

Minutes from, SFG AGM 10th November 2022

1. Apologies

Laura Crane, Joan Chadwick. Alison Gidman, Jill Jenner. Dick Macauley.
Cath Brunyeen. Jane Stanway. |Mr Dunning. Jacky Painter. Ivan Spottiswoode
Lance Thackray

Attendees 22

2. Approval of previous minutes 1st John Hind 2nd Pat Boxer

3. Matters arising

Future Projects:

FP6 Off Wood Lane 2 x Kissing Gates. No progress

FP15 Hall Lane Moston No progress, due to Landowner objecting

FP23 Off Crewe Road, new signpost and 1st Phase complete. Great progress
and many thanks to SWWG.

4. Elections

All posts valid for another year

5 Chairman's Reports

a) Persimmon Homes applied to extinguish FP14 in 2019, having made foundations for one house over the Footpath.

Many members objected, so the extinguishment did not go ahead, and 7 houses have not been built, **so far**.

The Planning Inspectorate intended to hold a Public Inquiry 24th May 2022. Unfortunately, this was delayed due the Cheshire East barrister being off with covid.

It is now intended for 10 January 2023

b) Dingle Lane, news of decision by Planning Inspectorate.

To recap, Dingle Lane had no status, not a footpath, bridleway or any other Public Right of Way (PRoW).

SFG applied for the addition of a footpath from Dingle Lane (leading from Well Bank) to Sandbach FP 11 (*CEC OMA ref. CO/8/49*)

The Planning Inspectorate's **decision** was:

"The Council is directed to determine the above-mentioned application not later than 12 months from the date of this decision".

Ref: FPS/R0660/14D/9, dated 17 Feb 2022.

That means that CEC have until Feb 2023 to make Dingle Lane from Well Bank to FP11 into a proper footpath PRoW.

Furthermore, our understanding is that the developer of Dingle Farm

and the Waterworks houses will drain and resurface the new Footpath from Well Bank to the houses at the old Waterworks.
If this happens, the muddy footpath will be much improved.

c) Wrights Lane, news of application to Planning Inspectorate.
Wright's Lane (like Dingle Lane) has no status, not a footpath, bridleway or any other public right of way.
SFG applied for the addition of a footpath from Wright's Lane (off Heath Road, Sandbach Heath) to FP14.
CEC responded by assigning a registration number CO/8/56, in a letter dated **10 Nov2021**.

It is number 21 in the waiting list at CEC.

Note. New planning application 22/0882C

In 12 months, from **10 Nov2021**, SFG can apply to The Sec of State for a Determination (similar to Dingle Lane).

It is a slow process, but eventually we can hope it becomes a proper Footpath, which will give it some protection.

d) Kissing gates – any progress:

Price of gates.

Message from Barry Poole at CEC PRoW:

"Recently, the installation and material costs have increased dramatically: installation 43%; timber 70%; and steel kissing gates 34%. So for the installation of a normal kissing gate with a way mark post and some MOT with no other additional works, will be £660+VAT."

£660+vat = £792

Previously (2019), the price per KG was:

£400 + vat = £480 (not all with way-mark posts)

There is a possibility of converting the stiles on the Sandbach FP13, Arclid FP7, Arclid FP1 and Betchton FP8. These FPs run from St John's Church passing Arclid Cottage Farm and on to Gravel Bank Farm. These could be useful alternatives for the Quarry walk (return route), instead of Reynolds Lane, and would be away from the M6. This would be 7 stiles converted to KGs amounting to about £5500. Bathgate may be inclined to contribute...

e) Insurance Zurich, update.

No change needed to terms, fee about £157 due March 2023

6 Treasurers Report

Lloyds ref	Item	Desc.	Value
39	VI Dist	Hi-Vis vests	£65.40
40	CVS	Membership	£55.05
41	Zurich Ins 21/22	Insurance	£157.00
42	Open Space Society	Membership	£43.00
43	Expert Hosting	Website hosting	£288.00
44	SWF items	Expenses	£1170.16
Total outgoings			1780.61

Balance

Balance brought forward from 2020/21	£3087.83	
Surplus for 2021/22	£1568.09	
Total	£4655.92	
Balance to carry forward to 2022/23		£4655.92

Receipts	Value	
Member Subs/ Donations	£3348.70	
Total Receipts		£3348.70
Total Outgoings		-£1780.61
Surplus 2021/22		£1568.09

7 Sandbach Walking Festival

a) report 2022 – Expenses

Date	Function	£
20/05/2022	Mixam UK - Prog	337.76
20/06/2022	The Works, Books u5s	30.00
29/06/2022	The Lower Cheq.	247.00
01/07/2022	Merlin Brewing Co.	324.00
01/07/2022	Jenny Chamberlain	60.50
04/07/2022	Jenny Chamberlain	-5.50
May, Jun, & Jul 2022	Bookwhen.com (£22.80 x 3)	68.40
05/07/2022	Merlin Brewing Co.	108.00
Total SWF expenses		1170.16
SWF 2022 Income		
Grant - Sandbach Town Council		350.00
Donations		125.64
Under 5's walk		20.00
Receipts for walks/events		854.00
Total SWF income		1349.64

Surplus for SWF 2022

£179.48

b) **SWF** review of participants, miles walked
40 events, about 12 per event, about 5 miles each = **2400miles total**

c) Possibility of another Festival in 2023? Show of hands was in favour.

8. Review of membership.

Summary given by TB

9. Reports: Closures, Diversions or threats

Capricorn and Muller TBA

10. Adopt a path. TB Gave a summary of this process, including the approval to use Secateurs link on Line which requires individuals registering with Cheshire East.

11. Donations

It was agreed to keep donations at 50p per walk, or £5 per year.

12 Current Constitution

Available to review online, at SFG web site. No changes suggested.

13: AOB

JEH Asked if NYD Walk should go ahead. The meeting agreed it should, and PB suggested donations to Children in Need. This was also agreed. Action on JEH to liaise with SUFC for access to their Car Park and outside area

JEH Questioned should we approach the COOP for funding. Mick Flanagan gave a review of the process, and advised that applications start in May.

Jonathan Grainger, SWWG Update

Work on Improvements to FP23 Started in Jan 2022.

140 metres at £22 per metre,

22 Working parties over 10 months.

Continuation to Mill Lane, up to Dancing Bridge. to start January 2023.

Hopefully Cheshire East will part fund this Phase 2.

Jonathan thanked TB for his help with CVS.

Date and location of next meeting TBA

Meeting Closed at 20:36

Initials

TB Trevor Boxer

PB Pat Boxer

GJW Graham Whitehouse

JEH John Hind