




Bothenhampton & Walditch  
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**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
held REMOTELY at 3pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

<b>Initials:</b>	<b>Invited:</b>
MW	Cllr Martin Warne (Chair)
CA	Cllr Chris Addis
JB	Cllr Jim Basker
GS	Cllr Graham Styles
Clerk	Tan Cox

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	<b>Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda:</b> None	
	<b>Apologies:</b> None	
	<b>CLERK'S NOTE</b>  Due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements this meeting was held remotely using video conferencing software.  The L01-20 Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (coronavirus) (flexibility of local authority and police and crime panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, Regulation 5(2) require that all participants should be able to be seen and heard throughout the meeting and this condition was satisfied.	
1	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>  The minutes of 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 were discussed, it was noted that an error appears in the fourth bullet point of the rolled over actions from October 2020, under 'footpaths'.	

Minutes agreed: Chairman  on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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	<p>The sentence should state ..... revising the OS map detailing footpath W5/7 to show the footpath going <b>right</b> after the stile to the first field, and not left after the stile. Clerk to correct.</p> <p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding expressing thanks to VFO – Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding Lengthsman hours - Clerk agreed to send future work sheets to Cllrs MW and GS. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding footpath W1/13 - Write to Dorset Council Highways and Bridport Town Council. Clerk to contact Mr and Mrs Wright. Letter sent 21st January. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding Walditch Speed Limit – Clerk to chase Dorset Council Action completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>ROLLED OVER ITEMS – from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding footpaths in Walditch - Effects of the drainage works at Bonscombe Farm. Cllr JB confirmed that hardcore had now been used to provide a solid base. Cllr JB will continue to monitor. Action completed.</li> <li>● Regarding OS map detailing footpath W5/21-W5/2 – Dorset Council to consider revising the OS map to show the path going straight up the hill, close to Bothen Wood (the correct path being blocked with a badger sett). Cllr JB has contacted DC but no response. Clerk to use DC portal to report issue.</li> <li>● Regarding OS map detailing footpath W5/7 - Dorset Council to consider revising the OS map to show the footpath going right after the stile to the first field, up the hill to the track and following the track up to Sadness Copse. Cllr JB has contacted DC but no response. Item rolled over from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Clerk to use DC portal to report issue.</li> <li>● Regarding footpaths in Walditch – notify VFO that two further dog bins are required in Walditch and they need to be added to the map and notify VFO of error in the spreadsheet (Bin GRB1). Item rolled over from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Action completed.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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2	<p><b>Main Business</b></p> <p><b>Feedback from Chair on the work of Volunteer Footpaths Officer (VFO).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cllr GS provided a summary of the work carried out by the VFO including his work at the Bothenhampton Nature Reserve. Cllr GS said he looks forward to liaising properly with the Lengthsman, the VFO and other councillors as applicable.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr MW and Cllr GS agreed to meet with the VFO and Lengthsman jointly in future when the restrictions ease as this would prove beneficial. Cllr MW will arrange the next routine meeting on his own.</p> <p>Cllr MW referred to an email from the VFO advising councillors that footpath W5/23 and steps to the bridge had collapsed, Cllr MW advised VFO to contact Dorset Council.</p> <p><b>Double Yellow Lines on Chestnut Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The application of double yellow lines was discussed and that there is a formal process to go through to examine the need for the yellow lines. It was decided to investigate the legal requirements for the application of yellow lines, there are strict highway legislations for yellow lines and the request may not fall within the guidance. This item will feature within the forthcoming Parish Plan to be progressed in 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hollow Way signage 20mph and Slow Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This was discussed, and it was thought that a reduction to 20mph would be difficult (as it was for Crock Lane). This item will feature within the forthcoming Parish Plan to be progressed in 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cycle Path Burton Road / Extension to the Hollow Way to Burton Road Cycle Route</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This was discussed and Cllr JB mentioned he had spoken to a councillor from Burton Bradstock who said that they had been unable to gain permission from local farmers to extend the cycle way over their land. This item will feature within the forthcoming Parish Plan to be progressed in 2022.</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>30mph (reduction in speed limit from 40mph) on Sea Road South at Maple Gardens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was discussed and the practicality of providing different speed limits along the Sea Road South. This suggestion was dismissed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Hire of Brush cutter for VFO to clear Tony's Track</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr CA raised this, as it had been referred back to the committee from the Finance and Funding Committee. Cllr CA advised that there is no objection to the money being made available for the hire but questioned the wisdom of proceeding with this course of action. He said that historically the maintenance of Tony's Track is part of the Lengthsman's duties, to withdraw it and place it with the VFO could set a precedent for the future. In as much that if the VFO no longer wished to continue with the role, the parish council would need to find someone else to maintain Tony's Track</li> </ul> <p>Cllr MW confirmed that he had asked the Lengthsman n to brush cut Tonys Track however the Lengthsman had advised him to hire a brush cutter as he did not have one.</p> <p>The Clerk expressed surprise that the Lengthsman did not already have a brush cutter (bearing in mind the nature of his job),</p> <p>Cllr MW also said that when he had asked for the work to be done, the Lengthsman had referred to the contracted hours and that if he were to do the work the hours could well be exceeded as a lot of his time is now used emptying litter and dog bins.</p> <p>The Clerk advised the sub-committee that they should wait for Bridport Town Council to invoice for any extra hours the Lengthsman works. Cllr MW agreed to ask the Lengthsman to carry out the work along Tony's Track when necessary.</p> <p><b>Letter to Mr &amp; Mrs de Greeff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter had been written to Mr &amp; Mrs de Greeff regarding steps over Bothen Hill. See website 'correspondence' page.</li> </ul>	Cllr MW

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	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Cllr MW referred to the letter that Cllr JB wrote to Bridport Town Council and that was copied to Dorset Council regarding Footpath W1/13. A copy of the text of the letter appears below on page 5. BTC responded and advised us to write to Dorset Council. The Clerk left a message on the DC Portal on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021. Cllr JB advised that the same issue has been raised in the BANP project dealing with cycleways - this may prove difficult to achieve as the pavement is too narrow, which is frustrating as it makes sense to extend. The Clerk to chase.</p>	Clerk
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting dates were slightly adjusted, and a new set of dates was agreed. The next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm via Zoom.</p>	
	<p>Text from Letter to Bridport Town Council dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021</p> <p>Residents of the parish have requested a pedestrian crossing on Sea Road South where Footpath W1/13 ends and Footpath W5/5 begins, currently crossing at this point is dangerous. This is some 100m south of a light-controlled pedestrian crossing at East Road roundabout. Common sense indicates that it may not be welcomed by the Highways Agency.</p> <p>Alternatively, the parish council suggests that there could be a footpath along Sea Road South from the end of Footpath W1/13 to the Fire Station, about 25m in length, to join the existing pavement that leads to the existing light-controlled crossing. A waymark could indicate this diversion.</p> <p>This will create access across the meadow to the existing pedestrian crossing where people from Walditch and Bothenhampton will be able to cross the A35 safely.</p>	

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Regarding Hire of Brush Cutter – Work for Lengthsman. Ask the Lengthsman to carry out the work along Tony’s Track when necessary	Cllr MW	4
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**RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO MAIN COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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