

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Public Rights of Way Working Party

Notes of the Zoom meeting held at 5.00pm on Wednesday 10th February 2021

Present

Bruce de Saram	BdS	ETC & EDDC Councillor, Chair
Olly Davey	OD	ETC & EDDC Councillor
Eileen Beech	EB	ETC Councillor
Andrew Toyne	AT	ETC Councillor
Heath Nickels	HN	P3 Co-Ordinator
Ross Hussey	RH	Footpaths Volunteer
Emma de Saram	EdS	Footpaths Volunteer, TARA (The Avenues Residents' Association)
Jan Gannaway	JG	Active Travel Exmouth, Sustrans
John Petty	JP	Active Travel Exmouth, ECA (Exmouth Community Association)
Sam Jeffcoat	SJ	DCC PROW Warden for Exmouth
Chetna Jones	CJ	ETC Deputy Town Clerk
Tim Clatworthy	TC	ETC note taker, & Footpaths Volunteer

Apologies

Helen Bennett	HB	Footpaths Volunteer
Ian Kirvan	IK	ETC Councillor

1. Welcome and apologies

2. To confirm and approve the notes of the previous meeting of 23rd September 2020

BdS proposed, OD seconded, approval of the notes of the meeting of 23rd September 2020.

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Keveler Road footpath: for this to become an official PROW, DCC would need to adopt it.
- Bapton Valley footpath update: TBS working on this; EDDC would need to agree to maintain it going forward.
- Action: CJ/TC to ask Ros Davies to send EB an Exmouth PROW map.**

4. To welcome Sam Jeffcoat, Public Rights of Way Warden for Exmouth

- Since starting in post in November, SJ has had to concentrate on larger jobs in his area (Exeter/East Devon/Exmouth) but has scheduled work in Exmouth to start soon.
- The group members thanked and congratulated SJ on the excellent repairs to the Exmouth-Budleigh cycleway.
- Horses have had to be disallowed from using the Quentance Farm bridges as they were not designed for use by horses.
- Exe Estuary Trail (i). Subsidence and also uneven standard of repairs, e.g. non-slip boards not replaced or not long enough: SJ explained that DCC was currently having difficulties sourcing the right replacement materials.
- Exe Estuary Trail (ii). Lack of disability access to viewing platform:
Action: CJ to send SJ relevant information if available.
- Roadside paths, overgrown hedgerows etc. are dealt with by DCC's Local Neighbourhood Team, not SJ's department. Please use DCC's website 'Report It' function to report all roadside/highway issues for greatest efficiency, and encourage others to do the same.

- 5. To review items for submission for PR scheme, including update from P3 Co-ordinator on the annual survey**
- a) FP4: Fingerpost by golf course still down, propped up against a tree. Kissing gate at Castle lane unusable. **Action: SJ to replace kissing gate.**
 - b) FP5: Top rail broken and unsafe. **Action: SJ to replace with kissing gate.**
 - c) FP6: Safety and directional signage yet to be improved. Possible diversion of path in the future if farmer has a viable alternative.
 - d) FP9: **Action: SJ to resurface it.**
 - e) FP10: Tarmac eroded and depression in surface between Cats Motel and Holly Tree pub. **Action: AT to send SJ a photo with location description.**
 - e) FP11: The stretch alongside the estuary and Carter Avenue and to the bird-hide is still damaged after tidal defence works and is no longer wheelchair accessible. However EDDC are aware that this FP has not yet been reinstated to its former state.
 - f) FP14: Has been withdrawn from the P3 scheme, but ETC staff do tidy up when available. **Action: SJ to attend to it.**
 - g) **Action: SJ to send CJ his works schedule to help co-ordinate the work of participating teams, i.e. DCC and ETC.**
 - h) **Action: CJ and HN to submit annual survey and paperwork to DCC.**
- 6. Update on the current state of footpaths**
As discussed above.
- 7. Photo storage possibilities**
TC and RH have been investigating options for members to easily record and share the state of footpaths via photographs, (a) to help repair teams identify what is required and where, (b) for 'before and after' comparisons. For storage capacity reasons, videos are discouraged.
Action: TC to inform members when the system is user-ready.
- 8. Any other business**
- a) IK reported by email that a section of the valley footpath past Bapton Close to Partridge Road has been eroded down to the hardcore and continues to deteriorate. The meeting noted that whilst this this is not a PRow it is part of Bapton Valley cycleway scheme currently being worked on.
 - b) RH suggested that the footpath between 'ScrewFix' and Liverton Industrial Estate could be signed as it is currently not readily visible.
Action: (a) JG to send CJ a copy of the relevant map section from the 'Getting Around Exmouth' website and (b) CJ to check with EDDC and CDE to confirm whose it is.
 - c) EB: footpath from Dinan Way to 'The Range' needs clearing.
Action: CJ to inform CDE.
 - d) Lime Kiln Lane was adopted by DCC, but ETC will resume responsibility for it as part of the Grounds Maintenance work.
 - e) JG and JP encouraged members to visit www.gettingaroundexmouth.org and to add any paths, etc that they know but which are not yet on the website.
- 9. Next meeting:**
4.00pm Wednesday September 15th
- 10. Close of meeting**
The meeting was closed at 18.35.