

THURLEIGH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT NETWORK

Meeting 4th January 2011

Present: Ian Soaft Chairman
Liz Soaft
Fiona Parlett
Linda Singleton
Richard Singleton
Damon Goodyear
Bill Boddington

Apologies: none

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

The BC advised that Clarissa Caroe has kindly allowed for a permissive route across her horse paddocks to link up FP17 with BW18. Where FP17 exits Robins Folly Farm is incorrect. The BC will be clearing the gap in the correct place so it exits within Robins Folly Farm land. This would negate the need for walkers to stray onto private land.

The BC have also provided their schedule for path clearance thereby avoiding duplication of effort.

Edging of grass round village - **closed**

Trees – Ed Burnett has advised the Trees that have been requested have arrived at Mowsbury Park waiting delivery. Unfortunately due to freezing conditions no progress has been made to date. Ian e mailed Ed Burnett just before Christmas requesting an update re tree delivery. If nothing further heard from Ed by 10th January Ian will chase again. **Ongoing Ian.**

Fireproof coating for proposed shelter in village garden. – Fiona reports she is not getting any positive response from suppliers. None will give any guarantees regarding fire retardation.

However it is not sure how much support for this project there is within the Village, therefore a survey of villagers may be the way to go before proceeding further. **(ongoing EIN)**

Hedge on the bend in the High Street, near village hall has been cut back severely making it much safer walking the bend. **Closed**

Bridleway near Redgate Farm which had just been cleared by Council has now been ploughed up. Farmer has been given 14 days to replace. Now reinstated. **Closed**

We have been asked if the leaflet, Treks around Thurleigh is still available. – Damon to check with Borough Council to see if we can get reprint. These will then be available in the Church, The Jackal and offered to the Windmill Bed and Breakfast and Scald End Farm Holiday Lets. A large number of maps from the P3 project have now been supplied by Cliff Smith and distributed to the Farm Shop, The Jackal and The Windmill B&B **Closed.**

Martin Towler has opened more permissive paths on his land which we will be able to include in future walks. - Ian to visit and discuss. Due to inclement weather, illness and Christmas Ian has not been able as yet to meet with Martin with a view to incorporate these paths into walks. **Ongoing Ian**

Pedestrians on road sign has been requested by Parish Council for village where there is no pavement . Bill reports the PC are still waiting to hear from The Highways Dept. **Ongoing Bill**

New Actions

A Hedge on the High Street near The Baptist Chapel has been reported as overgrown reducing the width of the path causing one user with a pram to have to walk in the road. **Action Damon**

Report of excessive overgrowth on the footpath round the reservoir. Extent of work to be checked and necessary arrangements made to clear. **Action EIN**

Ian has received confirmation from Francine that the BC has contact a local farmer highlighting all paths that need reinstating on his land following ploughing. EIN to monitor and report back

It was agreed to provide the PC with a list of Achievements and a future Wish List of projects. **Action Ian**

The committee thanked Fiona and Damon for representing the EIN at the last Litter Pick.

Next meeting 5th April 7.30 Jackal. All welcome.