

BORDER GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

FUTURE OF THE P3 SCHEME

OBJECT

To use as much available money for the

P3 scheme as possible before grants cease in 2019/20

Several points have to be considered together to get a balanced picture. Money available, complaints and choosing priorities of tasks, annual fixed or urgent strimming and clearing, the weather and Joe's time.

We are a reactive team responding to all these variable factors.

Balfours have drawn up job sheets for Globe Wood steps and the important bridge replacements and reassured me that they will fund and complete the work.

COMPLAINTS.

To address the repeated complaints about way marker posts, particularly at junctions where people are getting lost, moving in the wrong direction and sometimes leaving gates open, we suggest using sign posts instead, which give precise directions and are more readily visible, to stop the repeated complaints about the same situations. Please can Border Group Parish Council press for authorising the accompanying list of materials required from Mike Brookes?

We are considering future projects, alongside 2020 cut off and using up all funds to have a stockpile of materials to last.

Next, some questions for BGPC.

- 1 Who is responsible for any injury claims on ROW?
- 2 Will the BGPC ask Mike Brookes if Joe can install new stiles as well as repair them?
- 3 Land owners are responsible for keeping gates and stiles in good order. Making it happen is never straightforward. Useful advice from the BGPC would be appreciated. Diplomacy works pretty well most of the time.
- 4 Will the BGPC also ask who will do the work altering the new permissive ROWs? Is there a proposed start date yet?
- 5 A large willow is leaning lower and lower across the Lingen loop. Joe has proposed to cut it down and probably leave the wood on site. It will take considerable time and therefore expense but the Lingen Loop is much used. Who owns the ground where the roots are, is not known!
- 6 What funds are left this year and when is the exact cut-off date?
- 7 See the future.

The Future

When funds from BALFOURS are stopped in 2019/20, all regular maintenance will probably cease. A neglected ROW system is a sad prospect indeed. Will anyone who cares, please start to consider the future and ask around for ideas and answers? When Duncan Haigh retired from ROW Officer, BGPC, I took over. No one can remember the year!!

Would Border Group Parish Council consider raising a figure of £2000 p.a. by a rise in the precept and operate a scheme similar to now? The FPO and Joe requiring a recognised status within BGPC.

This could mean Joe continuing the maintenance of our ROW network which is a valuable asset to the area.