

Footpaths working group meeting 7:30pm at The Old School, 11/6/24

	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome and present - CK, MR, SM-O, EG and Cllr Jane Taylor Also welcomed were two visitors (that are considering joining the group) and JG who is going to join the group and gave background information on the formation and purpose of the group.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies - S & P W, KQ</p>	
3	<p>Terms of Reference These were circulated prior to the meeting and were approved by existing members present and to be presented to the Parish Council. Ask (the PC) if the name could be changed to Rights of Way Working Group as that better reflects it's purpose. No other lead for this group coming forward, Jane is to continue with the role.</p>	<p>Jane Jane</p>
4	<p>Update on meeting with Wiltshire Rights of Way Warden Prior to this meeting, Jane attended both West Lavington and Easterton's Parish Council meetings to establish a working relationship with both their Rights of Way leads, who are very keen to work with us. Carol Hackett (Clerk to PC) met with the new Warden earlier in the day at 1) and Jane at both re: 1) MLAV13 along by cemetery where it gets waterlogged. Jane had previously met Anthony Snook (Easterton RoW lead) as they are replacing the fencing. Wilts RoW are to provide a membrane and scalplings for us to lay. A discussion followed re this proposal. E knows the Northbrook field owner and he will be cutting it for hay so no access would be possible until after then, but to be asked for access. The other access is through the cemetery and field owned by Easterton who are to be asked. It was felt that prior to this work, drainage needs to be considered to prevent water collecting. Wilts RoW to be consulted. A working party would be required to include people more able to carry out heavy work. 2) MLAV3, WLAV45, MLAV2 – Also present Peter West, Chair and Steve Laister, RoW lead from WL PC, DG, Head Groundsman and J, Groundsman from Dauntsey School, OS, land owner. The issue is joining up MLAV3 and WLAV45 /46 which now has a 30' drop down towards Russell Mill Lane, and reinstating it would be very costly. Dauntsey are to re fence their boundary so a potential solution is to continue MLAV3 to pick up MLAV2 just NE of the bridge. Wilts RoW to ascertain exact routes and get back to us all to arrange another site meeting.</p>	<p>Carol Jane</p>
5	<p>Updates in rights of way assessments to date Various RoW have been assessed, with the remainder being done in the following weeks. Jane to advise which with suggestions of who to cover – email to follow.</p>	<p>Jane</p>
6	<p>Agree who is to create and update the record of RoW S is no longer a part of the group and K has said she and her husband will do this. Outline spreadsheet to be sent to her.</p>	<p>Jane/ K</p>
7	<p>Priorities and plans M and C have assessed MLAV24 (parallel to White St) and feel this should be first, following residents that back onto it being advised. Jane hopes to liaise with the Parish Steward during his next visit to establish what our working party can do, and what he can do during his July visit and if he is able to deal with cuttings etc e.g. use of chipper. Working party for this footpath Saturday 6th July, meeting at 10am where it joins The Clays. To take own secateurs, gloves, rakes etc. Details to be circulated nearer the time. Risk Assessment to be carried out. To ask if SS group can assist.</p>	<p>M & Jane Jane Jane</p>
8	<p>Dates of Parish Warden visits 17/18 July, 18/19 September, 17/21 October, 20/21 November, 13/16 December. Knowing the dates, we can liaise with him to work on RoW together where necessary.</p>	

	It was suggested that we be advised when Mark Goddard is cutting paths, and where necessary we can clear the debris as he leaves it on the paths, as when this includes brambles, it's dangerous to dogs (paws) in particular.	
9	Any other business Link to Wiltshire RoW map to be sent to everyone	
10	Close and date of next meeting Next meeting to be on a Wednesday – check Old School availability with Carol. Jane thanked everyone for attending and M for the cake Meeting closed at 9pm	Jane