

# NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING/WALKABOUT HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM

**Present:** Councillor J Coutts (Chairman), Councillors J Franklin, P Maudlin, D Milton and the Clerk Mrs L Trevena.

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

### 2. DECLARATIONS FROM MEMBERS IN RELATION TO PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

There were none.

### 3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

The minutes of the Highways and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 was taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. TO VISIT AND CONSIDER ANY WORK REQUIRED:

#### 4.1 Caldecote - Green

**RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) A R Worboys contractor be asked to completely remove brambles and other vegetation from north side of Green between the footpath entrance and the start of Water Lane;
- b) A R Worboys contractor be asked to remove small tree from the grass on the edge of Water Lane adjacent to the gas sub station;

#### 4.2 Pound Close - Amenity Area

Site satisfactory.

#### 4.3 Hatch – Common and footpath

**RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) A R Worboys contractor be asked to further cut back brambles and other vegetation etc by edge of footpath before the bridge;
- b) BCC be asked to declassify the BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) and reclassify it as a bridleway;

#### 4.4 Northill – The Green, pond and fencing

Site satisfactory.

#### 4.5 Ickwell – The Green and also to consider a wildlife area

The Clerk reported that she had recently attended a site meeting with Steve Halton of BCC regarding a wildlife area. She handed his report/recommendations to members during the meeting.

**RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) no further action is taken with regard to the current grass cutting regime that takes place on Ickwell Green;
- b) no further action is taken with regard to a wildlife area.

**4.6 Highway Matters**

The Clerk report the following matters to Highways:

- a) request erection of more verge markers (about 50/60 metres southwards) following on from the newly erected verge markers between Hatch turn and Bidlake Memorial;
- b) September 2008, reported south side of footpath in Thorncote Road, Hatch (near crossroads) is badly overgrown and there is an excessive amount of straw on the actual footway and road work has not been carried out;
- c) ivy on railings adjacent to Hatch crossroads needs completely removing or weed spraying;
- d) fence on southside of Thorncote Road, Hatch damaged when a police car went through it on 26.11.08 requires repairing;
- e) blocked/broken drain outside Franklins Farm, Thorncote Green, Thorncote
- f) repair required to the dip outside 53 Ickwell Road, Northill (previously reported and shown on service bulletin as being monitored);
- g) request removal the 'triangular area' at the junction with Warden Road and Hill Lane, Ickwell and reinstate the junction as a normal 'T' junction due to difficulty when turning right from Warden Road into Hill Lane (previous request denied).

**5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.55 am.