

# Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee

## Agenda



**Date:** Tuesday, 31 January 2023

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Venue:** A Committee Room - City Hall, College Green,  
Bristol, BS1 5TR

### **Distribution:**

**Councillors:** Tessa Fitzjohn (Chair), Jude English, Lily Fitzgibbon, Paul Goggin, John Goulandris, Jonathan Hucker, Philippa Hulme, Tim Rippington and Andrew Varney

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# Agenda

## 1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information

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## 2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

## 3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

## 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.

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## 5. Public Forum

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**6. Current Claims Inquiries and Miscellaneous Rights of Way Matters**

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**7. Stoke Lodge Village Green Application - Timeline - Verbal update**

**8. Information items**

**a) Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Installation of signs indicating war graves**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have offered Bristol Councillors the opportunity to erect signs at churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds that contain war graves. The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves in the UK and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations.

The Signs project commenced as part of the centenary of the First World War.

**b) Celebrating the restoration of PROW's by organising a photo shoot and press opportunity**

Urban Public Rights of Way are the ancient, short cuts taken as busy pedestrians, to make journeys shorter and often more enjoyable. Though they may become overgrown, filled with fly tipping, or even built in or over thereby losing their usefulness.

Ward Councillors will be encouraged to raise the profile of the PROWG team and take the opportunity, when public rights of way in their ward are restored to full use, to organise a photo shoot with the local councillor, residents, and a member of the PROWG team.



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**Bristol City Council  
Minutes of the Public Rights of Way and Greens  
Committee  
27 September 2022 at 2pm**



**Members Present: -**

**Councillors:** Tessa Fitzjohn (Chair), John Goulandris (Vice-Chair), Jude English, Lily Fitzgibbon, Andrew Varney

**Officers in Attendance: -**

Tom Dunsdon (Legal Officer), Duncan Venison (Network Operations Manager), Steve Gregory (Democratic Services)

**1 Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information**

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting and asked them to introduce themselves.

**2 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tim Rippington.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**4 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.



## 5 Public Forum

The Committee noted the questions and written responses, as set out below, which had been submitted regarding the Stoke Lodge T&VG application.

### **Question 1 TVG Applications**

From Helen Powell WLSL

'The draft minutes of the PROWG meeting on 20 June 2022 include the following under the heading of Town or Village Green applications:

'The Committee agreed that, following an informal briefing of the Committee by officers, it would be helpful to visit the Stoke Lodge site, if possible, with other interested parties from the school and transport (growth and regeneration) Action: Jeremy Livitt to seek legal advice from Anne Nugent on the operation of the site visit.'

We Love Stoke Lodge and the TVG applicants would of course be concerned if the Committee were to undertake a visit accompanied by representatives of Cotham School and the Council (i.e. the Objectors to the applications) but without representatives from WLSL, including the TVG applicants and, if the public right of way applications are under discussion, the PROW applicant.

The Committee may of course decide to visit the site unaccompanied, but please could you confirm the Committee's views on this matter and that if the Committee undertakes a site visit accompanied by the Objectors, representatives of the relevant Applicants will also be invited?'

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### **Question 2**

From: Alan Preece

'Though the full comments are not reflected in the minutes, I recall that when Item 11 was discussed and Ann Nugent left the meeting, it was also agreed that the site visit to Stoke Lodge in consideration of the TVG, would also look at the claimed Public Rights of Way.

Q1. Is this correct?

Q2. As the applicant for the PROWs across Stoke Lodge, may I have some assurance that I would be invited as one of "other interested parties" in addition to the school, so that I could point out to the Committee the problems for the public introduced by the fencing?'

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### **Answer to Questions 1 and 2**

1. There are no plans for the PROWG Committee to carry out a formal site visit before the Inspector reports to the Committee.

2. As/when a site visit is undertaken, arrangements will be set out in advance. All parties would be able to attend but no representations would be permitted as this would not be a formal meeting of the committee.



Arising from the public forum discussion the following points were clarified:

- 1) Regarding the PROW issue in Q2(2) it was not standard practice to arrange a site visit for a PROW application. Noted that this was associated with the T&VG Application, although it was an entirely separate legal process. A site visit could be useful if new evidence was brought forward but this might require a fresh application. Legal advice would need to be sought.
- 2) The Council's Solicitor advised that regarding the site visit for the TVG it was usual for all interested parties to attend, however the final decision of who should attend rested with the Inspector.
- 3) The current process was that the Inspector would submit a final report, a site visit by the Inspector could then take place, and then the PROWG Committee would make its decision.

## **6 Current Claims, Inquiries and Miscellaneous Rights of Way Matters**

The Network Operations Manager introduced the report and made highlighted key points concerning some of the applications listed in Appendix A (Applications for Modification of Definitive map and Statement).

- 1) The actions since the last meeting had now been carried out with the ten claimed footpaths listed in Appendix 1 of the report being prioritised considering the age and current state of obstruction. Obstructed claimed paths will not take priority over unobstructed paths that continue to be useable.
- 2) The claimed footpath at the rear of Shaldon Road and Morris Road, Lockleaze had recently been confirmed.
- 3) A long-standing obstruction at Moorhouse Lane Avonmouth had been resolved, Network Rail had agreed that it be removed from the list as a new railway siding had not been built.
- 4) The Strawberry Lane PROW improvement work had now been completed.

Members welcomed the actions that had been taken and emphasised the importance of promoting use of PROW by the public in the interests of greater health and wellbeing benefits. The Network Manager said that this was done to some extent through liaison work with the Ramblers Association and the Institute of Public Rights of Way.

Ward members could have role in this too, eg regarding the Strawberry Lane improvement, Councillor Goggin agreed to publicise the work that had been done, to local residents in his ward.

It was noted that the PROW Liaison Group also played a useful role, and this could be expanded by PROWG Committee members attending some of the meetings and perhaps give informal feedback to members of PROWG Committee.

Noted also that some members of the public voluntarily helped to clear footpaths including removal of litter and that the importance of this should be recognised, suggestions included a nomination for the Lord Mayor's Medal, which was awarded to highlight local, unpaid community work and achievement, to improve the lives of local communities.

**RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

## **7 Town or Village Green (TVG) Applications**



The Committee received a report of the Commons Registration Authority (CRA) setting out the present position with regard to current TVG applications duly made under the Commons Act 2006.

Members noted that the CRA had one current application. On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the Inspector had issued Directions for the progress of the application that the parties were actioning including, for CRA to prepare and circulate to the parties an electronic bundle of all material submitted to date in respect of the application. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 the Inspector agreed to vary the Directions timetable with a view to all evidence being sent to the Inspector by 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Thereafter the Inspector would prepare a report to the Committee.

It was noted that the Directions timetable might be subject change as the inquiry process was non statutory and the Inspector would generally allow a reasonable extension in order to not exclude evidence. Once all the evidence had been received and collated, the final part of the process could begin.

It was anticipated that the bundle of material from the application would be circulated by the CRA to the parties 28 September 2022. Some members expressed concern that the lack of just one piece of evidence however could further delay the process. The Council's Solicitor confirmed that was a possibility.

**RESOLVED – that the report be noted.**

#### **8 Date of next PROWG Committee meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 2pm on 31 January 2023.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_



**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND GREENS COMMITTEE**  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

**CURRENT CLAIMS, INQUIRIES AND MISCELLANEOUS RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS**

(Report of the Executive Director for Transport, Growth and Regeneration directorate)

(Ward: Citywide)

**Purpose of Report**

1. To report for information on the present position with regard to claims under Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981; public inquiries; and miscellaneous rights of way orders, agreements and legal proceedings.
2. To inform members on the public right of way improvements made between September 2022 and January 2023 and the proposed improvements planned for 2023/2024.

**Background**

2. As Surveying Authority for the purposes of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 the City Council has a duty, as imposed by Section 53(2)(b) of the Act, to keep the Definitive Map and Statement under continuous review and to determine any valid applications for Modification Orders which it receives.
3. There are currently ten outstanding claims that are waiting to be determined by the Authority, the most recent of which was validated by Legal Services in November 2022. See table at Appendix A for present position with applications.
4. There is no statutory advice relating to the order in which claims should be processed. However, the Council's standard practice is to deal with each application in chronological order of receipt, unless the claim is affected by a planning application in which case it is prioritised. Following a recent review of outstanding DMMO applications, officers resolved to prioritise routes over which the public currently have no access, as a result of development or other obstructions.
5. The area of work undertaken by the prow team is guided by statute and the targets set out in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2018-2026. The ROWIP is a Highway Authority requirement under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
6. A summary of the PROW improvement programme for 2023/24 is attached at appendix D. These works are carried out under the Highway and Surveying

Authorities duties; to assert and protect the rights of the public, to ensure routes are adequately signposted, maintained free from obstruction and fit for purpose and, to keep the definitive map and statement under continuous review.

**Consultation** None.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Table of Definitive Map Modification Order applications.

Appendix B - Table of miscellaneous rights of way orders, agreements and legal proceedings.

Appendix C - Enforcement actions and longstanding obstructed PRow

Appendix D - PRow Improvement programme summary

Appendix E - PRow forums

Policy Implications                      There are no specific policy implications arising from this report.

Resource Implications                There are no specific resource implications arising from this report.

Other Approvals Necessary              None.

Recommended -                      that the report be noted

### **Contact Officers:**

For queries relating to rights of way matters:  
Joanne Mansfield, Solicitor, Legal Division, Business Change

Theo Brumhead, Public Rights of Way, Traffic Services, Growth and Regeneration

**APPENDIX (A)**

**APPLICATIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT UNDER SCHEDULE 14 OF WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

| <b>Location</b>  | <b>Date Received / Validated</b>                     | <b>Current Position*</b>  | <b>Revised Priority</b>                                 |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>Claimed footpath at South Hayes and Parkside Gardens, Lockleaze</b>   | 15.06.2006<br>[Validated 15.03.07]<br>(Ref. ID3.640) | Investigation underway, to report to Committee April 2023   | 1 – Route currently obstructed                          |
| <b>Claimed footpaths West Dene to Stoke Lodge, Cheyne Rd to Druid Hill, Cheyne Rd to Stoke Lodge, Cheyne Rd to West Dene</b> | 30.05.2018<br>[Validated 07.06.18] (Ref. IEO14/15)   | Investigation underway, to report to Committee September 2023   | 2 – All routes currently obstructed                     |
| <b>Claimed footpath Penpole Lane to Public Footpath BCC/565 Claimed footpath Penpole Lane to Public Footpath BCC/565</b>     | 18.12.2018<br>[Validated 01.10.19] (Ref. IEO.1500)   | Awaiting investigation  | 3 – Route currently obstructed by adjoining landowner   |
| <b>Claimed footpath at Argyle Place, Cliftonwood</b>   | 24.04.1998<br>[Validated 1998] (Ref. ID3.83)         | The Property Portfolio Officer is in the process of arranging the transfer to and adoption of the land by the Council, as required by the S106 Agreement. Investigation commenced as other means of resolving claim have reached an impasse | 4 – Route currently unobstructed, within amenity space. |
| <b>Claimed footpath at Ridgehill, Henleaze</b>   | 14.10.2006<br>[Validated 24.11.06]<br>(Ref. ID3.654) | A meeting with the landowner to enquire about the possibility of an express dedication of the claimed route was positive. A confirmatory letter from the owner, of the discussion and understanding is awaited by the officers              | 5 – Route currently unobstructed                        |

| Location  | Date Received / Validated                             | Current Position*   | Revised Priority  |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Claimed footpath from Blackberry Hill (south of Frome Bridge) to FP153</b> | 28.06.2008<br>[Validated 11.07.08]<br>(Ref.ID3.685)   | The lead claimant lodged an appeal with the Secretary of State which has not resulted in a direction to BCC. The land has subsequently been registered as a Town & Village Green. | 6 – Route available to the public by virtue of being part of a Town & Village Green |
| <b>South Purdown, Lockleaze – route B-C</b>                                   | 14.03.2011<br>[Validated 21.09.11] (Ref. ID3/739)     | Awaiting investigation  | 7 – Route on BCC Parks land and available to the public                             |
| <b>Claimed footpath Trymwood Close /Henbury Hill to Arnall Drive</b>          | March 2014<br>[Validated June 2014]<br>(Ref. ID3.788) | Awaiting investigation  | 8 – Route currently unobstructed  |
| <b>Claimed footpath Fishponds Road to Laburnum Grove</b>                      | 26.02.2007<br>[Validated 24.11.16]<br>(Ref. ID3/651)  | Awaiting investigation  | 9 – Route currently unobstructed  |
| <b>Claimed footpath Woodgrove Road to Public Footpath BCC/21</b>              | 18.11.2019<br>[Validated 25.11.19] (Ref. IEO.1644)    | Awaiting investigation  | 10 – Route currently unobstructed   |
| <b>Claimed footpaths around Moorgrove Wood</b>                                | 28.11.2022<br>[Validated 29.11.22] (Ref. GM04.146)    | Awaiting investigation  | 11 – Routes currently unobstructed  |

\* Valid applications will be dealt with in chronological order of receipt, except when prioritised as a result of development proposals, or because the current claimed route is obstructed.

#### ORDERS CONFIRMED WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS

| Location  | Date Received / Validated                            | Current Position  | Outcome   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Claimed footpath rear of Shaldon Road and Morris Road, Lockleaze**</b> | 09.05.2007<br>[Validated 18.05.07]<br>(Ref. ID3.665) | The Definitive Map & Statement Modification Order No.1 2019 was made on 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 and the consultation closed on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019. Objections were made and not withdrawn, An updated Order was confirmed by | Complete, added to the Definitive Map & Statement as Public Footpaths BCC/609, BCC/610, BCC/611 |

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|  |  | the Planning Inspectorate<br>1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022. |  |
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**MISCELLANEOUS RIGHTS OF WAY ORDERS, AGREEMENTS AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

| Item   | Ward                              | Site address/<br>description   | Remarks   |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>PUBLIC PATH ORDERS – Town and Country Planning Act 1990</b> |                                   |  |   |
| 1  | Avonmouth &<br>Lawrence<br>Weston | Public Footpaths<br>BCC/6 (part) &<br>BCC/17(part)<br>combined order   | Diversion order made on<br>11.11.2021<br>Order confirmed 10.02.2022<br>Awaiting certification subject to<br>developer works |
| <b>PUBLIC PATH ORDERS – Highways Act 1980</b>                  |                                   |  |   |
| 2  | Lockleaze                         | Public Footpath<br>BCC/80 (part)<br>combined order   | Revised diversion order<br>currently being advertised,<br>previous order which received<br>objections withdrawn.            |
| 3  | Avonmouth &<br>Lawrence<br>Weston | Public Footpaths<br>BCC/543 (part) &<br>BCC/543A (part)<br>combined order  | Diversion order made on<br>20.09.2022<br>Order confirmed 28.11.2022   |
| 4  | Avonmouth &<br>Lawrence<br>Weston | Public Footpaths<br>BCC/1A(pt),<br>BCC/2A(pt),<br>BCC/552(pt),<br>BCC/554,<br>BCC/555(pt) &<br>BCC/556(pt)<br>combined order | At drafting stage, due to be<br>advertised imminently   |
| <b>PUBLIC INQUIRIES</b>  |                                   |  |   |
| 5  | None                              |  |   |

## APPENDIX (C)

### ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND LONGSTANDING OBSTRUCTED PROW

| Location  | Issue  | Timescale    | Proposed remedy   |
|---|--|--------------|---|
| BCC/2A, Moorhouse Lane, Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston | Section under railway blocked by fence   | Longstanding | Network Rail have agreed to remove; to be removed as part of Hallen Marsh improvement scheme 2023   |
| BCC/4, Moorhouse Lane, Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston  | Route blocked by concrete barrier, lack of a bridge over a rhine and overgrown path  | Longstanding | Planning application to develop land for solar farm: opportunity to resolve obstructions  |
| BCC/142, Dovercourt Road, Lockleaze                 | Western part of route is inaccessible - overgrown/ locked gate/ stream crossing  | Longstanding | Planning application for housing on Dovercourt Depot site includes proposal to divert PROW onto new pedestrian route across site/ new bridge                                |
| BCC/151, Park Road, Frome Vale                      | Route gated/ fenced off halfway towards terminus at M32  | Longstanding | Route blocked off by construction of M32 and needs to be stopped up or diverted as and when resources allow   |
| BCC/260A, Whitehall Road, Eastville                 | Encroachment onto path from house garden boundaries and dumped garden waste obstructing path                                 | Longstanding | Identify parties responsible for physical obstructions and pass to enforcement for action. Adjacent industrial estate may be developed for housing under Bristol local plan |
| BCC/261, Deep Pit Road, Eastville                   | Impassable due to various obstructions: dumped materials, overgrown, parked vehicles and boundary fences of adjacent housing | Longstanding | Potential for diversion through new estate, subject to discussions with landowner   |

| <b>Location</b>                                  | <b>Issue</b>  | <b>Timescale</b> | <b>Proposed remedy</b>   |
|--|---|------------------|--|
| BCC/337, Oaktree Gardens, Hartcliffe & Withywood | Installation of stile, damage to surface  | March 2019       | Passed to Neighbourhood Enforcement August 2022 to instruct to remove stile or replace with self-closing gate                        |
| BCC/381, Netham Park, St. George West            | Obstructed by various parties including fence and dwelling without planning permission  | Longstanding     | Pass to Neighbourhood Enforcement  |
| BCC/408, Queen Ann Road, Lawrence Hill           | Obstructed by locked gate and pub garden wall   | Longstanding     | Development application to convert pub alongside PROW: opportunity to divert or stop-up, or remove obstructions                      |
| BCC/419, Sherwell Road, Brislington East         | Locked gates midway and at east end   | Longstanding     | Future improvement scheme to clear vegetation and install gates/remove fences were appropriate                                       |
| BCC/484, Kings Head Lane, Bishopsworth           | Blocked at both ends. Closed due to unsafe walls in 2006; now illegally blocked due to crime/ ASB concerns from local residents | 2006             | Case to be reviewed to identify potential remedies   |
| BCC/547, Hartcliffe Way, Filwood                 | Locked field gate   | 2022             | Liaise with BCC land manager/ tenant to unlock. Future improvement scheme – consider installing pedestrian gate alongside field gate |
|  |   |                  |  |

## 2022/23/24 PROW IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

### Capital improvement schemes

1. Strawberry Lane, Hartcliffe and Withywood (BCC/335A). Stone infilling of gullying and drainage improvement. *Completed – see before (left) and after (right) photos below.*



2. Bridgewater Road to South Liberty Lane, Bedminster Down, Bishopsworth (BCC/430). Stone resurfacing and steps renewal. *Nearing completion.*
3. Somerset Terrace, Windmill Hill (BCC/570). Installation of new light columns. *Completed.*
4. Cherry Orchard Lane/ Trym Valley, Westbury-on-Trym (BCC/89, BCC/90). Surface improvement.
5. Avon Gorge/ Severn Way Bristol Link, Clifton/ Stoke Bishop (BCC/182, BCC/268, BCC/598, BCC/599, BCC/602). Replacement of boardwalk under railway bridge, drain and gully clearance and surface improvement.
6. Lamb Hill/ Strawberry Lane, St George Trooper's Hill (BCC/363, BCC/366A). Removal of fallen bank materials, restoration of revetment walling, drain and gully clearance, and pedestrian road crossing measures.
7. Shaldon Road, Lockleaze (BCC/609-611). Signage and removal of obstructions for PROW recently added to Definitive Map.

### Externally funded schemes

8. Grove Wood, Frome Vale (BCC/153). Renewal of steps, surface improvement, wall repair and removal of fallen trees (S106 funding).

9. ASEA Area 4 Hallen Marsh habitat mitigation scheme, Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston (various PROW). New signage and waymarking, and other improvements for diverted PROW routes (S106 funding). *Underway.*
10. Elderberry Walk Open Space, Southmead (BCC/47). Footpath diverted through park by legal order surfaced (S106 funding). *Completed.*

## Appendix (E)

### PRoW FORUMS

The Bristol Public Rights of Way team works with different forums each of which have their own specific agenda but all overlap in the desire to ensure rights of way are continued to be protected and enjoyed by the public. The key forums are:

- Public Rights of Way and Greens Committee who have a regulatory function;
- Joint Local Access Forum who bring together highway authorities, landowners, and user and interest groups to address PRoW and public access issues across Bristol, B&NES and South Gloucestershire;
- PRoW Liaison Group who represent Bristol user and interest groups and provide advice, support and comment on matters that the Rights of Way team are working on both currently and in the future.

