

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Rights of Way Committee** held on 19th February 2024 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

IN ATTENDANCE

Co-Opted member K Simson and Warboys Walkers organiser R. Reeves.

PRESENT WERE

Cllr J Cole
Cllr R Dykstra
Cllr D Fabb
Cllr J Land

Cllr J Parker
Cllr P Potts (Chair)
Cllr C Sproats
Cllr S Withams

Mrs J Drummond - Clerk
Mrs E Coverdale:- Asst. Clerk

Meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m

The agenda was updated at the meeting to include the co-option of chair and committee members in accordance with Warboys adopted Standing Orders para 25 (a) and (h) plus para 44 (c).

RW 1/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Withams, seconded by Cllr Fabb and unanimously **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Potts as Chair to Rights of Way Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

RW 2/24 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

It was proposed by Cllr Land, seconded by Cllr Sproats and **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Fabb as Vice Chair to the Rights of Way Committee for the remainder of the municipal year, replacing Cllr Wyatt.

RW 3/24 WELCOME

Chair Potts opened the meeting.

RW 4/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from;

Cllr M Collins - Personal

Cllr A Ntuk – Work

Cllr S Wilcox – Personal

Cllr A Wyatt - Bereavement

Cllr L Gifford - arrived during discussions on agenda item RW 7/24 (7.30p.m)

RW 5/24 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Cole declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item RW 7/24, Footpath 4, due to it running across her property.

RW 6/24 MINUTES OF 6th FEBRUARY 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Withams, seconded by Cllr Cole and **RESOLVED** by all Members present, the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2023 be signed as a correct record by the Chair.

RW 7/24 MAINTENANCE OF RIGHTS OF WAY

Appendix 1 includes a list of all Footpaths & Bridleways

Members, K Simpson and R. Reeves discussed maintenance updates and historical background on the footpaths and bridleways within the Parish;

1. Humberdale way
No maintenance required.
2. George Lane/Third Avenue
No maintenance required.
3. Woodlands to Highway (Now Footpath 20)
No maintenance required. Historically there have been investigations with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to lengthen the route.
4. Coronation Avenue to flaxen walk
Pathway across the field requires improvement as many parents use it as a safer route for school children. Previous investigations had been completed by Cllr Cole to add a permanent pathway to her land, but the Council were still awaiting approval via CCC as they had received the money from the developers towards the work (£12,000). Clerks to follow up with CCC contact, J. Stringer for progress report.
5. Airfield
No maintenance required. It was noted that the route signpost was down and it was pointing in the wrong direction.
6. Crossing A141 via Wilthorne
No Maintenance required. It was noted that the safety signage was approved and awaiting installation by CCC.
7. Station Road to Pingle Wood
Cllr Fabb declared a pecuniary interest at this point due to it being alongside land he owns. Cllr Fabb currently maintains the hedgerow along the route to improve vision for walkers. It was also noted that the CCC approved 40mph buffer zone signs which should be installed soon.
8. Woolvey Farm, A141
Needs hedgerow cutting back urgently before nesting commences. Clerk to instruct handymen.
9. Fenside Road to A141
No maintenance required.
10. A141 linking footpaths to Pidley
No maintenance required.
11. Wistow Toll to Wistow Fen Lane
No maintenance required, but it was noted that it is not easily accessible.
12. Humbrills Farm
It was noted that paddocks had been built over the pathway, but the owners won't pay to divert. Now there is a permissive pathway along the perimeter.
13. A141 to Rowey Farm
Nothing to report.
14. Bridleway - Millers way, Puddock Road to Bridleway 17
Nothing to report.

15. Bridleway – Cross Drove
Nothing to report.
16. Bridleway - 1st Turf Fen Road
Nothing to report.
17. Bridleway – 2nd Turf Fen Road - Runs parrelled to previous ones
Nothing to report
18. Bridleway – 1st Broadpool Drove, leaves the village via the Fen.
Nothing to report
19. Bridleway – 2nd Broadpool Drove - Nothing to report
20. Bridleway – New Barn Drove link to 1st Broadpool Drove
Still awaiting full update from CCC. There was some confusion between Members and attendees as to what stage this installation was at. It was agreed for R Reeves to locate the agreement paperwork and the correct route map signed in May 2023 to be located and provided to the Clerks.
The Chair raised concerns over the access along the route as vehicles could get across the dyke, suggesting staggered posts so that horses and bikes can still safely get through. It was agreed that this would need to be investigated further as the landowner and Highway Authority would need to be consulted.

RW 8/24 WARBOYS WALKERS

Appendix item 2

Members noted the 2024 programme for walks supplied by the Warboys Walkers group.

RW 9/24 NOTICES AND MATTERS FOR THE NEXT RIGHTS OF WAY AGENDA

Chair Potts requested for an update on the new Bridleway to be included.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 7.53pm

Chairman.

Date.

APPENDIX 1

Footpath	Location	Condition Known YES/NO	Volunteer to Walk x2 per annum
Footpath 1	Humberdale Way – rear of houses	Original route diverted when estate built, walkers now follow the footway network.	
Footpath 2	Between George Lane and Third Avenue before crossing open countryside to join Station Road near Humbrills Farm	Linking of paths 2 and 12 had been discussed in the past but CCC said 3 rd Party would be required to fund costs.	
Footpath 3	Now footpath 20?	CCC had made an order to divert the footpath following phase 1 of the David Wilson development	
Footpath 4	Diverted to link with coronation avenue through new development to Flaxen Walk	Requests to improve path surface for parents using the route	
Footpath 5	Airfield	Users tend to follow the hard surface along the land rather than the official path.	
Footpath 6	Footpath crossing A141 via Wilthorne and linking with footpaths in Pidley-cum-Fenton and other circular routes	LHI Improvement bid is coming – JD elaborate? Hedgerow had been cut back	
Footpath 7	Station Road to Pingle Wood and Cutting	LHI bid made for footpath along Puddock Hill for return to village for Walkers and Horse riders. R.R aware of any updates on this?	
Footpath 8	Woolvey Farm, A141	Handymen had cut back the overgrowth. The part along A141 not used much due to being on verge. Double gates (fenside road) potentially blocking access? Due	

		to plant growth Anyone confirm?	
Footpath 9	Links Fenside Road with A141 and provides access to footpath 10		
Footpath 10	East of A141 to link footpaths to Pidley-Cum-Fenton and access to Rookery Waters		
Footpath 11	Links Wistow Toll and Wistow Fen Lane	Not used much	
Footpath 12	Humbrills Farm	Generally overgrown along permissive path that walking group signposted along perimeter.	
Footpath 13	A141 to Rowey Farm	Not used much due to walking on verge of A141	
Bridleway 14	?		
Bridleway 15	?		
Bridleway 16	?		
Bridleway 17	?		
Bridleway 18	?		
Bridleway 19	?		
Bridleway xx	Links 17 & 18 – Still chasing for an update from CCC		

APPENDIX 2

WARBOYS WALKERS - WALKS PROGRAMME 2024/25

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Distan</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>
				<u>(Clock)</u>	<u>ce</u> <u>(Miles)</u>	<u>Back</u> <u>(Clock)</u>	
1	Saturday	06/01/24	Warboys Heath	1000	7	1530	RR
2	Sunday	21/01/24	Grafham Water**	0930	8.5	1600	CJH
3	Saturday	03/02/24	Broughton/Wistow**	1000	8	1600	RR
4	Sunday	18/02/24	Cambridge/Grantchester**	0900	7	1700	DH
5	Saturday	02/03/24	Kings Ripton/Broughton**	1000	8	1640	AP
6	Sunday	17/03/24	Boxworth/Elsworth**	1000	10.5	1600	DH
7	Saturday	23/03/24	Peak District				SW
8	Saturday	06/04/24	St Ives/Hemingford***^	05:30	5.5	1000	BC
9	Friday	19/04/24	Abbots Ripton***	1840	4	2100	AP/SH
10	Sunday	21/04/24	Alconbury Weston/Upton**	0930	9.5	1700	LC
11	Friday	03/05/24	Lady Wood***	1840	4	2100	RR
12	Saturday	04/05/24	Wansford**	1000	9	1630	SH
13	Friday	17/05/24	Warboys Bridleways	1900	5	2100	RR
14	Sunday	19/05/24	Wadenhoe**	1000	8	1630	SH
15	Friday	31/05/24	Great Fen***	1840	4	2100	SH
16	Saturday	01/06/24	Pidley	1000	8.5	1600	RR
17	Friday	14/06/24	Pingle Cutting	1900	3	2030	PC
18	Sunday	16/06/24	Fen Drayton Lakes**	1000	9	1600	JD
19	Friday	28/06/24	Ramsey***	1840	4	2100	AP
20	Saturday	06/07/24	Woburn**	0930	8	1600	TP
21	Friday	12/07/24	Hinchingbrooke***	1840	4	2100	JR

22	Sunday	21/07/24	Walk & Summer Social!!	1000	7	1500	RR
23	Friday	26/07/24	Houghton Meadows***	1840	5	2200	TP
24	Saturday	03/08/24	Gamlingay**	1000	9	1600	TP
25	Friday	09/08/24	Woodwalton Fen (Ramsey Heights) *** ddd	1840	4	2100	SH
26	Sunday	18/08/24	Hartford/Brampton**	1000	8	1600	RR
27	Friday	23/08/24	Godmanchester***	1840	5	2100	DH
28	Saturday	07/09/24	Wicken Fen**	1000	9.5	1630	DH
29	Sunday	15/09/24	Sawtry/Giddings**	1000	8	1630	LC
30	Saturday	28/09/24	Peak District				SW
31	Saturday	05/10/24	Little Paxton**	1000	7	1600	TP
32	Sunday	20/10/24	Warmington/Fotheringha y**	1000	11	1630	RR
33	Saturday	02/11/24	Waresley/The Gransdens**	1000	7.5	1700	JD
34	Sunday	17/11/24	Folksworth/Glatton**	1000	8	1600	TP
35	Saturday	07/12/24	Christmas Walk (Broughton)	1000	7	1600	RR
36	Saturday	14/12/24	December Special				SW
37	Saturday	04/01/25	Broughton/Wistow**	1000	7	1530	RR
38	Sunday	19/01/25	Grafham Water**	09:30	8	1600	CJH
39	Saturday	01/02/25	Warboys Heath	1000	7	1530	RR
40	Sunday	16/02/25	Cambridge/Grantchester **	0915	7	1700	DH
41	Saturday	01/03/25	Kings Ripton/Broughton**	1000	8	1640	AP
42	Sunday	16/03/25	Woodhurst/St Ives**	1000	7	1600	RR