

**MINUTES OF PRUDHOE PATHFORCE, 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016  
AT 2:00 p.m. AT THE SPETCHELLS CENTRE, PRUDHOE**

**PRESENT:** Pete Barrett (Chairman), Tim Fish (NCC), Mavis Harris (Secretary/RA), Brian Hudspeth, June Rose (Treasurer and PTC), Lynne Breen, Geoff Diamond (CTC), Jo Bentley (Health Walkers)

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING: I-P WALK:** MH said all bills had been paid, some of the leaflets had been distributed at various outlets in the district and asked for suggestions of other places to display them. She and Anne Dale had arranged a photo shoot for the 28<sup>th</sup> October issue of the Hexham Courant. TF said work on improving access alongside the bypass to Mickley Square was still to do. JR said PTC had expressed praise for the work done by the group.

**NCC REPORT AND ROW PROBLEMS:** FP 22 (Hospital Woods): The path, and also the one along the burn as far as the junction with the Clinty Burn, would be closed for various periods in the New Year. The steps down to the burn would be replaced by a ramp to allow machines on to the site. Closure notices would be publicised. FP 43 (Castlefields Wood): The FB had been replaced to bridleway specifications. FP 10 (High Mickley): PB said work done had left the surface in a mess. TF to investigate. FP 36 (Hagg Bank): MH asked if a WM post could be put up at the junction with the permissive path and if more waymarking could be done on the new permissive paths in Cockshott Dene Woods. TF to consult Groundworks (Laura Waugh).

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Grant application 2017-18. PB handed out copies for discussion. As well as running costs, members identified other items that would help their objective of "*Putting Prudhoe on the Map*", including a reprint of the *Walks around Prudhoe* leaflets and possibly further walks leaflets.. JB proposed asking for £150 and this was agreed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** MH was hoping to liaise with Land of Oak and Iron in connection with the Spetchells walk and had met with Lesley Silvera of the Meadows and Mining Heritage project and how the likely meadow site linked in with the ROW network.

**AOB:** TF said the budget for the Local Transport Plan for the next five years was now being discussed and asked the group to identify any possible projects, e.g. surfacing, improved links, new structures, etc. Several suggestions were put forward, e.g. FP 66 and Ward Lane, and the group agreed to pass any further suggestions to TF.

The next meeting will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January and the meeting closed at 3:55.