Footpath Action Group
MINUTES

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Meir Heath and Rough Close Parish Office

1 **Approval of Warden Hours**
Full Council approval is requested for the Wardens to use their allocated hours once per month, from May to September, to undertake footpath maintenance in collaboration with Stone Ramblers. These sessions will also be advertised to encourage residents to volunteer on agreed dates.

2 **Annual Footpath Maintenance Programme**
The Parish Council to approve identifying two to three footpaths each year for clearance works. This programme will operate on an annual rolling basis, with a different set of two to three footpaths selected each subsequent year. Wardens will monitor and maintain previously cleared footpaths in the interim to ensure standards are upheld.
For 2026, the proposed footpaths are:

- Footpaths 38 and 39 (by the allotments)
- Footpath 30 (Moss Gate)

3 **Proposed Working Dates (subject to Full Council approval)**
Footpaths 38 and 39 (by the allotments)
Meeting point: Windmill Car Park, 10:00am–2:00pm

- Tuesday 5 May
- Tuesday 2 June
- Tuesday 7 July

Footpath 30 (Moss Gate)
Meeting point Spot Gate pub carpark, 10:00am–2:00pm

- Tuesday 4 August
- Tuesday 2 September

Once approved by Full Council, these dates will be advertised via the Parish newsletter and social media channels.

4 **Reporting of Issues**
All Councillors and the Clerk are to report any issues identified on Footpaths 38, 39, and 30 to Staffordshire County Council.

5 **Liaison with Staffordshire County Council**
The Clerk is to inform Staffordshire County Council of the Parish Council and Stone Ramblers' proposed footpath maintenance plan and to request support where possible, particularly in relation to materials (to be confirmed).

6 **Grant Applications**
Full Council to approve the Clerk to apply for relevant grants to support the footpath works, with assistance from any Councillors who are able to volunteer their support.

7 **Refreshments for volunteers**

The Parish Council is to consider supplying light refreshments to volunteers at each meeting date.