

Footpaths working group meeting 7:30pm at The Old School, 17/7/24

	Item	Action
1	Welcome and present - MR, SM-O, PW, JG, FW, TW and Cllr JT Also welcomed was MS	
2	Apologies - CK, SW, EG	
3	Working party MLAV24 review Very useful meeting Parish Steward prior to our work for heavier duty work to be carried out first. Letters to house owners prior to work keeps them informed. Hand tools only to be used eg no chain saws for insurance purposes. Before work commences, need to remind people of agreed places to put arisings. Arisings need to be dealt with as you go along. Leaving debris may cause obstacles for footpath users and are a trip hazard. Everyone needs to be aware of where other people are and the surroundings when cutting back to ensure no injuries or damage to property. Residents to be written to advising that the path has now been cleared so not to put their arisings over their boundary. Establish exactly where landowners responsibility lies when a Right of Way borders their boundary.	
4	Updates Middle section of MLAV24 to be finished. Scalpings to be delivered for MLAV13 hopefully in next few weeks. MR met the owner of the field SE of MLAV10 and NW of MLAV1A (opposite Spin Hill phone box, along and down towards Northbrook). He has contractors cutting back overgrown boundary and replacing various sections of fencing with post and rail after 1 st September. Very amenable. Wilts RoW warden and owner of Wick Farm now in communication re MLAV3.	
5	Priorities and plans Complete MLAV2 - working party to be arranged through WhatsApp. Awaiting delivery date of scalpings and working party to be arranged through WhatsApp It makes sense to next do MLAV25 but this is too big a task for this group alone. Jane is meeting Fred (from Parish Council) to discuss this. MLAV9 from The Nest, Ledge Hill to Kings Rd between Southlawn and Sandwold is classed as a bridleway but it would be currently impossible to get a horse along there	
6	AOB Overhanging vegetation Generally speaking, overhanging branches from trees within a landowner's land can be cut back to the fence line. Technically they can be put over their fence, but we need to be sensible about this. whose Terms of Reference These have been approved by the Parish Council, and we are now known as the Rights of Way Working Group. No other lead for this group coming forward, JT is to continue with the role. Footpath Inventory KQ husband has created a spreadsheet for us and is willing to update accordingly, for which he was thanked. Parish Warden Matt is next due to visit 18/19 September MyWilts The link for looking up Rights of Way is wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com To report RoW issues, the best way is to get the MyWilts app. It can pinpoint the location and you can add photo's.	
7	Close and date of next meeting The next meeting will be arranged via WhatsApp when required. JT thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 8:30pm	JT