Minutes from Weir Meadow Working Group

The Hub, Ide. 7pm Tuesday 15th January 2019

* Present: Rich Cloke, Nick Bradley, Phil Willcock, Pete Skinner, Barry Hookins, Tony Stearman, Cheryl Haddy
* Apologies: Dougie Bell, Mark Thomas, Stuart Brooking
* Dawn Chapman and Andy Bragg stepping down due to other commitments

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Meeting with Church Commissioners 3rd December 2018

* CC positive that access required across Weir Meadow and not from College Lane.
* No shared access at current access agreed by CC
* CC happy with alternatives B and C as per Paper 2 below
* Area to be used for access to Northern Fields to be as minimal as possible
* PS advised that IPC retain ownership of whichever track that runs across Weir Meadow
* RC to talk to Russell Lowton regarding costs of alternative access and possibility of altering flood water route to gain more space
* The access will be for agricultural vehicles only to get to Northern Fields
* Still to be agreed that once track is constructed who will be responsible for repairs and maintenance

Planning Permission required for change of use from agricultural to recreational

* NB to talk to John Goodey as regards to how detailed planning needs to be
* Teignbridge require full planning for change of use

Once Planning Permission is passed, IPC would attain an option to buy Weir Meadow such that funding may be started in earnest

Any monies raised to go to Phil or Mel at IPC

Membership of WMWG – everyone ok in their positions

Next meeting 7pm Tuesday 9th April 2019 – The Hub, Ide

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Minutes approved at meeting on 9 April 2019

**PAPER 2.**

To: Mark Herrod and Victoria Jarrad                                3 December 2018

Thank you  very much for meeting Richard Cloke and myself in Ide on Monday 3 December 2018. We felt it would be helpful to record the main points we discussed and agreed on, for future reference. If you have comments, additions or corrections to suggest, please do. This will prevent misunderstandings as we proceed.

We met at 10.00 in Ide Car Park. Present were: Mark Herrod (CCs), Victoria Jarrad (S&P), Richard Cloke and Nick Bradley (both Ide Parish Council).

We drove to College Lane and looked at the entry  points from it to the two northern fields. We then walked Weir Meadow and the adjacent Triangular Field to the east.

1. MH and VJ  confirmed that the CCs are not prepared to re-consider College Lane as the only access route to the northern  fields, because of the size of modern farm machinery. NB and RC did not press this further.

2. MH and VJ  understood why IPC want any perimeter farming access to be along the eastern border of Weir Meadow; and why shared access through the current gateway (route A) is not acceptable to IPC in the long term. But IPC may be in a position to consider a reasonable transitional period during which farm vehicles could use route A while arrangements or funding for routes B or C were concluded, on  condition that such arrangements had been secured beforehand.

3. MH and VJ agreed that the CCs will  consider the two alternative farming access points that would achieve both these aims, as proposed below.

4.  The two alternative access points  proposed by RC & NB are:

        - Route B through the triangular field, owned by CCs and situated between Weir Meadow and Plane Trees residence, with a gate from Station Road. This would need a hardcore track and grading  across the field and a new bridge across the brook about 2/3 of the way along the eastern border of Weir Meadow. IPC are willing to consider paying for the track across triangular field and the bridge across the brook.

        - Route C across the  existing, original bridge off Station Road,  over the brook, situated about 50 yards downstream  from the current access gateway and bridge. IPC are willing to consider paying for a replacement, stronger, wider bridge.

5. MH & VJ agreed that the CCs will retain  ownership of any perimeter strip on Weir Meadow.

6. MH & VJ agreed that it will fall to the CCs to pay for the making of any stoned perimeter strip track on Weir Meadow.

7. MH was uncertain about the need for, or who might fund, fencing to separate any perimeter strip from  the recreation ground.

8. NB & RC undertook  to:

                - obtain quotes for the feasibility and cost of a track and  bridge for route B

                - obtain quotes for a replacement bridge for route C

                - costs of perimeter stoned track (for CCs) on Weir Meadow for routes B and C respectively

                - initiate an application  from IPC to Teignbridge DC for change of use of Weir Meadow to a recreation  ground.

END.          NCAB