

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Footpaths Group

Terms of Reference

The Footpaths Group researches whether footpaths that may have been lost over time might improve the local footpath network if added to the Definitive Rights of Way Map. This extends to making application to Oxfordshire County Council for such paths to be added to the Definitive Map where appropriate and discussing such issues with land owners and potential witnesses. The Group's work does not extend to maintaining the existing network of paths, as confirmed by the Definitive Map: this is the responsibility of the Parish Council's Footpath's Representative.

The Group operates under the following guidelines:

- 1 The Group comprises up to six local residents, each having an interest in the integrity of the local rights of way network.
- 2 The Group operates under the guidance of a Co-ordinator who is appointed annually by the Parish Council.
- 3 The Co-ordinator liaises with the Parish Council and reports at least once a year to a meeting of the council on the results of its work and future plans.
- 4 Any budgetary requirements are wherever possible identified in advance and put forward for consideration as part of the Parish Council's budget for each financial year.
- 5 The Group has authority to discuss issues with affected land owners, potential witnesses, local authority personnel etc as it sees fit, but should keep the Parish Council informed of any potential concerns raised about the work it is undertaking.
- 6 The Group is authorised to submit applications to Oxfordshire County Council for the addition of any lost path to the Definitive Map, but in doing so will ensure that this is first agreed with the Parish Council and is accompanied by sufficient evidence as to constitute a valid claim.
- 6 Personal data is managed in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection legislation.

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