Calne Without Parish Council
13th July 2020
Agenda Item 15
Footpaths and Rights of Way Working Group

1. Terms of reference

The Draft Terms of reference have been circulated and are for approval by the Council.

2. Programme of publicity

The Working Group discussed the advertising of the work and call for volunteers to assist not only in the footpath work but in providing knowledge of the local history, points of interest landscape and nature interest that could be found throughout the routes. The following methods were considered:

- Posters placed on the paths with possibly QR codes to give easy access to information.
- Parish Council Website
- Local magazines such as the InSPIRE and Villages
- Council notice boards

Cllr Rees agreed to draft an article for the next magazines in September.

Cllr Maddicks to coordinate with Cllr Cook and local historians to get advice on best practice. Clerk to contact adjacent parishes for information on their footpath works and contacts.

3. Funding

The Parish has some 85 paths, but the Working Group are proposing to put up notices in 25 locations to start with.

Cost of printing A4 posters and laminating approximately £5 per poster a total of £125.00. Cost of additional space in Parish Magazines if required and available costs presently unknown.

Recommendation: That the Council approve a budget amount for the Working group to use for advertising to attract volunteers. Quotes for materials to be considered by the Working Group with the decision to spend taken by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and reported to the Council at the next available opportunity.

Budget Heading Public participation

Power Local Government Act 1972 s142

4. Audit of paths

The Working Group has identified the following for the audit process:

 Cllr Songhurst to look at the audit proforma on the Wiltshire Council website to produce a version for use by volunteers

- The Working Group to consider the use of GPS and the <u>O.S. App</u> and the <u>What 3</u>
 words to assist those checking the paths to find their way and to report issues that they find.
- At this stage the Council is asking residents to report on paths that they use for recreation and it will be made clear that they will not be expected to undertake any work and any deficiencies or problems are to reported back to the Working Group for action.
- The Working group will draw on the knowledge of other Councillors to identify landownership and opportunities to work with landowners that want to improve paths through their land.
- Working group to decide on a method and template for recording and storing information received.

A report on progress to be made to the September meeting of the Parish Council.