

WILTSHIRE BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

at THE QUAKER MEETING ROOMS, SUSSEX WHARF, DEVIZES

on WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2022

Present: Mr Norman Beardsley: Chairman; SUSTRANS Liaison; Netheravon Area Rep.; (NB)

Mrs Rosie Cunningham: Admin Secretary; (RC)

Mrs Michelle Haley: Treasurer; Devizes Area Rep.; (MH)

Mrs Rosie Pack: Membership Secretary; Newsletter Editor; (RP)

Mrs Heather Emery: Marlborough Area Rep.; (HE)

Mrs Sally Wills: New Committee Member & Potential Minutes Secretary; (SW)

Miss Barbara MacMullen: Filing Clerk & temporary Minutes secretary; (BM)

Apologies: Mr Bill Riley: Historical & Legal Adviser; (BILLR)

Mrs Charlotte Hill-Baldwin: Web Master; (CHB)

Mrs Emma Hodgson: Lavington Area Rep.; (EH)

Miss Mary Gillmore: Wilsford Area Rep.; (MG)

1.0 NB opened the meeting by welcoming Sally Wills & introducing her to Committee members present

NB signed the Minutes of the last meeting 8/12/21 as a correct record of proceedings

2.0 Matters Arising:

2.1 Re:-2.1 Treasurer's /Financial Report – Income since 8/12/21 = £42 (subs x 3)

Outgoings since 8/12/21 = £116.71 (£32 – Hire of Marsden Room x 2 & £116.71 Newsletter)

C/A = £5,970.33p Savings Account Balance = £17,569.00p

MH has prepared end of year accounts for presentation at AGM; she will bring copy of these to the next Committee meeting (9/2) for verification. BM to let MH have a list of clothing.

2.2 Re:-2.2 ① Membership -144 Ongoing RP

② Promoting WBA – A) Display Boards at Brail Farm; NB to bring up to date for AGM NB

B) Old Maps & Statements NB

C) Promotional Leaflets BM & EH

2-0 Matters Arising (cont.)

2-3 Re:-2-3 Newsletter – RP is planning the next issue for April – after the AGM

Ongoing RP

2-4 Re:-2-4 Electronic Communications – ① Website & Facebook Pages – some updating necessary [contacts etc. MH to do] Ongoing CHB

② Reports - From 10/11 – None

Since 8/12 – 1) from Cheryl Dollery – a) Baydon BR 5 – no access & Baydon BYs 17 & 19 are treacherous b) If Baydon FP 18 could be upgraded to a BR it would make a continuous route – MyWilts 0027088 & 0005023 Ongoing NB & HE

2) Damage to BRs in Heddington & Stockley area by motor cycles & 4WDs Ongoing RP

3) Info re 'Wiltshire horse Rider Volunteers' More info needed; see AGM (2.7) Ongoing NB&RP

2-5 Re:-2-5 Pleasure Rides 2022 – RP investigating possibility of Savernake Ride taking place in May again. MH has volunteered to do entries on line Ongoing RP

Other possible venues for rides were discussed – Ongoing

2-6 Re:-2-6 Brail Farm - ① Filing etc. - BM continues with this; Humidity adequately controlled running the de-humidifier for a couple of hours at a time - Ongoing BM

② External maintenance - NB kindly removed all the cut vegetation so improving access; no progress yet with external painting Ongoing NB & ALL

2-7 Re:-2-7 AGM 2022 – Thurs 31/3 7pm [setting up from 6:30pm] meeting starts 7:30pm

Speaker – Wiltshire Horse Rider Volunteer Group

Meet & Greet – 'Signing in', sales of badges etc. (BM to bring clothing) RP

Refreshments - Tea, Coffee Biscuits etc. BM Display boards etc. NB

Raffle – Donation for prizes from Committee Members; (Tickets and float BM) RC

Copies of Accounts x 25 MH Agenda etc. NB

2-8 Re:-2-8 Other Organisations

① CAF & Wiltshire RoW Liaison – No Information forthcoming Ongoing NB, BM & JH

② FoRP – Workday scheduled for 27/1 Ongoing NB

③ NFoBA – No Information of relevance Ongoing NB

④ Open Spaces Society Ongoing MH

2-9 Re:-2-10 CLAIMS ① W. Lavington BR 14 – Extension Ongoing EH

② Easterton BR 10 – Upgrade to Rest. BY Ongoing EH

2-0 Matters Arising (cont.)

- 2-9 (cont.) ③ Royal Wootton Bassett – FP 10 Upgrade to Rest. BY Ongoing RC
④ Kington Langley - BRs 10 & 11 Upgrade to Rest. BY Ongoing VT
- 2-10 Re:-2-9 Winterbourne Stoke BR 5 & Shrewton BYs 4 & 15 – Signage & Designation problems MyWilts 00051799 Ongoing NB
- 2-11 Re:-2-12 Milton Lilbourne BR 18A & Pewsey BR 33 – Directional ‘Finger Posts’ x 2 needed – MyWilts 6305 / 26371 Ongoing RP
- 2-12 Re:-2-13 Barbury Shooting School – BR compromised by ‘Clay Pigeon Shoot’
Ongoing NB & HE
- 2-13 Re:-2-14 Ogbourne St George BR 7 - Obstructed & existence denied by landowner; NB will resubmit to Wilts Council Ongoing NB
- 2-14 Re:-2-15 Shalbourne BR 50 – BR needs clearing & signing MyWilts 39420 Ongoing RP
- 2-15 Re:-2-16 Bratton BRs 20, 21 & 23 – signage & clarification of route needed
Ongoing NB & EH
- 2-16 Re:-2-17 A303 Underpass – Secretary of State awaiting further application for development of Amesbury to Berwick Down / A303 Ongoing ALL
- 2-17 Re:-2-18 C. Ducis BR 35 – Overgrown & impassable; needs checking Ongoing NB
- 2-18 Re:-2-19 Manningford BR 30 – ‘Finger Post’ needed MyWilts 40427; MH has spoken to the clerk of Manningford PC who has put it on her “To Do” list Ongoing MH & HE
- 2-19 Re:-2-20 Alton Barnes BR 4 – Exit point on to road needs establishing; NB to review
Ongoing NB
- 2-20 Re:-2-21 Stert BR 1 – Obstructed with 2 sets of double gates Ongoing MG
- 2-21 Re:-2-22 Hullavington BY 32 – obstructed & signage incorrect
Ongoing NB & [James Higgs] JH
- 2-22 Re:-2-23 Kington Langley BRs 11 & 13 – lack of signage & route not viable Ongoing VT
- 2-23 Re:-2-24 Calne Without BR 38 – Road warning signs ‘Horses Crossing’ needed; MyWilts 43086; WC advises contacting PC for a ‘Highway Improvement Form’ HE has referred to PC & awaits response Ongoing HE
- 2-24 Re:-2-25 Corsley BR 19 – gates not user friendly; NB to review Ongoing NB
- 2-25 Re:-2-26 Broadchalke BR 13 – Gates not user friendly for Para-rider; DMMO for upgrade to Rest. BY which would negate any gates Ongoing NB
- 2-26 Re:-2-27 Baydon BR 4 ‘Finger Post’ needed; MyWilts 40593 [see also New Reports 2-4 ②]

2.0 Matters Arising (cont.)

2.26 (cont.) these Minutes Ongoing HE

2.27 Re:-2.28 Purton BR 145 – Insufficient signage & locked gates Ongoing VT

2.28 Re:-2.29 C. Kingston BY 33A & C. Kingston BR 6A - problem with gates; RP is liaising with landowner [George Hosier] on these matters Ongoing RP

2.29 Re:-2.30 C. Kingston BR 18A – New gates are not horse friendly and difficult to open MyWilts 27727 RP will contact landowner [Robin Hallam] Ongoing RP

2.30 Re:-2.31 Compton Bassett BR 5 – Overgrown & huge badger holes Ongoing VT

2.31 Re:-2.32 Cricklade BR 16 – Extension of Swindon/Cricklade old railway line northwards; ? completed; VT to check Ongoing VT

2.32 Re:-2.33 W. Lavington BR 48 – My Wilts 41205 Field now drilled & sown but not the headland/BR but it is difficult to ride along because of earlier ploughing Ongoing MH

2.33 Re:-2.34 E.Knoyle BR 56 – MyWilts 41676 BR blocked by fence Ongoing RP

2.34 Re:-2.35 Melksham Without BR 14 – MyWilts 38978 – MH to submit a Section 130 as no progress on lack of signage & unsafe bridge Ongoing MH

2.35 Re:-2.36 Zeals BR 22 – Impassable due to being overgrown & gate on the ground & buried beneath vegetation. Needs fresh reporting on MyWilts new system Ongoing NB

2.36 Re:-2.37 Woodborough BR 12 – Gates at base of Woodborough Hill make route inaccessible to horse; fresh report on MyWilts new system needed Ongoing NB

2.37 Re:-2.38 Purton BR 134 – New gates locked; Needs resubmission on MyWilts Ongoing VT

2.38 Re:-2.39 M. Lavington BR14 – Missing signage Needs resubmission on MyWilts
Ongoing EH

2.39 Re:-2.40 Atworth BR 12 – Electric fencing too close to BR; MyWilts 43280, 43281, 43284 & 43285 Ongoing VT

2.40 Re:-2.41 Broad Town BR 25 – Gate accessing BR at Cotmarsh nailed shut; RP will check this route in the near future as she will be in the area Ongoing RP (NB)

2.41 Re:-2.42 Pewsey BR 1 – MH has started a claim to upgrade this route to a Rest. BY [future reference to this item under 2.9 CLAIMS] Ongoing MH

2.42 Re:-2.43 Purton BR 15 – Drainage ditches blocked; badly overgrown reducing width; VT to visit & submit a referral to MyWilts as necessary Ongoing VT

2.43 Re:-2.44 Patney FP 5 & BR 8 - Missing signage & BR obstructed by cattle feeding pen MyWilts 43874 Ongoing NB

2.44 Re:-2.45 All Cannings BR 20 & Stanton St Bernard BR 10 – lack of signage on All Cannings

2:0 Matters Arising (cont.)

- 2-44 (cont.) BR 20 & narrow bridge with dangerous gate on Stanton St Bernard BR 10 NB has forwarded photos [taken by HE] to WC Ongoing NB & HE
- 2-45 Re:-2-46 Trowbridge FP 8 - awaiting result of referral to Secretary of State re. proposal to upgrade route to a BR Ongoing NB
- 2-46 Re:-2-47 Bromham BR 60 – BR signs need replacing MyWilts 40030 Ongoing MH
- 2-47 Re:-2-48 Bromham BR 44 – Heavy wooden gates Not user friendly MyWilts 40029 Ongoing MH
- 2-48 Re:-2-49 Malmesbury Without BR 54 – Locked gate off A429 Ongoing NB
- 2-49 Re:-2-53 Wilsford BR 5 – defined width reduced; very overgrown; rabbit holes make surface dangerous; MG has referred to PC and they will liaise with WC Ongoing MG
- 2-50 Re:-2-54 Wilsford BR 7 – Spring on BR gate is too strong & using field gate is not an option as tied shut with baling twine; MG has referred to PC to liaise with WC Ongoing MG
- 2-51 Re:-2-55 Wilsford BR 10 – Overgrown, reduction of width & surface uneven Ongoing MG
- 2-52 Re:-2-56 Wilsford BR 6 – Overgrown with blackthorn; awaiting 2nd gate Ongoing MG
- 2-53 Re:-2-57 Wilsford BR 8 – Spring on BR gate too strong; surface poor Ongoing MG
- 2-54 Re:-2-58 Wilsford BR 13 / Charlton St Peter BR 9 – Overhanging dead branches Ongoing MG
- 2-55 Re:-2-59 Lyneham BR 35 – Bridge is unsafe MyWilts 43278 Ongoing VT
- 2-56 Re:-2-60 Gates on Hilmarton BR 22 – Steve Leonard (Warden) has been in contact with land owner and supplied bollards to replace gates which are not authorised Ongoing MH
- 2-57 Re:-2-61 'Horse Rider' sign on A342 at Nursteed needs replacing Ongoing MH
- 2-58 Re:-3-1 Burbage FP 6 – Map not forthcoming; Statement returned to BM for filing at Brail Farm {done 16/1} RC to pursue map Ongoing RC

3:0 Correspondence

- 3-1 Email from NB – Copy of Order made for Durrington FP/BR 15 RC to keep on file
- 3-2 Emails from MH – 1) BHS RoW Stakeholder Report 2) BHS National Conference & a recording of the day 3) BHS 'on line' Training Dates for "Getting started, using DOBBIN, making a DMMO application" MH reports very good value.

RC to keep hard copies of the above on file

4:0 A.O.B

- 4-1 NB – Prior to the meeting NB had circulated information re a new initiative by Charlton Park Estates [Charlton – north Wilts] to create permissive routes within the estate accessible

4-0 A.O.B (cont.)

4-1 (cont.) by the issuing of an annual pass; these routes are somewhat fragmented and had little or no connectivity with existing BRs; also there is very little available parking for transport for visiting riders. It was agreed among members present that no active input is required by WBA but contact names and procedure for obtaining passes etc. could be advertised on our website / face book pages and in the Newsletter

Action by – NB, MH, CHB & RP

4-2 MH – has been in contact with Chris Clark, Local Highways & Environment, with reference to the length of time taken for matters reported to MyWilts to be actioned; there were some issues relating to its being a new system and hoped for some improvement in the New Year; also there are significant financial restraints imposed on the council and they are looking at ways to better utilise the voluntary sector; WBA has repeatedly offered financial assistance with major repair works none of which has been taken up. MH asked Committee's permission to explore these possibilities – all present were in agreement with this idea

Ongoing MH

The meeting closed at 21:15hrs

TO ASSIST THE MINUTES SECRETARY & FOR THE RECORDS
PLEASE BRING TO THE MEETINGS WRITTEN DETAILS OF MATTERS
TO BE RAISED OR DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE

17th January 2022 / 18th January 2022 BM