

**MINUTES OF PRUDHOE PATHFORCE, HELD 16th JULY, 2018
AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE SPETCHELLS CENTRE, PRUDHOE**

PRESENT: Pete Barrett (Chairman), Mavis Harris (Secretary/RA), Brian Hudspith, Co Coun. Gordon Stewart, June Rose (Treasurer/Health Walkers), Tim Fish (NCC)

APOLOGIES: Coun. Duncan Couchman

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 21st May, 2018 were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING: PB welcomed GS to the meeting, who gave an interesting talk on his interest and involvement in outdoor activity: getting out and about, walking, sporting groups; bringing out the older population's interest in leisure, and sparking interest in the outdoors for the younger generation.

There is money available through the Land of Oak and Iron, organisations like the Coop, etc. that groups can access for projects. TF was meeting Gentoo to see if it was possible to open the housing development site on a temporary basis.

NCC AND FIELD REPORTS

Walk 3: PTC has put a note on the website to say that the walk is closed, but it will be useful if they could add that a circular walk could still be done by avoiding the Stanley Burn section, and using more road as an alternative. **(TF and MH to discuss)**

Keppell Well: at Highfield Fest. DC had done a questionnaire asking people for ideas of what they thought should happen with the improvement of the site.

West Mickley School: TF and Co. Coun. Ann Dale (Stocksfield) have been working with the children to plan short walks in the area around the school.

Petition against closure of the hospital development site to the West Northumberland Local Area Council.

Lesley Silvera to provide update on her Miners Memorial Meadows project.

BH is collecting witness statements for a path across South Park.

There was also discussion as to whether access from Broomhouse Lane, near the tip and the cricket club might be possible, but it was not a priority.

Prudhoe Bypass at Thompsons roundabout: there were plans for a development there.

RBV 074: TF said there was little evidence of carriageway use.

South Park: HCA wish to sell part of this land. BH suggested woodland with disabled access, TF suggested community woodland; but this would involve buying and selling plots, which would restrict public access to public rights of way.

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Inter-Parish walk: there had been a complaint about the condition of the path going south from Mickley Garden Centre. TF pointed out that DEFRA have quicker sanctions against offenders than the local authority.

15.15 GS left the meeting.

PPF leaflets: MH suggested surveying the routes in early summer for potential problems.
Leaflets: look into costs of possible reprints.

Meeting closed at 15.45

NEXT MEETING: 17th September, 2018, at 2 p.m. at The Spetchells Centre.