

SOUTH WILTS GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Footpath committee Meeting 30th November 2009

Present - U Milner-White, G Read, N Cowen, J Rolt, P Dashwood, M Callow, N Martin

Apologies - N Dunnell, J Hawkins

VOLUNTEER WORKING PARTIES

Heavy -Sept	Semley FP 54 Sleeper footbridge built Broken Stile replaced by gate	13 hours
Oct	Semley FP 35 and 36 - 1 gate and clearing 60 metres	24 hours
Nov	Semley FP 54 - 2 gates erected	22.5 hours
Light - Sept	Berwick St John - 200m cleared	15 hours
Oct	Grimstead 3 - 100m cleared	10 hours
Nov	Winterslow 57 - 200m cleared	15 hours

1. MATTER ARISING

Following a request from Graham, Alan Roberts, area footpath secretary, has raised the question of more robust access signs with Richard Broadhead at one of their regular meetings.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Footpath Reports - 9033 - 9040

9033	08/10/2009	Bowerchalke	FP 4,5,6 & 7	019 230	I Smith	Blocked by electric fence & not found
9034	07/10/2009	Donhead St Mary	FP 32 and 37	900 210	K Callow	Dangerous Stiles
9035	08/11/2009	Bowerchalke	FP 25	002 220	P Dashwood	Needs waymark and clearing
9036	23/10/2009	Laverstock	FP 20	163 294	P Dashwood	Waymark needed
9037	23/10/2009	Clarendon	FP 2	192 304	P Dashwood	Waymark out of ground
9038	23/10/2009	Pitton	Byway 31	216 317	P Dashwood	Waymark needed
9039	10/11/2009	Dinton	FP 14	020 315 and 026 312	P Dashwood	Flooded and waymark needed
9040	25/11/2009	Grimstead	FP 26	2145 2728	G Read	Blocked by large fallen tree

9040 has been inspected by Nick and will be cleared shortly. 9039 is a perennial problem in winter and Nick will look at possible solutions.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREED RESPONSES

3.1 WC 17/09 Suggested Diversion of new path at Broadchalke. This is necessary as SDC (when it existed) gave planning permission for a garden adjacent to be extended.

3.2 WC 25/09 Proposed Diversion of Tisbury 65 and 69. These are paths past Wardour Castle and Court. The local parish council have objected. One of these proposed diversions is less convenient and not so pleasant so if an order is made we will object. Martin will watch out for the order notice in the Salisbury Journal.

3.3 + 3.4WC 08/10 Diversion of 2 parts of Donhead St Mary 30 (Peckons Hill Farm) Orders made.

3.5 Halcrow on behalf of WC. 08/10 Proposal to place permanent traffic regulation orders on all byways within the Stonehenge World Heritage site.

3.6 WC 14/10 Diversion of Redlynch 17. Order made.

3.7 WC 28/10 Diversion of West Tisbury 12 Order made.

3.8 WC 13/11 Claim for path at Piggy Lane. Application refused.

3.9 WC 18/11 Diversion of BR 19 Whiteparish Order confirmed. Nick will ensure this diversion is well Way-marked.

3.10 WC 18/11 Claim for path at Newton Tony - following objection and WC meeting of planning committee, a recommendation has been made to the Planning Inspectorate that the order be confirmed with some modification. A decision from the Inspectorate is now awaited.

3.11 WC and English Heritage 05/11 Information re planning application for new visitor centre at Stonehenge. It does not appear that this will effect any rights of way however if the A344 is closed from Airman's Corner to the stones, which is proposed, it may not be possible to walk along it to join Byway Amesbury 12 without paying an entrance fee. This situation will be monitored.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nick informed us of a serious road accident that had injured one of his main contractors, Derek. This has left Nick short of manpower for sometime and consequently less work has been achieved. Nick expects Derek to return to work on light duties fairly shortly.

Nick reported that Richard Broadhead, 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. This email had been disseminated to Rambler committee members in the area and Richard had been able to read the comments attached to this email when it was sent back to him. As this is a main committee matter it will be raised at the next meeting.

Patricia was pleased to hear of the work at Semley. However, as we all are aware, there are a great many paths in the area that have needed work for sometime. She was therefore pleased to hear that the local parish council and volunteers were also doing some footpath work.

6. **NEXT MEETING** **Monday January 25th 2010 at 2.00 PM in the Wilton Depot Meeting Room.**