

FROM DAVID PEARCEY
WATERSIDE COTTAGE
WORTHY ROAD,
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SO23 7JR

28 JUNE 2007

DEAR.....

Bruce

THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR SPARING YOUR TIME TO ATTEND OUR RECENT MEETING. RE THE FOOTPATH. BELOW ARE MY NOTES BUT I DON'T GUARANTEE THAT THEY ARE 100% ACCURATE ! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY GLARING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

YOURS SINCERELY

DAVID PEARCEY

HEADBOURNE WORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC FOOTPATH - SCHOOL LANE
TO ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH (FOOTPATH No. 7)**

**NOTES OF MEETING HELD 4.30 P.M. MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2007 AT SCHOOL
LANE**

PRESENT:

1. **DAVID PEARCEY** PARISH COUNCILLOR HWPC TEL NO: (01962) 880063
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2. **BOB CHISNELL**. LANDOWNER, LOWER FARM H.W. TEL.NO: 07779911641 (OR THE GOOD LIFE GARDEN CENTRE)
3. **BRUCE GRAHAM** THE WORTHYS CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS, 5, GILLINGHAM CLOSE, KINGS WORTHY SO23 7RL TEL NO: (01962) 882789. MOBILE: 07919 111221.
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4. **PETER WATSON**. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE AREA RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER TEL NO: (01962) 846014
5. **DAVID MALLOY** HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE TEL NO (01962) 847181.

PROBLEM

SURFACE RAINWATER RUNNING OFF SCHOOL LANE HAS SERIOUSLY ERODED THE FOOTPATH, PARTICULARLY THE INITIAL SECTION OF ABOUT 20 METRES. AS A RESULT THE SURFACE HAS BECOME DEEPLY RUTTED AND HAZARDOUS FOR WALKERS. (THE START OF THE FOOTPATH IS LOWER THAN SCHOOL LANE AND AS THE EDGE OF THE TARMACADAM SURFACE IN SCHOOL LANE HAS ALSO CRUMBLLED THIS HAS LEAD TO A GULLEY FORMING AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD WHICH FUNNELS WATER DIRECTLY TO THE PATH)

DECISION

FOLLOWING ADVICE FROM PETER WATSON AND DAVID MALLOY IT WAS DECIDED AND AGREED THAT :

1. STEPS WERE NOT SUITABLE AND A MINIMAL MAINTAINANCE SOLUTION SHOULD BE SOUGHT

2. THIS INITIAL SECTION (AS ABOVE) SHOULD BE BUILT UP AND FILLED IN WITH PATH GRAVEL.
3. THIS WORK SHOULD INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING A CHANNEL ON BOTH SIDES TO ALLOW THE WATER TO RUN OFF AND TO BE DIRECTED AWAY FROM THE PATH ITSELF FURTHER ON DOWN THE SLOPE.
4. TO PREVENT THIS EROSION REOCCURRING, DRAINAGE RUNOFFS WOULD BE DUG OUT OF THE VERGE IN SCHOOL LANE EITHER SIDE OF THE FOOTPATH TO HELP DIRECT SURFACE WATER AWAY FROM THE FOOTPATH ITSELF
5. **BRUCE GRAHAM** STATED THAT THE WORTHIES CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS WOULD DO THE NECESSARY WORK. PROBABLY STARTING: LATE AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER.
6. **BOB CHISNELL** STATED THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO HIRE A MINIDIGGER FOR SOME WORK ON HIS PROPERTY AND THAT IF **BRUCE GRAHAM** LIAISED WITH HIM THEN HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR IT AND HIMSELF TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NECESSARY EXCAVATIONS.
7. **DAVID MALLOY** CONFIRMED THAT THE HCC WOULD SUPPLY THE NECESSARY TOOLS FOR USE BY THE VOLUNTEERS AND THAT HE WOULD TRY TO ATTEND,
8. **DAVID PEARCEY** SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF FUNDING FOR THE NECESSARY MATERIALS AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
9. **DAVID MALLOY** STATED HE WOULD FORWARD THE NECESSARY SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION FORM TO **DAVID PEARCEY** TOGETHER WITH SOME IDEA OF THE LIKELY COSTINGS FOR THE MATERIALS.
10. AS THE POOR CONDITION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY IN SCHOOL LANE AT THE EDGE HAD LEAD IN SOME WAY TOWARDS THIS EROSION, **DAVID PEARCEY** UNDERTOOK TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME REMEDIAL WORK WITH THE HIGHWAYS DEPT.
11. **PETER WATSON** WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE PROVISION OF A HCC FINGERPOST
12. **BOB CHISNELL** RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE USE OF THE FOOTPATH BY CYCLISTS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A KISSING GATE BEING INCORPORATED IN THE IMPROVEMENTS WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS DECIDED TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND IF ACTION BECAME NECESSARY A GATE COULD BE CONSTRUCTED A SHORT DISTANCE DOWN THE PATH TO ALLOW PEDESTRIANS ROOM TO QUEUE OFF THE LANE.
13. **BOB CHISNELL** ALSO RAISED THE NUISANCE CAUSED BY DOGS OFF THE LEAD ANNOYING THE ABUNDANT WILDLIFE, ESPECIALLY NEAR HIS POND AND QUERIED WHETHER THIS COULD BE STOPPED.. **PETER WATSON** COMMENTED THAT HCC POLICY DID NOT ALLOW FOR SUCH A PROHIBITION BUT **DAVID PEARCEY** AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE EXHIBITING OF ADVISORY NOTICES

FURTHER POINTS

1. **BRUCE GRAHAM** AND THE VOLUNTEERS WILL CLEAR THE FOLIAGE ETC. OBSCURING THE VIEW FROM THE SEAT IN SCHOOL LANE SITUATED TO THE EAST OF THE FOOTPATH. **BOB CHISNELL** GAVE HIS PERMISSION FOR THEM TO REMOVE SHRUBS AND SAPLINGS GROWING WITHIN HIS FIELD AT THIS SPOT.
 2. **BOB CHISNELL** CONFIRMED THAT IT IS HIS INTENTION TO CUT BACK THE NUT BUSHES WHICH ARE ENCROACHING ON THE FOOTPATH AND TO REMOVE THE HEDGE WHICH HAS PARTLY BLOCKED THE ACCESS TO THE BRIDGE AT THE ST.SWITHUNS CHURCH END OF THE PATH
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