

**MINUTES OF PRUDHOE PATHFORCE, 18TH JANUARY 2016
AT 2 p.m. AT THE SPETCHELLS CENTRE, PRUDHOE**

PRESENT: Tim Fish (NCC), Mavis Harris (Secretary/RA), Brian Hudspith, Lynne Breen

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Pete Barrett. Tim Fish chaired the meeting

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed

MATTERS ARISING: BY 54 TF indicated that recent heavy rain had made the path surface worse.

NCC REPORT AND ROW PROBLEMS: TF gave an up-date on damage caused by flooding in the Country Park where contractors had cleared flood debris, the floods had scoured the bridleway along to the Spetchells and there was considerable loss of equipment, including two Land Rovers, at the Field Team's depot at Low Prudhoe. Any work involving power tools would therefore be delayed until they had been replaced. The board walk on the Hagg Bank path down to the pond is completely submerged and as there appeared to be no drainage from the pond it is likely that the situation will not improve in the near future. He then gave an up-date on other flood damage in Tynedale at Wylam, Ovingham, Ferry Landing, Acomb, Warden, Haydon Bridge and Allen Banks. He encouraged the group to continue to send in problems, even though they might take longer to resolve.

LAND OF OAK AND IRON PROJECT: MH had been informed that Heritage Lottery funding had been secured. One of the key elements of the project is to improve access. TF said it was not yet clear what form this will take in the Prudhoe area.

INTER-PARISH WALK: TF, BH and MH had met before the meeting to discuss the leaflet. TF provided A3 copies of the proposed layout and various alterations were made. An alternative A4 version of the map layout, with some minor adjustments, seemed a possibility. It was decided to look into this with the graphic designer since this would reduce the cost of printing. Further suggestions would be brought to the meeting (at 1 p.m.) in March.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: MH reminded the group that the AGM would be held before the ordinary meeting on 21st March. She had also heard that David Roberts was in hospital and was likely to be out of action for some time.

NEXT MEETING 21ST MARCH 2016 AT 2 P.M.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.