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**MINUTES OF TRAFFIC, TRANSPORT AND FOOTPATHS
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
at Stoneleigh, Walditch 3pm on 27th August 2021**

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

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	Declaration of any pecuniary interests relating to items in the agenda: None	
	Apologies: None	
1	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 2nd July 2021 The minutes of 2 nd July 2021 having been agreed by email, were accepted.	
	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response from Dorset Council regarding Footpath W1/13 was discussed, it was agreed the matter cannot be progressed because the owner of the land by the fire station has not been determined. The response from Dorset Council did not indicate that they would be taking any action and it was therefore accepted that the matter will be closed and removed from the agenda. • Regarding Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring & Ride – Cllr MW has contacted them for details of their routes and passenger detail, no response received yet – item to be rolled over. • Regarding invitation to David Pencheon to Main Committee Meeting on 13th September – attendance has been confirmed. • Regarding invitation to VFO to Main Committee Meeting on 11th October – attendance has been confirmed. 	

Minutes agreed: Chairman  on 29th October 2021

Tan Cox
Clerk to Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council

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2	<p>Main Business</p> <p>Feedback from Chair on the work of Volunteer Footpaths Officer (VFO).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr MW referred to an email from the VFO dated 22nd August which provided an update on the work he had completed. In the email the VFO referred to a 'hook' which is required to tackle difficult vegetation (brambles/bracken) etc. He advised that he has cut the path from Bothen Farm and met with the path coming up from the Old Church last weekend and is working his way up the hill again. He said he has walked Jellyfields which is satisfactory for now, He added that the footpath from Walditch to the A35 (W5/23) needs clearing. ● Cllr JB said that Jellyfields' circular path has been cleared but the dog-walking path is fairly impassable and will worsen in the winter. It is also the case that the circular path is no longer disable friendly. ● Cllr JB has stepped down as B&W representative at Bridport Town Council and Cllr EB will take this role and sit on the management / steering group when these resume. ● Cllr JB said that the nettles along the steep path along Bothen Hill are very tall and asked if the VFO could deal with them. ● Cllr GS referred to the Bothenhampton Nature Reserve and quarry face. This is being studied by DIGS (Industrial Archaeology Group) who is responsible, with the DC/BTC for maintaining the quarry face area. DIGS have agreed that the VFO can maintain a small pathway around the area. <p>Lengthsman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllrs GS and MW agreed to meet with the Lengthsman in September and accompany him on his round. ● The Clerk had circulated the 'Lengthsman's hours' to councillors prior to the meeting, there were no matters arising. <p>Letter from Cllr JB to DC regarding 20mph limits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Clerk confirmed that there had been no response to the letter. Councillors asked her to chase and to mention the three play areas within the area and the safety of children walking to and from. Additionally, to add that the parish council needs to know what further information DC need in order to progress this. ● Cllr CA to contact campaign official and ask for stickers. 	<p>Cllr MW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr CA</p>

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	<p>Road Verges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk had forwarded the Notes from July Climate and Ecological Emergency Support Group which contained a link to a lecture by Conservationist Richard Bradford on verge management. Cllr JB said that there appeared to be a change in process by DC in that a lot of the council's verges had been cut with the grass being taken away. This practice over time will result in the soil being impoverished and will help wild flowers. • The Clerk referred to a complaint received from Mr Hilton a resident at 3 Elwell in February where a flail had been used to cut his conifer boundary and left the hedge in an awful state. The parish council has also received numerous comments and complaints from residents residing in other parts of the village, for example work carried out along Hollow Way and work along the West Bay Road, in each instance where a flail had been used to cut back vegetation. • Cllr JB said that some of the village verges would benefit from being left uncut or managed in a different way and that this should be considered further. The Chair asked for this matter to be rolled over. 	
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Tony's Track</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr JB said that he had received a complaint about Tony's Track being overgrown. Councillors had used the track very recently and did not agree that it was overgrown. This track is on the VFO schedule and so will be cut back in due course. <p>Hollow Way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr JB referred to the Hollow Way problems, of which there are two. One relates to the damaged high pavement, which has been roped off by DC. This has been the subject of several requests to DC and conversations with them and the Clerk. Additionally, the bank is very overgrown, this work is on the Lengthsman's schedule of work so will be dealt with in due course. <p>Lower Walditch Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr JB referred to the situation at Lower Walditch Lane and to the complaint about a person living in a van. The van is taxed but has no MOT (at the date of check). Cllr JB said that he has spoken to the person who has said that they will be moving on in due course. The Clerk was asked to let the resident know. 	Clerk
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The meeting ended at 4pm and the Clerk reminded councillors of the date of next meeting – 29th October 2021 at Stoneleigh. Councillors reminded to bring diaries as December's meeting is on New Years Eve.</p>	

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 27th August 2021

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Regarding Letter to DC – 20mph limits – clerk to chase and to mention the three play areas within the area and the safety of children walking to and from. Additionally, to add that the parish council needs to know what further information DC need in order to progress.	Clerk	2
Contact campaign official and ask for stickers.	Cllr CA	2
Regarding tall nettles along the steep path at Bothen Hill, ask VFO to deal with them	Cllr MW	2
Regarding Lower Walditch Lane – inform resident	Clerk	3

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