

Footpath Working Group

Notes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 in the Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present: M Davies (MD), S Young (SY), B Leech (BL), P Harris (PH), P Nichols (PN)

Anita Rose (AR)~Clerk

The clerk asked all that were present if they were in agreement under GDPR to have their emails and contact details shared – All were in agreement.

Cllr M Davies introduced himself to the group and announced he joined the Parish Council in May 2019.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received and accepted from L Marsh, L Yaxley, G Jinkerson and C Boss.
2. **The notes taken at the last meeting on 14th March 2019** were accepted as a correct record and were unanimously agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:** M Davies circulated the project plan and proposal to all members for their review.
4. **To update Project Proposal and Plan:**
 - Possible funding is available from the Partnership scheme from Norfolk County Council.
 - M Davies reported that the Parish Council had been updated and are in support to this plan.
 - It was highlighted that the land suggested for use of the footpath could be owned by 4 different land owners (Salamanca Farm, Kidner Farm, Adrian King and Derek Bales). Questions to be raised “would the land owners support the footpath?” “Gift or sell the land?”.
 - The position of the path would be best suited to the left-hand side heading to Upper Stoke from Stoke Holy Cross (North Side).
 - Further questions were highlighted; - Is planning permission required? Who will carry out the maintenance of the trod path? Would fencing be required between the path and field?
5. **To update site visit with County Councillor V Thomson:** M Davies reported that he attended a positive meeting with County Cllr V Thomson who he met on site to view the positioning of the proposed footpath. He was supportive of the project and plan and in addition mentioned the funding for the Partnership Scheme.

Signed _____

Date _____

To consider future actions and supporting roles:

- M Davies will draft a covering letter including a map for all land owners. B Leech had offered to contact landowners Adrian King and Derek Bales. P Nichols had offered to contact his neighbour who is a family / friend of Kidner Farms and M Davies will make direct contact with Salamanca Farm (R Harrold).
- The clerk will make enquiries in regards to the possibilities of any land gifted will the tax be written off.
- P Harris had offered to make enquiries to confirm if a outline planning permission for the trod path is required.
- S Young had offered to look into funding options.
- Would neighbouring parish's (Poringland / Framingham Earl) support the footpath? M Davies will provide a letter to the Clerk to forward to the clerks of the neighbouring parishes for discussion.
- The clerk to provide M Davies with the old folder from the previous Footpath working group for his review.

6. To confirm the date of the next meeting: 10th December 2019

There being no other business M Davies closed the meeting at 20:17pm

| ACTIONS | Assigned to |
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| Draft a covering letter to all Land Owners. Draft a supporting email to send to neighbouring parishes. To contact Salamanca Farm. | MD |
| To contact Adrian King and Derek Bales. | BL |
| To contact neighbour to contact owner of Kidner Farms. | PN |
| Enquire about planning permission. | PH |
| To source funding options. | SY |
| If the land is gifted will the tax be written off. To provide all old files / docs to M Davies | Clerk |

Signed _____

Date _____