Meeting with DCC Ranger February 26, 2019

09.30

Attendees:

Katie Black, DCC ranger

Tim Watton, Alf Bush - LMPC

1. Parish Paths and Responsibilities

* Katie will provide Tim with maps showing both district and county current responsibilities for maintenance.

1. Jubilee Walk

* Currently there is a dispute over the land where the tree originally stood. The land is a designated ‘right-of-way; and not owned by DCC. It belongs to either the Rockley estate or the Mason-Trenchard estate. The solicitors will need to determine the final ownership and responsibility.
* However, DCC will cut out the middle of the tree to re-open the path as a one-off exercise. They will leave the remnants to be dealt with by the designated owner.

1. Church Walk

* Katie will investigate both ownership and if there is a designated path width to be maintained. The cross-path drainage steps were reviewed and were deemed appropriate; just need to ensure they don’t become a slip hazard after rainfall.
* If the walk is identified as a right-of-way, then signage will be installed from the Colehill end (as the junction with a road exit).

1. Parish grants

* Grants are available through DCC for paths and rights of way. Katie will provide details.

1. DCC Maintenance

* Katie advised that DCC can set up an agreement with parishes to maintain important section of paths under a maintenance agreement. She will advise details.

1. Morden Link

* Katie informed us that Morden are looking to improve the paths/rights-of-way between the villages. We agreed it would be a positive improvement and asked to be kept in the loop.