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MINUTES OF TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING held REMOTELY at 3.30pm on 3rd July 2020

Initials:	Invited:
MW	Cllr Martin Warne (Chair)
CA	Cllr Chris Addis
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
GSt	Cllr Graham Styles
Clerk	Tan Cox

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	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: None	
	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1st May 2020	
	The minutes of 1 st May were approved, and a copy will be posted to the website.	
	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
	Regarding Minutes of Meeting 21st February - Action Completed	
	Regarding Recording of Parish Footpaths - Action Completed	
	 Regarding name of Footpaths Officer in Shipton Gorge – Action Completed. 	
	Regarding Volunteer Footpaths Officer – Action Completed.	
	 Regarding A35 Trunk Road – Cllr MW referred to his conversation with one local resident (Ray J) and the SSE contractors regarding the state of the A35 Trunk Road and the traffic signs that have not yet been removed. Cllr MW has emailed the Highway Agency about this and will continue to chase it. Roll over. 	

Minutes agreed: Chairman

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on 1st May 2020

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	Recommendation from the Main Committee 11 th May 2020 Cllr MW provided an update on the compilation of the list of parish footpaths. Roll over.	
	Recommendation from the Main Committee 8th June 2020	
	Cllr MW provided an update on the compilation of the list of dog bins. Roll over	
	Main Business	
	 Feedback from Chair on the work of Volunteer Footpaths Officer (VFO). Cllr MW said that there is no report from the VFO this time. Cllr MW asked whether the VFO had been in touch with councillors to accompany him on his walks. Cllr MW to clarify position with the VFO. 	
	Cllr MW informed councillors that the VFO is liaising with the Lengthsman regarding various work on the footpaths and tracks. The Clerk confirmed that she was not aware of this. Cllr MW referred to the Tony's Track problem and that some of this had been cleared. Cllr JB said that the overgrown nature of the track has been rectified and must have been done by the Lengthsman.	
	It was agreed that care needs to be taken when asking the Lengthsman to undertake various work as the council may be charged extra for this. The Lengthsman sends in his schedule of work but it was agreed that these are not detailed enough to know what work the Lengthsman has actually done.	
	Cllr MW said he would serve as the liaison between the VFO and the Lengthsman to ensure work is co-ordinated and not duplicated. TC to send contact details of the Lengthsman to Cllr MW. Cllrs MW and GSt to meet with the Lengthsman and the VFO.	TC Cllrs MW/GSt
	 There was discussion around Tony's Track and the need for 'No Cycling' signs and also who would pay for the signs. The question of ownership of the land was raised and the fact that the parish council would need permission to put signs up. Cllr GSt to endeavour to find out ownership of Tony's Track. Cllr MW to refer back to the resident and to the VFO to confirm findings. 	Cllr GSt Cllr MW

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	Ideas for attracting volunteers to work with the VFO were discussed, there was general agreement that the VFO would need help at some point with clearing and maintenance. It was agreed that 'notices' could be prepared and laminated and pinned up using drawing pins at the start and end of footpaths. There was also agreement to send a photograph and news item / article to the press. Cllr CA to write an article and Cllr MW to provide photograph.	TC Cllr CA / Cllr MW
	• Fingerpost replacement. Cllr JB referred to two fingerposts that have seen better days. Cllr JB said that he had seen that the CPRE were offering a grant to help pay for fingerposts however, when he enquired was told that these were for roads rather than footpaths. Cllrs agreed that some of the fingerposts were in a poor state. Cllr CA said that as fingerposts were sited everywhere it is likely to be a Dorset Council activity. Cllr GSt referred to the Dorset Council portal and that the state of the fingerposts can be reported to them via the portal.	
	Cllrs and the VFO to look for any other fingerposts that require attention and report them to Cllr MW. Cllr MW to update the Dorset Council portal with any fingerpost problems.	
	Cllr JB said that the fingerposts that he had noticed that needed attention were at bottom of Spinners Lane, by the stile at Bothenhampton Old Churchyard. Cllr JB and Cllr GSt to report these via the Dorset Portal.	Cllrs JB /GSt
	 Email from Ian Hufton – Burton Road Traffic Issues (See also Cleeves Palmer – 2019). There was some discussion around this and the various speed limits along the Burton Road and the crossing place which is in the 40mph limit. The Highways Agency has been informed previously (when dealing with Cleeves' issue), however the Highways Agency has declined to change it. Cllr JB said he had researched this and the 50mph limit ends as you pass the sign "Welcome to Bridport" which is about 300m down the road from Marsh Barn. The road here is very narrow, enclosed by walls and not safe for pedestrians or cyclists; the 40mph limit should start at that junction. TC to write to Dorset Council Highways asking for a reduction in speed limit. 	
	Any Other Business 30mph Speed Limit, Walditch Road Cllr CA raised this matter and asked TC to write to Dorset Council to confirm that the end of July 2020 start date is still the case.	

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	The meeting ended at 4.15pm and the Clerk reminded councillors of the date of next meeting – 4 th September 2020 at 3.30pm at Greystones.	

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 3rd July 2020

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Regarding Volunteer Footpaths Officer - Cllr MW to serve as the liaison between the VFO and the Lengthsman to ensure work is co-ordinated and not duplicated.	Cllr MW	2
Send contact details of the Lengthsman to Cllr MW.	TC	2
Arrange meeting with the Lengthsman and the VFO.	Cllrs MW / GSt	2
Regarding Tony's Track – establish ownership of Tony's Track	Cllr GSt	2
Refer back to resident who had made initial complaint and to the VFO to confirm findings.	Cllr MW	2
Regarding attracting volunteers to work with VFO	TC	3
Notices to be prepared	10	3
Notices to be laminated and secured at the start and end of footpaths.	Cllr MW	3
Send a photograph and news item / article to the press (Cllr MW to provide photograph).	Cllr CA	3
Regarding Fingerposts – Cllrs and the VFO to look for any other fingerposts that require attention and report them to Cllr MW.	Cllrs	3
Cllr MW to update the Dorset Council portal with any fingerpost problems.	Cllr MW	3
Fingerpost located at bottom of Spinners Lane to be reported to Dorset Council via the portal	Cllr JB	3
Fingerpost located at Bothenhampton Old Churchyard to be reported to Dorset Council via the portal.	Cllr GSt	3
Regarding Burton Road Safety – write to Dorset Council Highways asking for a reduction in speed limit.	TC	3
Regarding Walditch Road 30mph speed limit – write to Dorset Council Highways asking for clarification of work start date.	TC	3

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Regarding Compilation of the list of parish footpaths	2
Regarding compilation of the list of dog bins.	2

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