

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Footpaths & Environment Sub Committee held at
15 Alice Driver Road, Grundisburgh on the 3rd March, 2014.

Present: Messrs. G.Caryer, J.Dunnett, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mrs S.Grahn (in the chair),

1. **Apologies for absence** Mrs.A.Woods
2. **To receive member's declarations of interest** No interests were declared.
3. **Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd September, 2013 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

3.1 Williams Store Bridge Rails Mr.Paul Fitch will be asked if the rails have sufficiently weathered to allow painting.

3.2 Village Road Signs The Clerk & Chairman cleaned the road signs in October 2013 and removed the black duck tape from the Wood Farm Lane & Gull Lane Signs.

3.3 Barley Mow Fido Bin The bin, which is in a dilapidated state, is due to be replaced. A request was made to the District Council in February 2013. The Clerk will write again to the District Council.

3.4 Sand Bins Laminated notices to be placed on the inside of the bin lids warning against the illegal use by residents treating their driveways are yet to be installed by the County Council. A new bin has been installed at Ablitts Meadow.

3.5 Village Green Messrs.Voller & Dunnett have estimated the cost of replacing the Village Sign post at approximately £300. 200mm x 200mm x 4.8m. Mr.Crowe is arranging for the existing post to be removed.

3.6 Meeting Lane Ditch It was agreed that filling in the ditch is not an option. It appears that some clearing work has been carried out by BT.

3.7 War Memorial The Commonwealth War Graves Commission recommends the DOFF system, a low pressure, high temperature system which uses no chemicals, for cleaning war memorials. Mr.Dunnett considered that, at present, cleaning is not needed.

3.8 Village Green The wall across the east end section (The Coach House) of the stream needs repair. Mr.Martin has been asked to rebuild the wall and to remove breeze blocks from the Ford House Bridge. As the rest of the masonry on the "long stretch" will need considerable expensive work in the future the Finance Sub Committee has recommended that £4,000 is transferred to an earmarked reserve Mr.Martin has been asked to give an estimate of the cost. .

3.9. Millennium Meadow Mr.Dunnett reported that an Owl Box will be purchased, estimated cost £100, and will be erected when ground conditions have dried out sufficiently to allow a cherry picker to enter the Meadow.

3.10. Footpaths The obstruction of Footpaths 21/ 23 Town Lane and the obstruction of Footpath 16, Town Lane, have been reported to the County Council's Rights of Way Department. More clearance work is needed. Mrs.Grahn will contact Customer Services Direct.

3.11 Community Orchard It was agreed that a Community Orchard would be a tremendous asset to the village but the availability a suitable site could be a problem. It was further agreed that someone should be recruited to spearhead the project.

4. Asset maintenance

4.1 Meeting Lane Seat. The seat has been removed and the broken cast iron support is being repaired by Terry Pearce of Bredfield. The rest of the seat is undamaged.

4.2 B1079 Burgh Bridge The railings need cleaning. The Scouts will be asked if they will carry out this work. Because of the proximity of the stream no detergents can be used.

4.3 Half Moon Green Notice Board Mr.Allan Dunnett will be asked to give an estimate of the cost of restoration.

4.4 Fido Bin The Lyttleton Meadow bin has had the contents removed and thrown about on at least three occasions over the last 6 weeks. Mrs.Grahn recently found the whole contents had been taken out of the bin. PCSO Bye had suggested that the bin should be replaced with a bin with a lockable lid. It was agreed that this should not be recommended. It was suggested that this could be the work of a fox !!

4.5 Village Green Two rotten posts are being replaced by Mr. Robert Fletcher. The seat's backboard has become dislodged. Mr.Finch will be asked to carry out a repair. The footpath near the entrance to the Church has been severely damaged and urgently needs repair.

5. Litter Pick This will take place on Saturday 29th March.

7. Millennium Meadow A Summer Walk to the Meadow will take place on Tuesday evening 22nd July – the 14th Anniversary of it's opening. Three match poplars had been felled. The very wet conditions are preventing maintenance work on the Meadow.

8. Footpaths

8.1 Entrance to FP23 Half Moon Lane. Missing retaining wood planks on the steps missing have been replaced.

8.2 Footpath 2 sign opposite Little Thatch needs replacing. Sign has been added to work schedule and will be replaced when County Council contractors next in the area.

8.3 Bridleway 48 Stoney Road The collapsed sign has been reinstalled.

8.4 Footpath 19 (Post Mill Gardens/Meeting Lane. The roots of the hedge were not dug out when the hedge was removed and it is feared that the hedge will soon re grow. A complaint had been received that the area is strewn with litter.

9. Organised walks The next walk on Sunday 9th March will be from Tuddenham to Grundisburgh.

10. Christmas 2014 Torchlit/Moonlit Walk Destination will probably be to the Hilary and Trevor Hill's home on the outskirts of Hasketon.

12 Any other Business Date of next meeting Monday 1st September, 2014

Action Summary

3.1 Clerk	3.3 Clerk
3.4 Clerk	3.5 Chairman
3.8 Clerk	3.9 Mr.Dunnett
3.10 Mrs.Grahn	3.11 All
4.1 Clerk	4.2 Clerk
4.3 Mr.Dunnett	4.4 Clerk
4.5 Clerk	5. All
7. All	8.4 Mrs.Grahn