

Right of Way Issues Bridge Road to Woodhouse Lane

Minutes September 2014

14/56 Right of Way Bridge Road to Travellers Joy

The Chairman reported that there were increasing concerns that development of the site was taking place in complete disregard of the public view that this was a Right of Way and that, despite the efforts of the Parish Council including a number of evidence statements submitted by Councillors and members of the public, there had been no response to the requests made to the Senior Rights of Way Officer for intervention. The Clerk was asked to once again write to the Senior Rights of Way Officer, with copies to the Borough's Managing Director and political leader, asking why no action had been taken following the submission of evidence that the Parish Council had always believed that this route had long been used by the public and evidence of its use was presented to the Borough Council over 15 years ago when the Parish Council, in partnership with the South Telford Rights of Way Project, sought to have all its rights of way preserved on the county's definitive map; there is evidence that this right of way has been in use since as long ago as 1903.

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The Clerk confirmed that a letter requesting a reply to the Council's initial concerns had been sent to the Borough Council's Rights of Way Officer, Mr Andrew Careless and that copies had been sent to the Borough Council's Managing Director and Council Leader.

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14/92 Right of Way Bridge Road to Travellers Joy

The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had been contacted by the Borough Council's Customer Services department with a request for dates on which the Parish Council's representatives might be available to meet Mr. Careless to discuss the ongoing concerns which had not yet been addressed. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr. Lovett and the Clerk should meet Mr. Careless at a date and time to be agreed.

Minutes December 2014

14/105 Right of Way Bridge Road to Travellers Joy The Clerk reported that there was likely to be a meeting with Mr. Careless in the New Year; date to be confirmed.

Minutes January 2015

14/117 Right of Way Bridge Road to Travellers Joy

The Chairman reported on a meeting held with Mr. Careless and the MD of Horsehay Ltd where an alternative, diverted route, had been tabled. Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to accept the tabled diversion of the footpath from Bridge Road to the Travellers Joy public House as discussed with Mr. Careless, Senior Rights of Way Officer, and the Managing Director of Horsehay Limited at the meeting on Friday 16th January 2015; that the Parish Council was willing to withdraw those claims and evidence, submitted by members of the public on behalf of the Parish Council, for the continuation of the (blocked off) original route of the B.O.A.T.; that the decision was

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entirely subject to the caveat that Horsehay Limited agreed to whatever conditions the Borough Council required in order to secure the land of the alternative route as a public right of way and that they also agreed to the condition that the route was secured on the definitive map; that subject to their agreement, the Borough Council, through the Senior Rights of Way Officer, would then proceed without undue delay to secure the route and place it on a legal footing as a definitive route to protect it in perpetuity; that once the route has been secured as a definitive route, the Parish Council would have no objection to an immediate time limited suspension of the route to allow necessary works to be carried out on the site.

In agreeing to the resolution, Members hoped that it would then enable the route to be secured as a definitive route without too much further delay and that members of the public would soon be able to resume their practice of walking along this long used route.

Minutes June 2015

15/29 Footpath Bridge Road to Travellers Joy The Clerk informed the Meeting that he had placed the matter on the agenda because there had been some disquiet in the Parish over reports that the developers of the site had informed potential house buyers that the footpath would not be reopened. On behalf of the Council, the Clerk had contacted Mr. Andrew Careless, Rights of Way Officer, who had confirmed that the legal orders for the diversion of the footpath were in hand. The Meeting was content that the matter remained in hand.

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15/77 Correspondence
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Footpath site of Adamson House. Letter from Mr. Barker, Assistant Director Planning confirming that the matter is being addressed.