

CALVERHALL – IGHFIELD PATHWAY STEERING GROUP COMMUNITY MEETING NOTES:

Date: 28th March 2018

Location: Calverhall Village Hall

Time: 19:35 – 21:00

Participants: Including members of The Steering Group and Shropshire CC a total of 36 persons (a list of attendees was compiled)

Agenda:

1. Open Meeting and Presentation	Dave Price
2. Community Feedback	Mark Astley
3. Costing and Funding	William Heywood Lonsdale
4. Battle's Over Beacon	Mark Astley
5. Conclusion	Dave Price

1. Open Meeting and Presentation

1.1 This is the fourth stage in the following consultation process on The Pathway.

- A Notice was published in The Village Crier
- Information was presented, and Questionnaires distributed at The Big Breakfast
- Meeting Notice and Route map distributed to each home within the Parish.
- This Community Meeting

1.2 The aim of the meeting is to obtain feedback/comments and then agreement from the Community to progress further with the project.

1.3 The Steering Group was introduced: It's membership is composed of the Parish Council, local groups, and County Council representation. All Steering Group final reporting and approvals are made to the Ightfield and Calverhall Parish Council.

2. Community Feedback

2.1 In addition to individual Parishioner feedback and comment The Steering Group have contacted over twelve Stakeholder Groups for written comment and input.

2.2 Four organisations have already responded with positive comments:

- Whitchurch Walkers
- Shropshire Rural Housing Association
- Calverhall Social Club
- Calverhall Cricket Club
- The WI and Bowling Club Feedback would be available soon

2.3 To secure full input from the community it is important that the Steering Group receives a response from as many of the Stakeholder Groups as possible. This correspondence will be used to support grant and loan applications. A list of organisations still to respond was presented. All meeting attendees were asked to support and help these groups to provide written comment and input.

3. Costing and Funding

3.1 First quote costs for construction based on an agreed specification:

Path £34,500

Fence £9,500

Planning Application including surveys £1400 (to be done as soon as possible)

This first building quote was obtained from Shropshire County Council sub-contracting services. Other building contractors have been identified and will be contacted to provide several quotes against the agreed specification in the coming weeks. Estimated Pathway build time would be 6 weeks.

3.2 Funding of the path will be from various sources. The status is as follows:

Community Infrastructure Levy CIL: -£13,000 (awaiting CC clarification) plus £1200 in the PC bank account.

Previously raised funds from community events: £1000

Consider applying for a Public Works Loan: £31000

3.3 The above is likely to change with applications for Lottery funding, specialist donor organisations and community fund raising activities being explored e.g. fence post sponsorship.

3.4 Regarding Public Works loan funding:

- A loan can be taken out over various timescales from 1 – 50 years and would be paid back through the PC Precept.

- Examples of Precept Costs were presented:

- 10 years repayment: Additional Monthly Precept cost for all households £1.33
- 30 years repayment: Additional Monthly Precept cost for all households £0.60

- This loan can be paid down at any time during the loan period.

3.5 The Estate will provide the Path land on a 99 years peppercorn lease.

4. Battle Over's Beacon

The Parish Council are planning to participate in a beacon lighting activity next to Ightfield Church on 11th November 2018 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1st World War Armistice. Full details of this national activity will be posted on the Parish Council website. Any persons or teams willing to organize the activity with the Parish Council will be appreciated.

5. Conclusion:

The meeting was asked to vote and give the Steering Group approval to continue with the project and develop the Pathway based on all the information and details presented in the meeting.

Except for 5 participants who opposed due to additional PC Precept charges and dog litter concerns, the meeting gave a positive response. It was agreed that The Pathway Steering Group would continue. Until all funding options and applications are complete its not possible to state when the Path will be ready.

The Steering Group meetings and decisions will be published on the Parish Council website:

<http://www.ightfieldparishcouncil.org.uk/community/ightfield-parish-council-10618/village-link-footpath/>

