



PURTON PARISH COUNCIL

INFORMAL RIGHTS OF WAY MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JULY 2018 AT PURTON VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 10.00 am

Members of the Public are invited to attend the Informal Rights of Way meeting to discuss items below and any issues relating to Footpaths within the Parish

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. REPORT FROM THE INFORMAL RIGHTS OF WAY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2018.

Copy available at the meeting or can be viewed on the website.

3. FOOTPATH TEAM

Our three Footpath Teams have been busy carrying out clearance work and repairs/renewals and highlighting problems on Footpaths within our Parish.

Copies of the Footpath Teams Action Lists will be available at the meeting or can be viewed on the website.

4. THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS WERE RAISED AT THE INFORMAL RIGHTS OF WAY AND OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2018

a) Wiltshire Council's outstanding work

A meeting was held on 7th February with Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way Officer to produce a list to prioritise Wiltshire Council's outstanding work on footpaths in the Parish of Purton.

The list will be available at the meeting.

To date due to limited resources Wiltshire Council have only completed one item, this was to install a Fingerpost on FP16 Pond Lane.

b) Footpath 161

The Footpath Team added way markers along the new fence as requested.

Residents requested that the Parish Council contact Wiltshire Council to ask for the Modification Order for Footpath 161 be amended to the trodden route.

Wiltshire Council confirmed that for a modification change to take place it would require a request from the landowner and the change would be at the landowner's expense.

c) Footpath 161 leading to FP 110 & 112.

This footpath was highlighted to be dangerous and a suggestion was made for a rail to be installed for walkers. Discussions are ongoing between Wiltshire Council and the landowner.

d) A request was made to contact Wiltshire Council with regards to the removal of a hedge on Vasterne Hill.

Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way Officer visited the site and confirmed the landowner has not breached any regulations by removing the hedge and a replacement was already in hand.

e) Way Markers.

A request was made for way markers to be placed on FP 42,44,45,46B,47,48 & 49. to emphasise the footpaths. The Footpath Team have actioned this request.



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f) Ditch Clearance.

Concerns were raised about the drainage on the B4553. The landowner confirmed that arrangements would be made to clear the ditches during the summer months.

RETIREMENT

After 21 years of loyal voluntary service to the residents of Purton ensuring the footpaths are accessible, our wonderful George is retiring. George is just one of the many unsung heroes of our village. Purton Parish Council gives thanks and gratitude to the work of the volunteers and George over the years and hope he enjoys, finally, his retirement.

FIRST AID TRAINING

Members of the Footpath Team joined Parish Council Staff in a First Aid Training Course in March. The course that was run by Matt Rogers from ABCD Care Training, the training was very informative and well received.

5. KISSING GATES

This year the Footpath Teams have been busy installing 7 new Kissing Gates making walks around the Village more accessible for all abilities. This has been made possible by residents sponsoring gates in memory of their families & loved ones.

The Parish Council have received letters of thanks from residents to pass on to the footpath team for the installation of the sponsored Kissing Gates.

6. MAPS AND LEAFLETS

Four walk leaflets are available to buy from the Parish Council Office for 50p each.

Leaflet 4 Ringsbury Camp & Greenhill.

Leaflet 5 Canals & Railways.

Leaflet 7 Two Churches.

Leaflet 15 The Battle Walk.

The leaflets will be available to buy at the meeting.

Public Rights of Way in Purton maps will also be available to order.

A3 = £1.50.

A2 = £3.00.

A1 = £6.00.

A0 = £13.00

7. FOR INFORMATION

Village Walk – The Village Walk will take place on 2nd September, meeting in the layby by the vets for 2pm, distance will be approximately 4 miles. The route is to be confirmed.

8. QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

To take question regarding rights of way and open spaces within Purton and where necessary refer to the Full Council meeting to be held on 10th September 2018.