Martin Warne (Chair)
CA	Cllr Chris Addis
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
GSt	Cllr Graham Styles
Clerk	Tan Cox

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	<b>Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda:</b> None	
	<b>Apologies:</b> None	
	<b>CLERK'S NOTE</b>  Due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements this meeting was held remotely using video conferencing software.  The L01-20 Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (coronavirus) (flexibility of local authority and police and crime panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, Regulation 5(2) require that all participants should be able to be seen and heard throughout the meeting and this condition was satisfied.	
1	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>  The minutes of 30 <sup>th</sup> October were agreed. Cllr JB confirmed that the dog bins should be sited at the top of Walditch Road and the other at the bottom of Spinners Lane.	

Minutes agreed: Chairman  on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding heavy lorries along Main Street, Bothenhampton – draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Mrs Irvine. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding spreadsheet provided by VFO – check to ensure a note of the condition of each footpath (whether passable or not). Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding Tony’s Track – ask the Lengthsman to sever the hedge roots at the side of the track to prevent them doing any further damage to the tarmac. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding Burton Road Traffic Issues – write further letter to Dorset Council (Mr Carey asking him to reconsider this problem and to suggest an option for alleviation. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding signage on the A35 (Sea Road South) – write letter to contractor asking for the matter to be resolved. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding Footpaths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Effects of the drainage works at Bonscombe Farm should be observed, and if necessary hardcore could be used to provide a solid footing if the winter mud is impassable. Cllr JB to assess the condition in the coming weeks – roll over.</li> <li>● Investigate ownership of unrecorded footpath at bottom of Walditch Road leading to Crock Lane. Found to be Dorset Council property. Action completed.</li> <li>● Ask Dorset Council to consider revising the OS map detailing footpath W5/21-W5/2 to show the path going straight up the hill, close to Bothen Wood (the correct path being blocked with a badger sett). Cllr JB has contacted DC but no response – roll over.</li> <li>● Ask Dorset Council to consider revising the OS map detailing footpath W5/7 to show the footpath going left after the stile to the first field, up the hill to the track and following the track up to Sadness Copse. Cllr JB has contacted DC but no response – roll over.</li> <li>● Report to Dorset Council the poor state of the steps at the top of Blood Lane W5/2 and the need for extra steps on the stile at the top of the land, leading to W5/4. Action completed.</li> <li>● Report to Dorset Council the need for steps to be made in the steepest part of the permissive path* on W5/21. Action completed but see page 5.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Regarding Scheduled Meeting with Lengthsman 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 - Request Dorset Council to repair the steps and handrail down from Valley Road into the Nature Reserve, just above the old kiln. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding Walditch Speed Limit, chase progress. Action completed but see AOB.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>ROLLED OVER ITEMS – from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding spreadsheet provided by VFO – include condition of each footpath. Cllr MW to check with the VFO that his spreadsheet now contains this detail. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding footpaths in Walditch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● email VFO priority footpaths. Action completed.</li> <li>● notify VFO that two further dog bins are required in Walditch and they need to be added to the map. Roll over.</li> <li>● notify VFO of error in the spreadsheet (Bin GRB1). Roll over.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Cllr MW Cllr MW</p>
2	<p><b>Main Business</b></p> <p><b>Feedback from Chair on the work of Volunteer Footpaths Officer (VFO)</b></p> <p>Cllr MW said that the VFO has worked extremely hard over the last few months making sure the footpaths are clear. It was agreed that all requests for work should be routed through Martin who will set up regular meetings with him when the lockdown ends. There was further discussion about the need to offer a token of appreciation for the work of the VFO.</p> <p><b>Cycle Paths in the Parish</b></p> <p>Cllr MW thanked Cllr JB for his thoughts on the cycle paths for the area. There was discussion around the various options and the finance and practicality of creating / maintaining cycle paths.</p> <p>Cllr JB suggested that the various cycle paths he had mentioned in his email could be reflected in the Parish Plan and be spread over a number of years. It was acknowledged also that some of the cycle paths were 'inter-parish' and linked with other parishes therefore the permission of other parish councils would need to be sought together with external funding.</p> <p>Cllr CA said that the money involved to turn some of the tracks into established cycle paths would cost many thousands and it was beyond the scope of the parish council's budgets.</p> <p>Cllr GSt said that he had spoken to various cyclists in Bothenhampton and they had come up with some useful suggestions mainly confined to road safety and the education of drivers through signage and speed limits. He said he would email a summary to Councillors for their further consideration.</p> <p>Cllr MW asked Cllr JB to run through the specific points that he had made for cycle paths:</p> <p>Cllr JB referred to the cycle path from Walditch to Bridport Town Centre, there was discussion about this to permit cyclists a safe route to join cycle path at East Road roundabout.</p>	<p>Cllr MW</p>

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	<p>Cllr JB referred to Tony's Track and it was acknowledged that a 'no cycling' sign had been affixed to deter cyclists.</p> <p>Cllr JB referred to paths to Shipton Gorge and Burton Bradstock. Cllr CA said that the route is very undulating with steep hills and would cost a lot of money to create a bespoke cycle path.</p> <p>Electric bikes were discussed with a view being that people are beginning to use electric bikes more with the sales of electric bikes outstripping the sales of pedal bikes. Councillors agreed that it therefore makes the creation and adoption of cycle paths an important issue.</p> <p>Other routes that could be viable for adoption were discussed, including a route taking in Wych Hill past Bennets Farm and Milvers Lane and Burbits Lane to Shipton Gorge.</p> <p>Cllr CA referred to a website provided by Dorset Council that has a Bridport interactive cycle map detailing various cycle routes.</p> <p>Cllr MW agreed that many of the actions could be included in the Parish Plan where they can be progressed.</p> <p>Cllr CA said that when we make proposals to Dorset Council or Bridport Town Council proposing changes or enhancements, we would need to be realistic and practical.</p> <p><b>Dog Bins</b></p> <p>Cllr JB highlighted the fact that there are limited places to fix dog bins and dog bin notices. There was further discussion and the Clerk confirmed that the dog bins had been ordered. She will also confirm the siting of dog bins to DarylC being top of Walditch Road along the track W5/57 (contact Cllr Addis) and bottom of Spinners Lane.</p> <p><b>Lengthsmans Hours</b></p> <p>The Clerk reminded Councillors that there had been an agreement to ask Bridport Town Council for bi-monthly work sheets, she confirmed that these had now been received and explained that Cllr AL had checked the most recent work sheet and found an anomaly which has now been corrected. It was agreed that Cllrs MW and GSt would peruse the work sheets when they are forwarded to them by the Clerk to ensure that they looked accurate.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to send future work sheets to MW and GSt.</p>	<p>Cllrs MW and GSt</p>

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	<p><b>Valley Road Rubble and Weeds</b></p> <p>There was agreement that the parish council had taken this issue as far as it could and had written to Dorset Council and the resident. The Clerk reminded councillors that the letters are on the website.</p> <p><b>Milvers Lane</b></p> <p>Cllr MW confirmed that Milvers Lane is not in our parish. The Clerk confirmed that she had been in touch with the Clerk at Shipton Gorge and had asked for updates. Cllr JB confirmed that he had been in touch with Mrs Palmer and asked to be kept informed.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <p>A report has been made to Dorset Council outlining the need for steps to be made in the steepest part of the permissive path* on W5/21. Dorset Council, in their response said that this was not seen as a priority and the work is on their pending list to be done at some point in the future.</p> <p>Cllr JB said that in the meantime the parish council could gain the support of volunteers to create steps rather than leaving it as a slippery slope. It was agreed that Cllr MW would have a chat with the VFO about this.</p> <p><b>Email from P &amp; D Wright of 8 Bothen Drive</b></p> <p>Cllr MW referred to the email and to the issues raised therein.</p> <p>Cllr JB confirmed that there is a footpath that goes to the fire station but ends at this point. After the fire station it is grass land. Cllr JB suggested that we ask Bridport Town Council and/or Dorset Council Highways to extend the footpath (W1/13) another 20 metres or so to run from the fire station to the gate from the meadow, this would create access across the meadow to the existing pedestrian crossing where people could cross the A35 safely.</p> <p>It was agreed that a letter should be written to both Bridport Town Council and Dorset Council Highways to request a footpath from W1/13 at junction with Sea Road South to the fire station along the side of the road. The Clerk will also contact Mr Wright to confirm that the parish council is progressing this.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Regarding Walditch Speed Limit, Clerk to chase progress.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting ended at 5.55 and the Clerk reminded councillors of the date of next meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm via Zoom.</p>	

**SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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Regarding expressing thanks to VFO - chat with VFO to establish preferences.	Cllr MW	3
Regarding Lengthsmans hours - The Clerk agreed to send future work sheets to MW and GSt.	Clerk	4
Regarding footpath W1/13 – Clerk to write to Dorset Council Highways and Bridport Town Council. Clerk to contact Mr and Mrs Wright.	Clerk	5
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**RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO OSPA SUB-COMMITTEE – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

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