

## SOUTH WILTS GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

### Footpath committee Meeting 10th May 2010

Present - P Dashwood, U Milner-White, G Read, J Hawkins, N Cowen, N Martin

Apologies - N Dunnell, J Rolt, M Callow

### VOLUNTEER WORKING PARTIES

Heavy -April Semley 25 and 36 3 stiles replaced by gates 22 hours

Light - April Donhead St Mary 61 200 metres cleared 24 hours

### 1. MATTERS ARISING

None

### 2. AGENDA ITEMS

#### 2.1 Footpath Reports - 1012 - 1023

1012	15/03/2010	Britford	FP 8	146 279	U Milner-White	Finger broken from post at road
1013	04/04/2010	South Newton	FP 8	0955 5248-100 355	P Dashwood	Lack of Way-marks
1014	04/04/2010	South Newton	FP 8	091 345	P Dashwood	Blocked by Wiltshire Gate
1015	05/04/2010	Bowerchalke	FP 4	019 233	J Scott	Blocked by Barbed Wire fence
1016	04/04/2010	Wilton	FP3	084 312	P Dashwood	Fingerpost Needed
1017	05/04/2010	Alvediston	FP 8	980 238	R Walker	Rotten Stile, blocked by new fence
1018	20/04/2010	Ebbesbourne Wake	BW 23	987 247-988 244	N Russell	Path in wrong place? E or W of fence
1019	20/04/2010	Ebbesbourne Wake	BW 23	995 260-993 258	N Russell	Ploughed up and not reinstated
1020	18/04/2010	Downton	FP 41	192 229-188 229	Marcus	Tree across path
1021	18/04/2010	Downton	FP 27	193 228	Marcus	Path Ploughed up
1022	18/04/2010	Downton	FP 42	183 234	Marcus	Broken Stile
1023	03/05/2010	Whiteparish	FP 13	232 222 and 233 222	P Dashwood	Finger post broken, tree across path

1015 Bowerchalke will be the venue for Heavy Gang work next week.

### **3. CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREED RESPONSES**

3.1 WC 30/03/10 Diversion of Donhead St Mary 30 (Peckons Hill Farm) Order confirmed.

3.2 Planning Inspectorate 08/04/10 Notice of Local Inquiry on 20/10/10 to consider order previously made to upgrade to Bridleway part of FP 18 and add Bridleway starting from 18 at Winterbourne.

3.3 WC and Planning Inspectorate 12 and 16/04/10 To confirm outcome of order to add footpath at Newton Tony 13. This order is confirmed.

3.4 WC 15/04/10 Order made under Town and Country Planning Act to stop up part of Downton 18 which ran through what is now a new housing development.

3.5 WC 16/04/10 Diversion of Wyle 1 (part) and 9 (part) order confirmed.

3.6 WC 29/04/10 Grimstead 21 (Macks Lane) - following much deliberation and 2 inquiries, which are summarised in a report, the Council consider that the evidence supports that this Right of Way should be recorded as a Restricted Byway. comments are invited by 11/06/10.

3.7 WC 05/05/10 Order made to add path at Woodford (20 The Alleyway).

### **4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Minutes of the liaison meeting with Richard Broadhead and area representatives were discussed, the main items of interest were:

1. Rights of Way Budget - To date there has been no budget confirmation for 2010-2011
2. There has been a reorganisation of Transport, Environment and Leisure, it is now called Neighbourhood and Planning
3. There are now 3 Highway areas; however Rights of Way currently still work under 4 areas. The depots may also be moved to other locations.
4. Ian Brown, the line manager for Rights of Way has agreed that the 3 outstanding posts can be advertised.
5. Rights of Way Database - The database is progressing slowly
6. Access Land Signs - The signs have been ordered and will be delivered in the next few weeks.
7. Visit Wiltshire are hoping to build up a series of walks across the county, to be advertised on a website. Rights of Way Wardens will also be consulted on this project.

With reference to item 7 above Nick has asked if we would help in suggesting walks of interest in the county.

Nick reported that he has a large bridge that has to be installed in Mere. It would involve the heavy gang in at least 2 consecutive days work.

He has been approached by Alderbury Parish Council to look at the possibility of constructing a bridge across the Avon where an old crossing previously existed and where footpaths are divided by the river. He will cost this and look at the feasibility, it is however a costly project and it is unlikely to come to fruition in the near future.

**6. NEXT MEETING** Date for the next meeting has been confirmed as

**Monday July 26th at 2.00 PM in the Wilton Depot Meeting Room.**