

**MINUTES OF PRUDHOE PATHFORCE, 21st MARCH, 2016
AT 2:30 p.m. AT THE SPETCHELLS CENTRE, PRUDHOE**

PRESENT: Pete Barrett (Chairman), Tim Fish (NCC), Mavis Harris (Secretary/RA), Brian Hudspith,

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Jo Bentley, Lynne Breen and June Rose

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising.

NCC REPORT AND ROW PROBLEMS: TF said the Field Team was almost back to normal working after the floods and that all Prudhoe paths were fit to use. There was some work to do around Hagg Farm on potholes in the tarmac and this should be done after Easter. Flood damage restoration was being funded from the government funded flood release fund and large capital projects could come from a separate fund. **BY 54** (lonnen into Hyons Wood) would be re-profiled at a cost of c. £2000). **BR 12** (Mickley Garden Centre to Golf Driving Range) Rubble was being dumped on the bridleway and the adjacent track. **FP 10** (High Mickley) Mr Stokoe had promised to deal with this but nothing had been done so far. **Prudhoe Hospital Woods** the legal agreements for the permissive paths to become ROWs were being processed. **FP 35** (Hagg Bank) MH said a WM post was needed where the path turned left and asked if improvements could be made at the bypass where the short steep slope became very slippery when wet. TF promised to see what could be done. **Path Surveys** TF to check those already done for the next meeting so that future work by the group could be planned

INTER-PARISH WALK: TF, MH and Keara Kerr had met to discuss leaflet design layout. The project had been discussed at the Broomley and Stocksfield ROW and Environment Group meeting. Coun. Ann Dale offered a contribution from her funds and the parish council had also agreed to meet half the cost.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: PB had been told that the Town Council had approved the grant to PPF for 2016-2017.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: MH had received a letter from the TC expressing its appreciation of the work done by PPF in protecting and promoting the path network in the town and working closely with NCC in the work that was done. She had forwarded the letter to Mike Jeffrey at NCC adding the group's appreciation of the valuable contribution of Tim Fish to PPF's activities. MH had also received an invitation from Prudhoe Methodist Church to put on a display of its activities at the Church's jubilee celebration on 23rd April. BH and MH agreed to arrange this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: TF said that Daft as a Brush, the charity providing transport for cancer sufferers, was organising walks along the North and South Tyne from 19th to 22nd April and would be walking through the Country Park.

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on 16th May. The meeting closed at 3:50 p.m.