

# **Great Alne Parish Council – Project Progress Report**

**Project Name:** **Footpath Survey & Improvement**

**Report Date:** **November 2024**

## **1) Project Recent Achievements to Date:**

1. All Path signage update requirements identified and recorded
2. Relevant landowners contacted and onboard (with one landowner requiring clarity)
3. WCC have agreed all expenditure and have issued two Purchase Orders for equipment and materials; one of which has arrived and the other is due to arrive within the next couple of weeks.
4. Discussions have taken place with an external contractor (who has done work for GAPC in the past) to install sign posts throughout the parish at a cost that is currently being negotiated.

## **2) Immediate next steps:**

It is unlikely that any physical work will commence until March/April when the better weather arrives, however the next steps in the process will be:

- Authorising and confirming cost of installing posts and gates by contractor once the quotation has been confirmed.
- Engaging (if possible) the CPBT to install a small number of posts and clear vegetation in three pre-defined areas
- Obtaining adoption paperwork signed by the landowners where we are installing a gate. There are 3 gates in total.
- Agreeing a time/date with landowners who have agreed to help with the installation of the posts.
- Gt Alne Park's maintenance team to carry out agreed work on their land.
- Continue discussions with Monarch/Arden Way and Heart of England to fix signage on our signposts
- Once new shed is installed at St Magdalene's Church the materials and equipment will be transferred to this shed
- Recruit volunteers to help with
  - Post installation
  - Routine ongoing maintenance (such as keeping the vegetation in check)

## **4) Appeal:**

- We require a number of volunteers to step forward for regular routine maintenance work. This will mostly involve trimming back vegetation to

keep signage visible and strimming back foliage to keep vital paths clear. Potential volunteers to, in the first instance, contact Kyla Brown, Executive Officer, Great Alne Parish Council

### **3) Recognition:**

- Roger Hawkins and Rosemary Bowden have kindly volunteered many hours to help with leading teams to conduct the path surveys and processing the information. Their help has been invaluable in getting the project to this stage.

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