

SOUTH WILTS GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Footpath committee Meeting 25th January 2010

Present - U Milner-White, J Hawkins, J Rolt, P Dashwood, N Martin

Apologies - N Dunnell, N Cowen, M Callow, G Read

Nick was not able to attend as he was at a meeting regarding the creation and promotion of an extension to the Avon Valley Path. This section starts in Pewsey and runs down to Salisbury on existing PROW. There will be a publication available describing the route.

VOLUNTEER WORKING PARTIES

Heavy -Dec Rained off materials to site only 10 hours

Jan None due to weather

Light - Dec Netherhampton 1 200 metres 15 hours

Jan Woodford 3 100 metres 10 hours

1. MATTERS ARISING

Nick had reported that Richard Broadhead, Public Rights of Way Manager Wiltshire Council, had been less than happy with the exchange of emails that followed his statement to Alan Roberts that the Council would have to give crop blocking a lower priority due to the pressures on staff whose numbers are already lower due to frozen posts. His email response to the criticisms was shown to the meeting. This has now been seen by all those that made comments.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Footpath Reports - 9041 and 9042 1001-1003

9041	23/12/2009	Ansty	FP 14	952 264	R Walker	Broken stile
9042	02/12/2009	Clarendon	FP 2	184 302	M Callow	Way-marked wrongly
1001	10/01/2010	Bishopstone	FP 15	076 263	M Callow	Electric Fence obstruction
1002	15/01/2010	East Knoyle	FP 20 BW 21	868 311	M Callow	Stile missing
1003	15/01/2010	West Knoyle/Mere	FP 16 FP 73	856 312	M Callow	Stile broken

Dinton FP 14-following Patricia's report last meeting Phillip Rabbetts investigated the current position and reported to Nick. Nick has looked at the problem and he thinks he can sort out the water problem. He thinks it is highway water and intends to extend the pipe 25-30 metres or so to connect it with an established ditch that runs between a large bank and the adjacent field. This should help a lot and Nick intends to do this work in the next few weeks.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREED RESPONSES

3.1 WC 14/12, 28/12 and 12/01 Proposed Diversion of Tisbury 65 and 69. These are paths past Wardour Castle and Court. There have been many objections to these proposals. WC Southern Area Planning Committee were to consider this on 07/01 but this meeting was cancelled. The date of the re-convened meeting is 28/01. The council is likely to reject the proposed diversion.

3.2 WC 15/12 and 12/01 Bridleway Order Winterbourne Gunner (Figsbury Road to MOD Camp) This Order is to be considered at the same meeting as above.

3.3 WC 18/01/10 Notice of proposed traffic regulation (prohibition of driving) order -Stonehenge World Heritage Site. Advertised in Journal 21Jan. Consultation period until 15th Feb. It was agreed that we would enquire about being able to walk along the closed part of the A 344 in order to reach Byway Amesbury 12.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Patricia asked if Nick could look at Woodford 3 with a view to removing the first stile ,as according to the occupant of

the adjacent house, this is no longer necessary as the person who rented the field and erected the stile is no longer around. The stile also has a high difficult step. The light gang discovered this when clearing the path.

6. **NEXT MEETING** **Monday March 29th 2010 at 2.00 PM in the Wilton Depot Meeting Room.**