

Report from Rights of Way and Tree Group May 2020

A meeting was held via Zoom on Monday 27th April

Current and Future Projects

- The Group's aims in relation to encouraging the use of footpaths were discussed and it was decided they should be:
 - Medium term: to resolve the issues with the Ouse Valley Way
 - Long term: when the quarry paths are opened to promote their use by residents

Land Ownership

- It was noted that Pear Technology software had been used to map the cemetery and that the Parish Council also has an Ordnance Survey licence both of which may help in mapping land ownership.

Action CU to circulate information on mapping technology and to draft a proposal to be put to the Parish Council on how to map land ownership in the Parish

Footpaths

- It was agreed that creation of a Footpath Working Party should be deferred during the Covid 19 restrictions
- Condition of footpaths:
 - B1: the cracks on this footpath are widening creating a hazard for wheelchair users
 - B4: it was noted that the trees pushing out the fence on to the path are in the garden of 44 Lucks Lane; there is also an issue with overgrown vegetation
 - B7: this is partially blocked by a hay bale and continues to be in a poor state with overgrown vegetation
 - B7 and B8: it was noted that these footpaths are being used regularly by horse riders resulting in considerable damage to the paths
 - Ouse Valley Way general condition: it was agreed that quotes should be obtained for cutting back the hedge where the path narrows
- Historic walking leaflet; item carried forward to next meeting
- Erosion of the Ouse Valley Way footpath under the A14 bridge is likely to continue
- Communication has been received from the Great Ouse Valley Trust

Action MS to report the issue with footpath B1 to Cambs CC, emphasising the hazard to wheelchair users

Action CU to raise the issue with footpath B1 and the hazard to wheelchair users, at her next meeting with the Village Hall Trust

Action CU to draft a letter from the Parish Council to the occupant of 44 Lucks Lane regarding the issue with the trees pushing out the fence on to footpath B4

Action PS to identify the builders of the houses in Manor Close with a view to initiating action on the overgrown vegetation

Action CU to discuss with the Chair of the Parish Council the approach to take with the occupants of Paddocks Farm regarding the hay bale and poor condition of footpath B7

Action CU to write a small piece for inclusion in Chariman's update to Roundabout, encouraging use of footpaths, asking for feedback and warning residents that the surfaces of footpaths 7 and 8 are very uneven

Action MS to report to Cambs CC the damage resulting from the use of footpaths B7 and 8 by horse riders

Action SA to provide names of contractors that could be asked for quotes to cut back hedges along the Ouse Valley Way

Action CU to send to the Cambs CC PROW Officer photographs of the condition of the Ouse Valley Way footpath under the A14 bridge

Trees

- Potential issues have been raised with tree T071 on the village green and one quote for the work has been received
- Previously it had been suggested that the donated trees could be planted in the cemetery potentially in the autumn (PS said she would ensure they would be watered when required)
- It was noted that there may be potential to plant extra trees on land adjacent to Buckden Marina

Action SA to obtain a quote for work on tree T071

Action CU to discuss the planting of the donated trees in the cemetery with the Parish Council lead on the cemetery

Action MS to include potential to plant trees at Buckden Marina as an item on the agenda for the next meeting