

Crowan Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, PRAZE

ON WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER 2015 @ 7pm

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Present:	Cllr. Brown (Chairman) Cllr. Webb	Cllr. Jenkin Cllr. Smith
In Attendance:	Cllr. Allen Five members of the public	Cllr. Christophers Mrs Thompson (Clerk) Cllr. Tunnicliffe
Minute	Agenda Item	Action
	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Public Forum</u> – the Chairman welcomed those present.</p> <p>Representatives from the Crowan Walkers were present.</p> <p>Cllr. Christophers, as a member of the public, reported that an overgrown hedge at Millbank Meadows, Leedstown is there as a result of vegetation growing from the verge into the owner's property. Mr Tatlow will look into this.</p> <p>Mr Pearce said the surface of PROW 124 is so sharp it is not possible to walk animals across it. The Clerk to report.</p> <p>Members met with Mr Ian Thompson, who is the Cornish representative of The Milestone Society. He gave a short presentation. Looking at the fingerpost picture nationally, Cornwall is special in the number that had survived and that many of them were made in the Duchy. There are nine survivors in Crowan parish. Comments regarding each fingerpost are included in PR32f/2015 below.</p> <p>Mr Thompson also referred to local milestones which previously had cast iron plates. He suggested that the Milestone Society would deal with the milestones, if the PC would deal with the fingerposts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clowance – SW6437. • Leedstown – SW6034. Photograph is available. • Two miles north of Clowance – SW6437. <p>Members met with Mr Peter Tatlow, Cormac Highways who was also present regarding fingerposts.</p>	<p>Mr Tatlow</p> <p>Mr Tatlow</p>
PR29/2015	<p><u>Members' Declarations</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Pecuniary Declarations of Interests</i> – none.</p> <p>b. <i>Non-Pecuniary/Disclosable Interests</i> – none.</p> <p>c. <i>Declaration of Gifts</i> – none.</p>	
PR30/2015	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllrs. Henwood and Parnell (leave) and Muriel (personal commitment).</p>	
PR31/2015	<p><u>PROW Issues</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>Public Byway, Halgarrack Farm</i> – Cllr. Henwood had visited the site and reported: It was found that gates are padlocked across the byway at Halgarrack farmhouse with logs and posts placed causing an obstruction at the same point. He had handed CC the section 130A notices for this and another obstruction further down which is for a ditch and bund constructed across the width of the byway. No further action.</p>	

	<p>b. <i>Bridleway at Black Rock</i> – in the absence of Cllr. Henwood there was no update.</p> <p>c. <i>Parish Byways</i> – Minute 123f/2015 refers. It was known that Cllr. Henwood had reported some overgrown highways and byways to Mr James, CC.</p> <p>d. <i>Crowan Church to Black Rock Bridleway</i> – Minute 148a/2015 refers. The use of scrambling bikes, which had been using this bridleway had been reported to CC. Cllr. Webb said this hadn't happened lately.</p> <p>e. <i>Footpath Diversion</i> – CC had confirmed the diversion of the footpath on land at Carne Skyber, Black Rock.</p> <p>f. <i>Fingerposts</i> – Minute PR24d/2015 referred. Details of the fingerposts had been received and previously circulated. Members considered a proposal to repair fingerposts in the parish, to include applying for funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Releath</u> – SW6532. In very good condition when surveyed in 2014. • <u>Nancegollan</u> – SW6331. Column rusted, and need replacing. Only two arms, but logically it should have three. A well is situated nearby. • <u>Townshend</u> – SW5932. New arm needed. Cllr. Allen said the missing arm was stored for a long time in a nearby garden. • <u>Black Rock</u> – SW6635. Iron, with broken arm. Members believed this to have been restored. • <u>Highdowns</u> – SW6636. Needs repainting. • <u>Boldgate</u> – SW6235. Needs repainting. • <u>Praze an Beeble</u> – SW6435. New arm needed. • <u>Leedstown</u> – SW6034. Made by Toy Foundry, Helston. Included in the listed building status of the Duke of Leeds pub. New column needed, replace one iron arm, replace two alloy arms, repainting. • <u>Clowance</u> – SW6235. Needs cleaning. <p>Cllr Brown said that there remained the possibility of some PC funding, but the Full Council would have to decide this and would want to know who is responsible for these heritage assets.</p> <p>Mr Tatlow said the fingerposts are considered to be more of historical interest. CC had recently removed the newer aluminium signs, where the fingerpost gives the same information. There is a severe shortage of funding. He said that in theory they accept responsibility for fingerposts, but in reality there are no funds for anything except for road safety issues.</p> <p>Cllr. Smith referred to the Highways Maintenance Manual 2015, which indicates that fingerposts are the responsibility of CC. Mr Tatlow agreed, but pointed to the section in the Manual which highlighted the priority order, which is to target safety issues – and this does not include signage. Cllr. Smith felt this was a means of devolving responsibility, including finance, to the Parish Councils. Mr Tatlow was asked why CC aren't the ones seeking funding, as the PC is being asked to do. He said they had virtually no scope for 'sweeteners'. Mr Tatlow said he wouldn't rule anything out and would consider carefully any proposals.</p> <p>Cllr. Brown asked what the costs are likely to be. Mr Thompson said replacing broken arms, would be approximately £300 per arm; possibly £2,000+ for the whole project. To be considered at the budget setting.</p> <p>Cllr. Jenkin arrived at this point. She confirmed that she was in principle able to make a financial contribution from her Community Chest, but a firm agreed and costed proposal would be needed by February 2016.</p> <p>Cllr Brown said a proposal would be worked up by the PROW in consultation with Mr Thompson, with a view to submitting it to Full Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Henwood</p> <p>Cllr Henwood</p> <p>Clerk</p>
PR32/2015	<p><u>Programme of Circular Walks</u> – 'Walks in Crowan':</p> <p>a. <i>Leedstown Leaflet</i> – Crowan Walkers were asked to speak. They felt this</p>	

	<p>wasn't a suitable walk for a leaflet. The route was difficult to see on the ground. The gateways to Carsize are blocked.</p> <p>Cllr. Brown said this was on our cutting schedule and needed to be checked</p> <p>b. <i>Praze Leaflet</i> – a reprint had been made.</p> <p>c. <i>Additional Leaflets</i> – Crowan Walkers suggested the walk from Crowan to Clowance around to Crenver Grove. Way markers would be needed. There are a further four routes, which could be the subject of further leaflets.</p> <p>The Walkers will work on the wording for a leaflet for the Crowan to Clowance route. It was RESOLVED this should be the second leaflet to be produced.</p>	Ms Harries
PR33/2015	<p><u>Information Only / Items for Future Agendas</u> –</p> <p>a. <i>PROW Committee Membership</i> – it was RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that Cllr. Allen and Ms Cate Harries be co-opted to the PROW Committee.</p> <p>b. <i>Handle</i> – a handle is needed for the inside of the Community Room door.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
PR34/2015	<u>Meeting Dates</u> – 19 th January 2016.	
PR35/2015	<u>Meeting Closed</u> – 20.00pm.	

Signature: (Cllr. Henwood)
Chairman

Date: 12th November 2015