

WILTSHIRE BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT THE QUAKER MEETING ROOMS, SUSSEX WHARF, DEVIZES
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2023

Present:-

Mr Norman Beardsley:-Chairman; Sustrans Liaison, CAF Rep.; Area Rep. (NB)
Mrs Rosie Cunningham:-Admin. Secretary (RC)
Mrs Rosie Pack:-Membership Sec.; Newsletter Editor; Ride Organiser; Bedwyn Area Rep.(RP)
Mrs Emma Hodgson:-Lavington Area Rep. (EH)
Miss Barbara MacMullen:-Filing Clerk & relief Minutes Secretary (BM)
M/s Charlotte Curtis:-Potential new Committee Member [Lives in Coate - rides] (CHC)
M/s Laura Spencer:-Potential new Committee Member [Lives in Devizes – carriage driver] (LS)

Apologies:-Mr Bill Riley:- Historical & Legal Adviser (BillR)

Mrs Charlotte Hill-Baldwin:- Web Master (CHB)
Mrs Kate Dilnott-Cooper:-Minutes Secretary (KDC)
Mrs Heather Emery:- Marlborough Area Rep. (HE)
Mr James Higgs:- TRF Rep. (JH)

1.0 Approval of Minutes of last Committee Meeting – inserted at the end of the Minutes the following correction was made AGM at 2.7 reinstated - before being signed by the Chairman, Norman Beardsley; these were passed to BM for filing at Brail Farm. ['numbers' for Matters Arising will have numbers of July meeting with fresh 'numbers' allocated for these Minutes]

2.0 Matters Arising:

2.1 Re:-2.1

Treasurer's / Financial Report (NB has taken on the role of Treasurer temporarily and is working with the bank and Michelle Haley to obtain bank statements etc.

Current Account:- Income:- No information to date

Outgoings:- No Information to date

Balance as at Mon 31st July 2023:- Not Available to date

Business Savings Account:- Income:- NIL

Outgoings:-NIL

Balance as at Mon 31st July 2023:- £17,644.52p

RP has had contact with someone who might be able to take over the role of Treasurer.

See 2.2 below NB & RP to follow up this contact Ongoing NB, RP & ALL

2.2 Re:-2.2 Membership - 125 members; 1 new member Elissa Meissner who may be able to take on role of Treasurer NB & RP to follow up Ongoing RP [+NB]

2.3 Re:-2.3 Newsletter – RP reports that August edition should be ready for printing & distribution within the next week / 10 days. Ongoing RP

2.4 Re:-2.4 Electronic Communications – All, including face book pages, up to date.

Ongoing

NB & CHB

2.0 Matters Arising (cont.)

- 2.5 Re:-2.5 Pleasure / Guided Rides. Nothing planned in the near future Ongoing RP & ALL
 2.6 Re:-2.6 Brail Farm - ① Filing – continues Ongoing BM
 ② External maintenance etc. – Wasp's nest in roof space reported to RP; not causing any problem to date; no progress to date of possibility of need to move; NB has finished construction of a base to raise the external storage unit but has not yet put it in situ; BM took KDC to Brail Farm to introduce her to the site & so that she could see what would be involved if replacement unit /space is required. RC asked Planks, landowners at Lydeaway retail units etc. if there was any vacant space for our 'site office' - regrettably the answer was in the negative. Ongoing NB, RP & ALL
 2.7 Re:- AGM – 2023 AGM Minutes etc. completed; 'AGM' remains as an item ready for preparations for AGM 2024 Ongoing ALL
 2.8 Re:-2.7 Other Organisations:-
 ① Wilts & Swindon CAF meeting 26/7/23; held at Warminster – 14 Members attended; Draft Minutes will be forwarded when available. Ongoing NB
 ② ForP – NB persists in trying to get some response from Dick Millard [Chairman] re signage issues; nothing to date Ongoing NB
 ③ Open Spaces Society – NB has received the Summer 2023 OSS newsletter; some interesting articles; NB will forward to anyone interested [New Rep. needed] Ongoing ALL
 2.9 Re:-2.8 DMOS:-
 ① W. Lavington BR 14 - Ongoing EH
 ② Easton BR 10 - Ongoing EH
 ③ Kington Langley BRs 10 & 11 Ongoing NB
 2.10 Re:-2.9 Contact with Chris Clark (CC) – NB awaiting list of provisional dates for the next meeting Ongoing NB
 2.11 Re:-2.10 Winterbourne Stoke BR 5 Shrewton Bys 4 & 5 – no response from Countryside Access Officers [Alex Howson (AH) & Carys Ford (CF)] re signage Ongoing NB
 2.12 Re:-2.11 Milton Lilbourne BR 18A – Finger post with appropriate signage still awaited Ongoing RP
 2.13 Re:-2.12 Barbury Shooting School - NB had hoped to speak with Martin Fry (MF) at the CAF meeting 26/7 but unfortunately he was not present Ongoing NB
 2.14 Re:-2.13 Ogbourne St George BR 7 – No progress Ongoing NB
 2.15 Re:-2.14 Shalbourne BR 50 – No new information Ongoing RP
 2.16 Re:-2.15 A303 underpass – Newspaper article in the Gazette & Herald 3/8 states that the Government has given the 'Go Ahead' for work on this project to start in 2024 – watch this space Ongoing ALL
 2.17 Re:-2.16 Alton Barnes BR 4 - No new information Ongoing NB
 2.18 Re:-2.17 Hullaington Bys 9 & 32 – Awaiting result of discussion by Countryside Access Officer [Steve Leonard (SL)] with landowner – James Dyson Ongoing NB & JH
 2.19 Re:-2.18 Kington Langley Bys 11 & 13 – Awaiting confirmation that signage has been completed Ongoing NB
 2.20 Re:-2.19 Broadchalke BR 13 – Issue of validity of 3 Gates; Countryside Access Officers discussing with landowner Ongoing NB
 2.21 Re:-2.20 Zeals BR 22 – Awaiting action by landowner re cutting of dangerous hedge Ongoing NB
 2.22 Re:-2.21 Woodborough BR 12 - No action to date on resolving this issue Ongoing NB

2.0 Matters Arising (cont.)

- 2.23 Re:-2.22 Broad Town BR 25 – No response from WC; RP to follow up
Ongoing RP
- 2.24 Re:-2.25 All Cannings BR 20 – signage needed from road at All Cannings across field to Stanton St Bernard parish boundary and bridge across stream which is narrow & there is a gate which is superfluous to requirements (no stock on either side) This item is for discussion at next meeting with CC
Ongoing NB
- 2.25 Re:-2.24 Trowbridge FP 8 – Still awaiting decision to upgrade to BR by S.o.S; to be considered by exchange of statements – see Correspondence 3.6 these Minutes
Ongoing NB & RC
- 2.26 Re:-2.25 Bromham BR 44 – Heavy / broken gate; awaiting action by WC Ongoing NB
- 2.27 Re:-2.26 Lyneham BR 35 – Site visit with SL still needed Ongoing NB
- 2.28 Re:-2.27 Bromham BR 59 – RP walked this route with difficulty; signage & clearance needed; entered on MyWilts Ongoing RP
- 2.29 Re:-2.28 Whiteparish BR 22 – Site visit by NB 31/7/23 – All problems resolved. CLOSED
- 2.30 Re:-2.31 Calne Without BRs 89 etc. Copy of Order etc. received by RC & will be kept on file (see Correspondence 3.3 these Minutes) Remains CLOSED
- 2.31 Re:-2.32 Chapmanslade BY 31 – Overgrown & dangerous surface Ongoing NB
- 2.32 Re:-2.33 Tidworth FP 11 – Awaiting submission of 'New Order' by WC. TO BE CLOSED
- 2.33 Re:-2.34 Baydon BR 4 – Fingerpost & signage needed Ongoing HE
- 2.34 Re:-2.35 Baydon BR 5 – No evidence on ground; Sec. 130 served & form 3 returned by WC; No further Information to date Ongoing HE
- 2.35 Re:-2.36 Baydon BY 17 & BR 5 – Fingerpost & signage needed Ongoing HE
- 2.36 Re:-2.37 Baydon BY 19 – Surface unsafe; badly rutted Ongoing HE
- 2.37 Re:-2.38 Stert BR 7 - No response from WC to date; Charlotte Curtis is to report this item to MyWilts as well as she often uses the route Ongoing NB
- 2.38 Re:-2.39 Melksham Without BR 25A – PM contacted MH & reported he has visited Landowner and says he may be agreeable to diversion; NB to speak to PM Ongoing NB
- 2.39 Re:-2.40 Devizes BYs 58 & 62 – Grass verges need cutting to provide a better surface for horses; however the long grass conceals deep ruts and other hazards Ongoing NB & JH
- 2.40 Re:-2.41 Longbridge Deverill BR 2 – 2 Gates with weights attached; Response from WC still awaited Ongoing NB
- 2.41 Re:-2.43 Melksham Without BR 43 – Gate at Craysmarsh farm; needs handle or removal if not authorised Ongoing NB
- 2.42 Re:-2.44 Poulshot BR 8 – Spoil from ditch clearance dumped on RoW; PM aware & WBA awaiting action by WC Ongoing NB
- 2.43 Re:-2.46 C. Kingston BR 1B – Gates that are not user friendly Ongoing RP
- 2.44 Re:-2.47 Steeple Ashton RBY 30 – Bollards restricting access for carriage drivers Ongoing EH
- 2.45 Re:-2.48 BRs in Seend area – Broken & unauthorised gates on BRs that could make a circular route Ongoing NB
- 2.46 Re:-2.49 Durnford BR 11 / Winterbourne BR 27 – Poor access on /off a main road; No action to date Ongoing RP
- 2.47 Re:-2.50 Stert FP 11 – DMMO application to upgrade this route to a BR; RC has written a letter of support to WC Ongoing RC
- 2.48 Re:-2.51 Melksham BR 87 – Wire on gate which is illegal Ongoing EH
- 2.49 Re:-2.52 M. Lavington BR 24 – Signage is still an issue NB will renew Ongoing EH

2.0 Matters Arising (cont.)

- 2.50 Re:-2.53 Nettleton BR 36 – Awaiting submission of Highways Act 1980 sec 130 documents
 Ongoing NB
- 2.51 Re:-2.54 C. Ducis BR 34 – Blocked by fallen trees –now cleared but signage needed;
 Ongoing RP
- 2.52 Re:-2.55 Chute BRs 4, 36 & 38 – Finger post with signage needed
 Ongoing RP
- 2.53 Re:-2.56 Charlton St Peter FP 6 & BR 2 & Wilford BR 5; Application to upgrade these routes to Rest. BYs – It has been to Eastern Area Planning Committee – WC have not supported it; therefore it will go to the Secretary of State for determination and at inquiry WBA will have the opportunity to support
 Ongoing NB & RC
- 2.54 Re:-2.57 Pewsey BR 6 – walkway is rotten SL – has referred to Natural England; no further info to date
 Ongoing NB
- 2.55 Re:-2.58 Longbridge Deverill BR 9 – Overgrown & gate problems
 Ongoing NB
- 2.56 Re:-2.60 Warmminster FP 46 etc. – Order made to create Rest BY; Confirmation awaited
 Ongoing RC
- 2.57 Re:-2.61 Ramsbury FPs 8B & 44 & Axford Lane [Mildenhall] Application to record as a RBY – awaiting result of referral to Eastern Area Planning Board
 Ongoing NB
- 2.58 Re:-2.62 Devizes Gateway Rail Station – No further update
 Ongoing NB
- 2.59 Re:-2.63 Access to / from Livery yard at Conock – No progress to date
 Ongoing NB
- 2.60 Re:-2.64 Grittleton BR 4 – Route & signage problems resolved TO BE CLOSED
 Ongoing NB
- 2.61 Re:-2.65 C. Kingston BY 2A /Fairmile junction Signage needed.
 Ongoing NB
- 2.62 Re:-2.66 TIFO BRs 1 & 2 - Finger post & signage needed
 Ongoing RP
- 2.63 Re:-2.67 Burbage BR 14 – Gate closing too quickly; reported on MyWilt's Ongoing RP
- 2.64 Re:-2.68 Nth Newton BR 8 – Spoil from ditch clearance
 Ongoing NB & RP
- 2.65 Re:-2.69 Shrewton Rest. BY 7 and ford
 Ongoing NB & Billr
- 2.66 Re:-2.72 Berwick St John BR 14 – obstructed by locked & chained gate; also route has deep mud
 Ongoing NB
- 2.67 Re:-2.73 Christian Malford BR – no evidence of existence of this route on the ground
 Ongoing NB & JH
- 2.68 Re:-2.74 Chute BY 35 – Loss of full width of this BY with landowner of Gammons Farm placing large boulders along grass verge; RP has passed information to AH – Countryside Access officer but to date has had no response
 Ongoing RP
- 2.69 Re:-2.75 Buttermere BRs 1 & 7 & FP 6 – Lack of signage and gate problems – an up to date Statement has been obtained from WC mapping Dept. [NB is going to ask for a Parish Centred map] Problems on these routes further complicated by county boundaries running through this parish
 Ongoing RP
- 2.70 Re:-2.76 Shrewton BY 32 – Parish Council have agreed to contractor accessing land via this route but there is concern that the surface is unsafe; NB is arranging a mutually agreeable date for a site visit & discussion with the Chairman of Shrewton PC
 Ongoing NB
- 2.71 Re:-2.77 Huish BR 14 – Gate in fence line needing handle & new bolt & adjustment to gate hinges; NB made a site visit 16/7 and is waiting to discuss with landowner as line of ROW is in doubt
 Ongoing NB & HE
- 2.72 Re:-4.1 Send BR 55 & Rowde BR 21 – Damage to surface by vehicles using these ROW to access adjacent fields [new owner]
 Ongoing EH
- 2.73 Re:-4.2 ① Mkt Lavington BR 4 – Gate issue
 Ongoing EH
- 2.74 Re:-4.2 ② Mkt & W Lavington – Overgrown BRs
 Ongoing EH

2.0 Matters Arising (cont.)

- 2.75 Re:-4.3 Salisbury & Durnford area – Overgrown BRs – Site visits begun Ongoing NB
2.76 Re:-4.4 Potterne BR 20 – blocked by fallen trees; reported to MyWilts & PC. Charlotte Curtis (CHC) will also report to My Wilts and follow up Ongoing CHC
2.77 Re:-4.5 Easterton FP 1 & BY 5 - Proposed housing development which would adversely affect these RoW; to be monitored for full planning application Ongoing KDC
2.78 Re:-4.6 Sign warning of horses on A338 on road to W. Grafton – CC notified Ongoing RP

3.0 Correspondence:

- 3.1 From a) WC - C. Harlow - Order confirmed; proposed extinguishment of Castle Combe FP 19 [Copy of Order, Order Plan & Notice] b) Noman Beardsley [via e-mail] Proposed Diversion of Marston Meysey FP 10 part c) WC – C. Harlow – Order made for proposed extinguishment of Chippenham FP 107 [Copy of Order, Order Plan & Notice] a), b) & c) to be shredded.
3.2 From WC – J. Green – Application to upgrade Royal Wootton Bassett FP 64 to BOAT
To be kept on file
3.3 From Michelle Haley - Information that MH, in her role as Treasurer, notified BHS of dates of Committee Meetings, AGM, Pleasure Rides etc. as part of the Insurance cover WBA receive from BHS; & confirming that Risk Assessments are carried out on all events.
To be kept on file
3.4 From WC – S. Madgwick – Calne Without 89 (part), 89A & 89B Order Made [copy of Order, Order Plan & Notice]
To be kept on file
3.5 From WC – A. Roberts – Application to Upgrade FP Stert 11 – Ref. letter asking for details of Higher Rights.
RC to consult BillR.
3.6 From WC – J. Hughes – DM & Statements for Castle Combe 19 & Nth Tidworth 2.
Passed to BM for filing at Brail Farm.
3.7 From Planning Inspectorate – Proposal to upgrade Trowbridge FP 8 to a BR. Submitted to Secretary of State & to be considered by exchange of statements; [see also 2.25 these Minutes]
To be kept on file

4.0 New Referrals & A.O.B.

New Referrals:-

- 4.1 NB – from Martha Little 28/7 – Easterton BR 26 sown with cereal crops & route therefore blocked; NB will contact landowner and relevant Countryside Access Officer
4.2 NB – from Laura Hughes 29/7 – Melksham Without BR 41 seriously overgrown
Ongoing NB
4.3 NB – from Mark Shires 3/8 – Rowde BR 19 – blocked by fallen tree; surface unsuitable for equines
Ongoing NB
4.4 NB – from Jennifer Hitchmough 9/8 - West Ashton BR 4 – BR & gate blocked by excessive vegetation growth
Ongoing NB
4.5 NB – Wilsford BR 10 Maintenance still required on this BR to North of A342. To be referred to CC at next meeting with him
4.6 Vacancy of post of Treasurer discussed Ongoing ALL

The meeting closed at 21:50 hrs

P.T.O

14th August 2023 / BM
15th August 2023 / BM

THANK YOU

TO ASSIST THE MINUTES SECRETARY & FOR THE RECORDS
PLEASE BRING TO THE MEETINGS WRITTEN DETAILS &
UPDATES OF ALL ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS & ANY
OTHER MATTERS TO BE RAISED OR DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS & PASS TO KDC & BM
IF UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE SEND via E-MAIL TO NB