



**Tattenhall & District Parish Council
Informal Meeting – Kissing Gates Project
29th November 2022 via Teams.**

PRESENT

Parish Council – Paul Kerr, Iain Keeping (Chairman), Ann Wright (Clerk)
CW&C Public Rights of Way Officer – Richard Ankers

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss replacing stiles with Kissing Gates on FP to Ice Cream Farm.

It was noted that stiles along public footpaths create a barrier to many people who would walk the routes and as such the installation of kissing gates will make the routes more accessible.

It was noted there are approximately 70 stiles that have been identified in the Parish, as such a phased approach is being taken to replacing them.

Footpath to Ice Cream Farm FP11 & FP12

It was noted that Cllrs Keeping and Kerr had walked the footpaths from Burwardsley Road to Newton Lane and noted a large number of the stiles were in a poor condition, of the 10 stiles 4 were in a dangerous state. It was noted that it would make no sense to replace the stiles with new stiles for the Parish Council to then install kissing gates.

It was noted FP11 crossed FP12 creating 2 routes to Newton Lane and the Ice Cream Farm, it was suggested the route which branches to the right would be the Parish Council's priority FP11.

It was confirmed it is the landowners' responsibility to maintain the stiles however CW&C have an obligation contribute from 25% up to 100% of the cost of this maintenance. It was noted however due to lack of resources CW&C have tended to provide the materials for repairs. It was suggested if the Parish Council purchased the gates CW&C could help with their installation.

It was also confirmed that landowners would need to give permission for kissing gates to be installed.

It was thought the majority of the land along the route is owned by Bolesworth Estate.

Richard Ankers confirmed if the Parish Council purchases the kissing gates, they would be able store them. He also reported the cost of the CW&C contractor to supply and install a gate is £600.

Actions

- Seek landowners' permission for installation of kissing gates
- Discussion project with Ice Cream Farm inc. possible contribution and storing of gates.
- Seek permission from Parish Council to purchase kissing gates (x10).