



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee, Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors Rachel Armstrong, Neil Gibbs (Vice-Chair of Environment Committee), Gary Powell (Chair of Council), Val Randell, Pam Swain, Keith Terry.

In attendance: Rachel Russell, Deputy Clerk (Minutes)

E/471 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Kambites. Cllr Gibbs chaired the meeting.

E/472 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E/473 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on 17th January 2022

The minutes of the meeting of 17th January 2022 were **agreed** as a true record. All in favour.

E/474 To comment on planning applications as listed

22/0096/VAR Stonehouse Court Hotel, Bristol Road, Stonehouse
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on permitted application S.19/1580/FUL.
No objections

22/0092/FUL Costa Coffee, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse
Installation of two rapid electric vehicle charging stations
Support.

22/0068/FUL Unit 2A, Brunel Centre, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.
Erection of workshop
No objection to the proposal although a further environmental enhancement would be to provide solar panels on the roof of the workshop if possible.

22/0172/HHOLD 59 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DW.
Rear two storey extension
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0217/HHOLD 8 Court View, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3PL.
Erection of front porch and single storey rear extension replacing conservatory
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0268/HHOLD 27 Kings Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2EZ.

Erection of two storey side extension
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0279/FUL Renishaw PLC, Brunel Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
The erection of six carport structures comprising solar pv panels for the generation of renewable energy
Support: the proposal is a valuable contribution to the generation of renewable energy.

22/0102/HHOLD 2 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QH.
Erection of 1st floor extension over garage, new larger porch to front door and new lift shaft to gable wall
No objection if no objections from neighbours.

22/0340/VAR 31 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QH.
Variation of Condition 2 of S.21/1982/HHOLD - Position proposed garage slightly further away from the road
No observations.

22/0291/FUL Dairy Partners Ltd , Brunel Way, Stonehouse
A new fire escape staircase on the south eastern facade of the existing building.
No objection so long as proposed works do not affect the integrity and effectiveness of the bund.

22/0371/HHOLD 20 Ebley Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2LQ.
Demolish existing out-building and construct side extension for disabled use and care.
No observations.

E/475 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council, 11 January 2022 to 14 February 2022
The report was noted.

E/476 To receive a report on Committee Budget
The report to 14 February 2022 with income at £13,890.18 and expenditure at £57,216.63 was noted.

E/477 To receive report on progress of Restoring Your Railways scheme re Bristol Road Station
The report on developing a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) under the Restoring Your Railways scheme in the supporting papers was noted. Stantec consultants are currently working on the case for change and stakeholder engagement; the SOBC will be complete by August 2022 and is due to be submitted to the Department for Transport by September 2022.

The Deputy Clerk explained the governance arrangements and that the first Steering Group meetings was scheduled for 1st March. Cllrs. Kambites and Thorpe will attend steering group meetings.

E/478 To consider a contribution of up to £5,000 towards a Market Towns Tourism content project and note a proposal for District wide tourism app.

Consideration of a contribution towards a Market Towns Tourism content project had been deferred to Environment Committee by Town Council (TC2738/2).

It was agreed to contribute up to £5,000 towards a Market Towns Tourism content project, costs to be met from the existing Stroud District Council Tourism grant reserve and, subject to Town Council's approval, either virements from unspent 2021/22 budgets or by creation of a new reserve. All in favour.

Councillors noted the proposal for a year's pilot of District wide tourism app pilot to be procured by Stroud District Council, costs to be met from Welcome Back funding. Although using and populating the app would require staff time, councillors **supported** the pilot project and a District wide app as potentially beneficial.

E/479 To consider request from Stonehouse Climate Change Action Forum to fund printing costs for an Eco-Directory.

It was agreed to fund printing costs of up to £250 for the Eco-Directory from the Committee's Climate Change budget.

E/480 To receive an update from Stonehouse In Bloom

Cllr. Swain gave the following update:

- Network Rail are due to work on the area between the track and the steps from Queens Road, moving the fence, adding hand rails and moving vegetation. Stonehouse in Bloom (SIB) can then improve this area.
- SIB volunteers have planted 2,000 snowdrop bulbs.
- Cllr. Powell has been working on putting reservoirs into rusty planters. Planters will be painted.
- 14th March, there will be turf cutting and rotavating of areas of Laburnum Field and planting of wild flower seeds.

E/481 To receive reports from Working Groups and consider recommendations:

Canal Rejuvenation

Cllrs. Powell and Swain had attended a Cotswold Canals Connected (CCC) webinar before the meeting. Cllr Swain reported that a key message was that the CCC project was "for the community, by the community and with the community." Stroud District Council's Project Officer had advised that SDC's Canal Strategy Framework, recently the subject of a public consultation, was concerned with the long term future of the canal, after the completion of the project. CCC's Phase IB is a three year project.

Cllr. Swain reported on a Canal Rejuvenation Working Group meeting of 11th February with Ward Councillors where the potential of the land a Wyatt's Field to provide a canal side amenity site was raised.

To consider the following recommendation to Town Council regarding the recent community consultation on the Ship Inn site:

Stonehouse Town Council thanks everyone who responded to the Community Consultation on the Ship Inn site and recognises the following:

1. that the Stonehouse residents voted overwhelmingly for the use on the Ship Inn site to be for the Community
2. that the Ship Inn site is owned by Stroud District Council
3. the strategic importance of the position and location of the Ship Inn Site in relation to the canal and the Town
4. the importance of this site to the Stonehouse Town's future relationship with the newly regenerated Canal corridor
5. that the Ship Inn site should be included in the future Local Plan as land not suitable for Housing and should be reserved for Community use

Stonehouse Town Council commits to work and co-operate with Stroud District Council to achieve community use of the Ship Inn site.

The recommendation to Town Council was amended as follows and agreed. All in favour.

Stonehouse Town Council thanks everyone who responded to the Community Consultation on the Ship Inn site and recognises the following:

1. that 598 Stonehouse residents voted overwhelmingly for the use on the Ship Inn site to be for the Community
3. the strategic importance of the position and location of the Ship Inn Site in relation to the canal and the Town
4. the importance of this site to the Stonehouse Town's future relationship with the newly regenerated Canal corridor
5. that the Ship Inn site should be included in the future Local Plan as land not suitable for Housing and should be reserved for Community use

Stonehouse Town Council commits to work and co-operate with the Ship Inn site's owners, Stroud District Council, to achieve community use of the site.

Events

No recent meetings to report.

PROW

Cllr. Armstrong reported that she and Cllr. Kambites had had a positive meeting with the landowners from Far Westrip Farm who were now willing to consider one permissive path on their land; however, in order for this path to connect with the path network, it needs to cross Verney Fields, which is currently on the market.

The cut off date of 2026 to claim footpaths and rights of way using historic evidence is due to be removed giving more time to investigate the case for a path at Bonds Mill and gather evidence for the Queens Rd footpath to the car park.

Recreation

Stagholt Field improvements.

- A volunteer has kindly provided an artist's impression and images for use in a public consultation about the proposed changes.
- Deputy Clerk has not progressed public consultation material or other project tasks due to current staff situation.

- Cllr. Gibbs reported that Sunflower Suicide Support are aware of the project and may be interested in being involved. Current ideas include bee friendly measures and wild flower planting at Allotments, progressing a Bee Friendly town application, planting a Community Orchard and making a pond and scrapes.

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Transport and Highways

Cllr. Terry reported that a meeting had been set up for 24th February; main agenda items would be implementing the recent Accessibility Audit and flood mitigation measures around Horsemarling Lane and roundabout.

E/482 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: 21 March 2022

E/486 Planning Applications for comment

[22/0546/HHOLD](#) 15 Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2BQ.
Garage conversion & erection of extension.

[22/0538/HHOLD](#) 11 Oak Way, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2QJ.
Construction of single storey rear extension

E/487 Planning Results received from Stroud District Council from 15 February 2022 to 14 March 2022
(N.O. = NO OBSERVATIONS)

[19/0869/LBC](#) Ryeford Lodge and Ryeford Cottage, Ryeford Road North, Ryeford, Stonehouse.
[19/0867/LBC](#) Replacement roof and associated building repairs following fire Damage
SUPPORT CONSENT/WITHDRAWN

[21/2341/VAR](#) Old Station Yard, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Variation to condition 2 (plans) on permitted application S.18/1748/FUL
COMMENT CONSENT

[21/2724/TPO](#) TPO 517, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Tree Preservation Order: Work to five trees- fell three trees (T1, T3, T5), reduce (pollard) two trees(T2,T4).
N.O CONSENT

[21/2944/FUL](#) Flat 2, Anavrin, St Cyrils Road, Stonehouse
Erection of extension
N.O CONSENT

[22/0005/HHOLD](#) 36 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DE.
Erection of single storey front extension and two storey rear extension.
COMMENT CONSENT

[21/3067/FUL](#) 8A Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PB.
Amendments to drive. (Resubmission of S.21/2530/HHOLD)
N.O CONSENT

[22/0030/FUL](#) Land Adjacent To 26, Severn Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.
Erection of two storey dwelling - resubmission of S.21/0473/FUL
N.O REFUSED

[22/0092/FUL](#) Costa Coffee, Stonehouse Park, Sperry Way, Stonehouse
Installation of two rapid electric vehicle charging stations
SUPPORT CONSENT

Notes on Agenda items, Town Environment Committee, 21 March 2022

<p>E/488 To consider pre-application consultation information received on possible variation to 19/1905/FUL (Stroud Auctions development, Horsetrough roundabout)</p>	<p>The applicant for the Stroud Auctions development has contacted the Town Council for views on changing the material used for cladding the structure from timber to a cheaper alternative, see extract from message below. The relevant planning applications are 19/1905/FUL and 21/2760/VAR.</p> <p>“We have come up against genuine difficulties due to the ever-increasing cost of cladding our prospective new auction saleroom in timber, as required by the planning officers. We are currently seeing cost increases of between 25-40% across the board since Covid impacted everything, which has put enormous pressure on us and means that we now have no option but to trim costs if we are to build the new saleroom. Consequently we are contacting you to ask for some support and flexibility in considering allowing us to use another, more cost effective form of cladding.</p> <p>I have contacted several members of the planning committee and they are keen to see the building completed as we are, so it is in everyone's interests that we resolve the cladding question as a matter of urgency. Important points to consider are as follows:</p> <p>1) The cost of wooden cladding is a startling £330 per square metre, partly due to the required backing of blocks and insulation. This is not only prohibitively expensive when compared to premium ribbed cladding at £50 per square metre, but is very damaging to the environment - the timber cladding needs to be replaced every 10-20 years. Added to this we are concerned that the building will become scruffy after a few years of weathering. We are very aware that as a leader in the circular/ green economy our reputation could be affected if we proceed with environmentally irresponsible wooden cladding.</p> <p>2) The total extra cost of timber cladding versus the alternative comes to an unsupportable £88,000, a sum which will render the build unaffordable and effectively prevent us from proceeding with the project. This seems to me to be a ridiculous situation, especially given that we surely epitomise the type of 'green' business that Stroud District Council claim to be keen to promote.</p> <p>3) We are willing to compromise by using different cladding on the more visible sides of the building - please bear in mind that the building is deliberately set into the ground so as not to be visible from the road. The eaves height is level with the kerb, so most people will only ever see our attractive solar panels!</p> <p>I would prefer to work towards a compromise with officers by using suitably coloured or textured panels, rather than petitioning the entire planning committee again - even though they do still seem to support the project wholeheartedly. Would the Town Council support us in any way possible please? Finally some good news, the visitor moorings and Boatmobility facilities are virtually complete!”</p>
<p>E/490 To receive report on progress of Restoring Your Railways scheme re</p>	<p>Stroud District Council (SDC), in partnership with Stonehouse Town Council, has undertaken the following activities:</p> <p><i>Strategic Case - Case for Change</i></p>

<p>Bristol Road Station</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of existing information and policies • Developing baselining report – mapping current transport situation; establishing rail station usage; journey times analysis; socio-economic analysis • Developing a stakeholder engagement plan • Dialogue with Network Rail to define the brief for the capacity study • 16 February 2022 – First project team meeting held • 1 March 2022 – First steering group meeting held – included a workshop on the case for change <p>STC has sent draft stakeholders for engagement list to SDC; full list has been sent to Stantec. Stantec are working on Draft Case for Change.</p> <p>STC has sent draft stakeholders for engagement list to SDC; full list has been sent to Stantec. Stantec are working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalising the baselining • Developing the case for change • Commencing stakeholder engagement (e-mails, interviews, stakeholder meetings) • Starting to develop objectives <p>Project timetable:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="472 981 1334 1671"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #00568c; color: white;">Milestone</th> <th style="background-color: #00568c; color: white;">Baseline</th> <th style="background-color: #00568c; color: white;">Actual</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Promoter engaged</td> <td>Early December</td> <td>8 December 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Complete Grant Letter</td> <td>25 January 2022</td> <td>25 January 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Draft Case for Change</td> <td>25 March 2022</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Draft Strategic Case</td> <td>20 May 2022</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Draft Economic Case</td> <td>22 July 2022</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Draft SOBC – for review</td> <td>19 August 2022</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Milestone	Baseline	Actual	Promoter engaged	Early December	8 December 2021	Complete Grant Letter	25 January 2022	25 January 2022	Draft Case for Change	25 March 2022		Draft Strategic Case	20 May 2022		Draft Economic Case	22 July 2022		Draft SOBC – for review	19 August 2022	
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<p>E/491 To request payment from Ecotricity of a contribution to the cost of Restoring Your Railways Strategic Outline Business Case for</p>	<p>For a number of years, Ecotricity have offered funding of £10,000 towards feasibility studies on the re-opening of Stonehouse Bristol Road station. Ecotricity agreed that this offer could be referenced in the two bids to the Restoring Your Railway (RYR) fund. As the bid to Round 3 of RYR was successful, we now wish to draw down the funding from Ecotricity to hold in the Town Council’s Feasibility Studies earmarked reserve together with the £5,000 committed by Stonehouse Town Council. The funding will then be paid to</p>																					

<p>re-opening Stonehouse Bristol Road</p>	<p>Stroud District Council when it is required later this year: the Strategic Outline Business Case is due to be completed in September.</p> <p>The RYR grant to Stroud District Council is for a maximum of £50,000 for 75% of the costs. Estimated total cost for the SOBC is currently £60,000.</p>
<p>E/492 To consider a response to proposed options from Gloucestershire County Council for a cycle spine route</p>	<p>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-february-2022/proposed-route-of-26-mile-cycle-spine-revealed/</p> <p>https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2113204/gcc_3467-gloucestershire-cycle-spine-map.pdf</p> <p>County Councillor Housden would like councillors views on the best route for the cycle path through Stonehouse as currently options are being considered, one route by Standish and another by the canal.</p>
<p>E/493 To agree attendance at Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership's Connecting New Communities event, Great Oldbury</p>	<p>Creative Sustainability are a grassroots community organisation working across Gloucestershire to enable more empowered, inclusive and sustainable communities - website www.cscic.org. They are holding a transport planning event in April date to be confirmed.</p> <p>“We have been commissioned by GCRP to work with the Great Oldbury community to find out more about how communities can inform transport planning, and have a say in how their place is developed. We work creatively and inclusively to inspire conversations that bring people together, promote community cohesion, ensure people feel heard, and to establish useful and meaningful information. We'll share what we find out with GCRP and the community, and make recommendations for best practice community consultation in this area of development.</p> <p>You've got invaluable insight into the communities you are working with, and in the first instance we want to bounce ideas around with you and others and establish the parameters of the community consultation work. We are planning a two hour face to face workshop (at Oldbury or nearby) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore and share principals of engagement; outcome ambitions; best use of expertise and experience; needs and expectations. 2. Establish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Project vision o Shared premises o shared commonalities o equal responsibility o equal investment o understanding and respect for each stakeholder's area of expertise 3. Establish core team 4. Share networks, contacts and resources 5. Agree timeline of activities “
<p>E/494 To consider a response to Stroud District Council</p>	<p>Stroud District Council has prepared a draft long-term vision and strategy for the future use of the canals within the District. They want views on its contents to check they have got it right, before they develop an action plan to deliver it. Please respond by 18 April 2022. There are two main documents on this page:</p>

<p>consultation – Proposed Canals Strategy</p>	<p>https://www.stroud.gov.uk/canalstrategy</p> <p>Canal Rejuvenation Working Group are meeting on 17th March and will make some recommendations regarding the response to this consultation.</p> <p>To inform the strategy, SDC have engaged with stakeholders including Stonehouse Town Council and carried out a public consultation on line. https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1822416/evidencing-the-strategy.pdf https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1822418/summary-of-public-online-survey.pdf</p>
<p>E/495 To consider new location for Kingfisher statue</p>	<p>It has been suggested that the Town Council consider moving the kingfisher from the High Street to a more permanent home. Cllr. Swain suggests the following:</p> <p>“I am sure you will have been made aware of the kingfisher, (now named Kevin!) who took up almost permanent residence beside the swing bridge at the Ocean during all the work over Christmas and the New year. I think it would be very apt if our kingfisher was placed somewhere in this location as a permanent reminder of Kevin. Being beside the canal makes much more sense as it is the bird's natural habitat.</p> <p>I know that 23rd May is set for the opening event of the new Ocean tunnel and I wondered if the kingfisher could be in place by then.</p> <p>If this is thought unsuitable, I think the kingfisher should at least be moved towards the canal ie. at the bottom of Regent Street or near the newt ponds at the end of the Berryfield path. I think his time in the High Street has reached an end.”</p>
<p>E/496 To consider request from Circus Ginnett to use Oldends Lane Recreation Ground</p>	<p>Circus Ginnett have asked to set up on Oldends Recreation Ground from 11th to 17th July 2022. They have stated the following requirements: “We ideally would like to use the grassed area, please. We need half an acre (50 x 50 meters) to set everything up. We have 3 lorries, 3 trailers and 5-6 small caravans. We provide our own toilets and electricity, access to water will be appreciated.” Officers would need a site meeting and to see insurance certificates as well as agreeing a charge. Circus Ginnett are donating the profits from each opening show to NHS Charities Together</p> <p>https://www.circusginnett.com/</p>

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/21 and 14/03/22 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/21

		2021/2022	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Environment Committee						
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£1,646.00	£1,832.82	£186.82	100.00%
205	Event Income/Donations					
205/1	Events	£0.00	£0.00	£1,023.80	£1,023.80	100.00%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£2,020.00	£2,020.00	100.00%
205	Total	£0.00	£0.00	£3,043.80	£3,043.80	100.00%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215	Grants	£0.00	£3,997.33	£9,013.56	£5,016.23	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£0.00	£5,643.33	£13,890.18	£8,246.85	100.00%
EXPENDITURE						
Town Environment Committee						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£21,500.00	£8,350.00	£28,661.46	£1,188.54	5.53%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£4,000.00	£0.00	£30.23	£3,969.77	99.24%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£2,500.00	£0.00	£3,455.48	£-955.48	-38.22%
1190/4	Furniture (benches etc)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£500.98	£1,499.02	74.95%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£6,500.00	£3,633.00	£3,933.00	£6,200.00	95.38%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£1,000.00	£0.00	£4,290.00	£-3,290.00	-329.00%
1190	Total	£37,500.00	£11,983.00	£40,871.15	£8,611.85	22.96%
2000	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£4,167.80	£832.20	16.64%
2005	Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£786.00	£1,214.00	60.70%
2010	In Bloom					
2010/1	Contract Planting	£5,000.00	£0.00	£3,327.25	£1,672.75	33.46%
2010/2	Non-Contract Planting	£1,000.00	£0.00	£788.02	£211.98	21.20%

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Comparison between 01/04/21 and 14/03/22 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

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		2021/2022	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2010/3	Watering Services	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	100.00%
2010/4	Other	£500.00	£0.00	£2,654.33	-£2,154.33	-430.87%
2010	Total	£7,000.00	£0.00	£6,769.60	£230.40	3.29%
2020	Street Furniture/Bus Shelters	£2,000.00	£0.00	£3,970.44	-£1,970.44	-98.52%
2030	Traffic Calming/Transport Studies	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2040	Town Greens Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1	Goodwill	£3,000.00	£0.00	£4,057.00	-£1,057.00	-35.23%
2050/2	Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	100.00%
2050/3	Other	£1,700.00	£0.00	£4,447.45	-£2,747.45	-161.61%
2050	Total	£5,000.00	£0.00	£8,504.45	-£3,504.45	-70.09%
2060	Signage	£300.00	£0.00	£464.00	-£164.00	-54.67%
2070	Town Centre Partnership	£0.00	£540.00	£540.00	£0.00	0.00%
2080	Neighbourhood Plan Review	£4,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,000.00	100.00%
2090	Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1		£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	100.00%
2090	Total	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£63,800.00	£12,523.00	£66,073.44	£10,249.56	16.07%

Action points from meeting of Stonehouse Town Council PROW working Group, 10 March 2022

Present: Cllrs. Armstrong (RA), Callinan (JC), Davies (MD), R Russell (RR), Deputy Clerk.

1. Bonds Mill Footpath

PROW WG to continue to research the historic evidence for a footpath across a bridge to South of Bonds Mill and following on across the meadows towards the pill box.

Noted that 2026 cut off date for claiming footpaths by historic evidence has now been lifted.
(<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/news/latest-news/2022/february/dont-lose-your-way-deadline-set-to-be-abolished.aspx>)

Actions

RA to research possible cost of bridge.

RA to research historic evidence building on earlier work by MD (RR can send copy of latter).

RR to e-mail Robert Hitchins to inform them of proposal and not potential benefits of linking footpath network, facilities at Bonds Mill such as the café and the canal.

RR to check Land Registry cadastral parcels to see if there may be other relevant land owners.

(Different land parcels on south side of river, so could be different owners, further research needed)

<https://www.parish-online.co.uk/examples/land-registry-property-extents>

2. Footpath off Queens Road

It was agreed to try to claim footpath status for whole path from Queens Road entrance, along back of Stroud District Council's car park and then towards back of Globe Inn, past level crossing.

Actions

RA to look at historic evidence and existing PROWs which connect to path.

RR to send RA ownership information regarding Network Rail's possible interest in the path to RA.

3. Doverow Hill footpaths

JC did not take part in this item.

RA reported that landowners at Far Westrip are willing to allow a short section of permissive path linking with a track at the southern edge of Verney Fields. They would like a new kissing gate to be installed.

Action

RR to contact GCC PROW officer re potential permissive path.

4. AOB

JC reported on a diversion of footpath MST24 by a new landowner noted on Sunday 6th March.

Actions

JC will report to GCC PROW officer and send photos.