

Crowan Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN THE PARISH ROOMS, CROWAN

ON THURSDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2013 @ 7.30pm

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Present:	Cllr. Smith (Chairman) Cllr. Dr. Jenkin	Cllr. Brown Cllr. Mrs Muriel	Cllr. Henwood Cllr. Webb
In Attendance:	Mr Bob Sanders (Contractor)		
Also present:	Mr Paterson, Sithney PC Mr Werndly	Mr Pearce	Miss Pearce

Minute	Agenda Item	Action
	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Public Forum</u> – the Chairman welcomed the public and thanked everyone for attending. In the absence of the Clerk, Cllr. Muriel took the Minutes.</p> <p>Miss Pearce thanked Cllr. Henwood for obtaining the 'photo of the stile that had been taken circa 1985. She stated that it was not an historic stile. Cattle grids are detrimental to legal Rights of Way for movement of stock. Drainage - water is across driveway on 3 points. Miss Pearce explained she had observed this at 4.45am one morning so the work done by Cornwall Council earlier this year has not been successful. Cllr. Henwood had two maps dated 1906/8 and 1875/81 from Mr Colin Bayes, CC. These show the stile where the cattle grid is now. It may have been moved by 10 feet. Actual site is near enough and stile is adequate for purpose. It would be possible to stock-fence across stile – the Right of Way is for the Public not for dogs. Miss Pearce feels that Cornwall Council want historic drainage but not historic stile and Right of Way. She enquired whether CC should provide a crossing for landowners at the cattle grid, the historic stile was full height plus stepping stones. Miss Pearce and Mr Pearce feel that CC had misled them that is an historic stile which has led to the problem now. Environmental issues are now so great that the Agency is involved. Landowner is now taking all water from end-to-end.</p> <p>Mr Paterson, Sithney PC and Mr David Werndly spoke about their success at Sithney Parish Council, in preserving Footpaths and developing a booklet on Circular Walks for the Public. The easiest way to keep footpaths open is to walk them so Mr Paterson decided to walk as many and as much as possible. Average circular walk is 4 miles/2 hours each with a possibility to link two or three walks to create a 8/9 miles walk for the more enthusiastic. They recommended Mr Phil tucker at Launceston for printing. Most walkers are safety conscious so where some footpaths appear on a road, they are aware of the dangers. They are offering to walk 6 suggested routes and need local knowledge regarding mills, etc.</p>	
PR24/2013	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Pecuniary Declarations of Interests</i> – none. b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – none c. <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – Members were reminded they must declare any gift or hospitality with a value in excess of fifty pounds. 	
PR25/2013	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – the Clerk (pre-arranged meeting).	
PR26/2013	<p><u>PROW Issues</u> – Minute PR19/2013 refers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>PROW/207/124</i> – at the June meeting Mr Colin Bayes, CC reported that he had inspected this with Ms Linda Holloway and confirmed that the cattle grid 	

	<p>is not the line of Footpath 126 – there is a granite stile in the hedge next to the cattle grid, between Bridleway 124 and Footpath 126 which is now clear of vegetation and open to walkers. The landowner had update the Committee in the public session and Cllr. Henwood will follow up.</p> <p>b. <i>PROWs 207/113, 207/124, 207/125, 207/126, 207/127, 207/131, and 207/139</i> – Members to receive feedback from Mr Bayes, following his carrying out of a survey to identify the issues. Deferred to October Meeting.</p> <p>c. <i>PROWs 207/50, 207/53, 207/101, 207/105 and 207/110</i> – outstanding s.130a notices. Members to receive the requested update from CC. Deferred to October Meeting.</p> <p>d. <i>Carn Meor Farm (PROW Number required)</i> – Members received an update, regarding monitoring of the rubbish that was accumulating. Cllr. Webb reported no change, but it had not worsened. He agreed to keep monitoring the area.</p> <p>e. <i>PROW 74/2</i> – Mr Hamish Gordon had met with the landowner on site and had supplied him with provisional authorisation to fit kissing gates at the locations that he requested. To date the relevant maps and S.147 application forms have not been returned. Mr Gordon is pursuing the matter. Deferred to October Meeting.</p> <p>f. <i>Ramblers Association</i> – deferred to the September meeting. Ms Linda Holloway, CC reports that the Ramblers have not finished their survey under BVPI 178. The Clerk to pursue.</p> <p>g. <i>Nancegollan Footpaths</i> – Ms Williams had been asked to make contact with the parishioner to meet and confirm the exact position of concern. NFA.</p>	<p>Cllr Henwood</p> <p>Cllr. Webb</p> <p>Clerk</p>
PR27/2013	<p><u>Programme of Walks</u> – Minute PR12/2013 refers. Members received details of a circular walk from Cllr. Brown, Praze an Beeble to Crowan to Clowance and return to Praze; to be included on any Circular Walk Programme for the website.</p> <p>Members AGREED that the advice received from Mr Anderson and Mr Werndly had been helpful and they AGREED to email the Chairman with details of the routes that could be incorporated into a description of each walk.</p> <p>Cllr Muriel said it would be a good opportunity, with Winter ahead, to complete the proposed leaflet for Crowan PC Walks before Spring 2014, this would provide a timeframe for completion.</p> <p>Cllr Muriel to scan the maps provided and email to the Chairman for distribution.</p>	<p>All Members</p> <p>Cllr. Muriel</p>
PR28/2013	<p><u>Contractor's Report</u> – Minute 21a/2013 refers. Mr Bob Sanders had nearly completed the cutting programme, another 2-3 days to finish. He had been late starting the two-cut paths but had caught up. He recommended Footpath 72 needs upgrading to two cuts and some stiles need improving which is the responsibility of the landowners.</p> <p>The Clerk to send a letter to the Landowners, Higher Trethannas Farm, Praze, requesting they correct the defects on the stiles on the Rights of Way and Bridlepaths on their land.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
PR29/2013	<p><u>Information Only / Items for Future Agendas</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Circular Walks</i></p> <p>b. <i>Waymarking Improvements</i></p>	
PR30/2013	<p><u>Meeting Date</u> – 16th October 2013 at 7pm.</p>	
PR31/2013	<p><u>Meeting Closed</u> –</p>	

Signature: (Cllr. Mrs Muriel)
Chairman

Date: 10th October 2013