

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES GROUP

MINUTES of a meeting of the above group held on Monday, 27th September, 2010.

Present: Peter Hetherington (in the chair), Di Eaton, Jan Gooders, Julian Knight, Paul Rooksby, Jean Trotman, Matthew Day, Tony Hughes and Brenda Wilson (Parish Council Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** none.

Peter Hetherington welcomed Matthew Day and Tony Hughes, new members of the group.

2. **Minutes of meeting** held on 18th January, 2010, were approved.

3. **Matters arising:** any matters covered by items on the agenda.

4. **Short Presentation by Cynth Napper** on the Parish Council's responsibilities under the Nerc Act 2006. She is part of the Oxford Nature Conservation Forum.

Notes of Cynth Napper's presentation are to be circulated to members of the committee.

Peter Hetherington thanked her for attending the meeting.

5. **Tree Maintenance and Planning**

It was agreed Peter Hetherington and Julian Knight will look at ivy on trees as Crossways, at the junction of Church Lane and the Lower Icknield Way. They will also examine the planting in Church Lane.

6. **Rights of Way concerns.**

a) Footpaths as Ways to School – Peter Hetherington stated the improvements to the Moors Path from Kingston Blount to School Lane, A.R., should be carried out during the half-term holiday. Improvements to the path at the back of Aston Rowant green are awaiting funding from O.C.C. Countryside Services. The possibility of a suitable sign on the Stert Road was discussed.

b) Parish Walks dates – Peter Hetherington reported the last walk was very well attended but not by people from the Parish. The next walk is on 9th January, a 6.7 mile walk from West Wycombe garden centre.

7. **Path between Kingston Blount and Chinnor along B4009** - Peter Hetherington gave an update on the position regarding this project. He is liaising with Chinnor Parish Council; also looking at possible ways of raising the necessary capital

8. **Planting and Maintenance of Village Flower Tubs.** Planting of Spring bulbs and roadside wild flower seeds – Michelle will plant the tubs, and water at Kingston Blount end of the Parish. Other people will water tubs in Aston Rowant. New spring bulbs will be planted in the tubs and the old ones removed and planted in the ground. It is anticipated funding for the tubs will come from the Lambert Arms.

Wild flower seeds have been planted on the bend in the Stert Road.

9. **Any other business:**

Julian Knight drew attention to the Ball at the Lambert Arms in October, proceeds of which will go to help projects in the Parish.

The need for protection of cyclists on roads was discussed.

CHAIRMAN

