

CLEOBURY MORTIMER FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the 106<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMFA

FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY at The Bell, 7.30pm start.

Those Present

Geoff, Russell, Val, Graham, Alan, Deana, Julian, Jane, Bill, Don, Joy

Apologies were received from:-

John & Judy Steve & Anne Kevin & Julie Tank & Diane Ian & Janet Bob & Carol Susan  
Bob W Shaunah

Welcome and update from Geoff (Chairman)

Both the Boxing Day and New Year's Day Walk proved to be very successful.

The first Winter Clearance Walk had proved to be worthwhile.

The next clearance walk was scheduled to take place tomorrow (Saturday) from The Live at 9.30am.

Update from Russell (Treasurer)

There is a healthy balance in the Current and Deposit accounts and the accounts have been prepared for the AGM.

Action 1 (GS) To put the figures onto a spread sheet for John Del Mar to audit.

A P3 Grant for £300 had been applied for. £645 was now ring fenced for the 2017 Food & Ale Trail.

Minutes of the January Meeting.

1a) Secretary vacancy. All agreed to Mazella becoming Secretary.

Action 2 (MWH) Mazella to seek a new Social Walks Secretary.

b) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal at The Live on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Bookings are in progress. – 15 to date

Action 3 (MWH) Send out invitations to 'Founder' members to join us at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal.

Following on from a discussion with Bill Duley about the origins of CMFA

Graham to publicise the creation and early days of CMFA on our website and in The Clarion

c) Social Walks Programme (Copy attached)

Programme is complete no further action needed at present.

2a) Parish Walks (Copy attached)

Parish Walk Programme is complete until the end of November.

Action 5 (DT) Don will continue to publicise the Parish Walks each month and include a poster at The KA. The posters will show the route title e.g. March: a round of golf

b) Website

The Facebook Page is up and running and Graham will continue to work with Joy to maintain and update it. Geocaching is ongoing. Updating of calendar is ongoing.

3 a) Walkers are Welcome (Report attached)

Agreed to support Val in working on a joint project looking at a possible walking route to link Much Wenlock, Wellington, and Cleobury Mortimer. The charitable arm of Ramblers may be a source of external funding for the joint project.

Action 6 (VS) To attend the Shropshire Hills Walkers are Welcome meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January in Much Wenlock to take this project forward and report on it to Southern Walking Forum in February.

b) Simon Evans Way

Val has received requests for a PDF version of the Simon Evans Way including one from the Shropshire Outdoors Website.

Action 7 (VS, GS, BD) Work is in progress to produce a PDF version of SEW.

Agreed that the SEW PDF should be put on the CMFA website for free download.

Proposed by Geoff, seconded by Graham and agreed by all present.

4 a) David Eve Plantation

Action 8 (AK, DE, BD, DT, GH) In March Alan will arrange to meet up with David (and BD, DT, GH) to discuss the possibility of moving the project forward. Possibility of work being done by the April Work party.

b) Walking for Health (Report attached)

Winter Walks are going well with between 14-16 walkers taking part. CoCo are pleased with their involvement providing a welcome hot drink and cakes.

The fitting of a handrail at the top of Bull Alley by Shropshire Council remains outstanding.

Action 9 (VS) Val will be seeing Helen Beresford on February 5<sup>th</sup> and prompt her on Council progress and see if Shropshire Council has a handrail for CMFA to fit.

Action 10 (AS, GH) Geoff and Alan to assess if CMFA could do the job.

5. Footpath and Maintenance (Report attached)

Once again a very comprehensive report prepared by Susan.

Action 11 (AK) Alan to inform Susan about a fallen tree obstructing a path near Mortimer's Hill.

6. Clean Up for the Queen Campaign

Agreed that as an organisation we were already 'playing our part' but we would make the Parish Walk on March 6<sup>th</sup> link in with the campaign.

Action 12 (MWH) Mazella to register our interest and explain what CMFA was doing.

7. Simon Evans Way /Country Walking.

Country Walking will be visiting Cleobury on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January to walk part of the SEW for an article to feature in the December issue.

Action 13 (VS, GS, BD) Val will be walking along the route and Bill will meet with them to give background information. Graham will see if they would like to use any of the 'Winter' photographs from the SEW calendar.

Action 14 (VS, GS) Val is in the process of arranging the second half of the SEW Guided Walk for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Agreed that CMFA will be involved in the clearance and preparation of the walk route.

8. Date of next meeting (AGM)

FRIDAY 1ST APRIL at The Bell start 7.30 prompt.

Meeting finished at 9.05pm