

Minutes of the TGAA Committee meeting held at 12.00 on Friday 12 April 2013 at Aristotle Lane footbridge, Oxford.

Present: Tony Hollander (chairman); Virginia Wallis (secretary); Carol Jarvis (lettings secretary); Pete Jarvis (pest control); Jonathan Clark (website and machinery); Vibeke Mannion (shop); Mike Gotch city councillor and retired architect.

Apologies: Neil MacLennan (deputy chairman); Bob Crabtree (treasurer).

Agenda

1 Proposed new ramp to the allotments

The committee met to discuss its favoured position and design of the proposed ramp to the allotments to be put in place before the level crossing is closed. It was agreed that ideally the ramp should start opposite the steps down to the meadow at the meadow end of the footbridge, run parallel to the footbridge and then curve down on to the allotments next to the old pond. The ramp should have a gate at the top rather than at the bottom.

Mike Gotch will draw up a formal plan for TGAA to submit to Network Rail. It was agreed that the gradient will be as gentle as possible. Mike Gotch is working to a gradient of 1 : 20 which is the maximum for wheelchair users and so which should work for wheelbarrows. Because the area under the bridge is an SSSI, Natural England is unlikely to allow engineering works on it so the proposed ramp is to be made of steel so that it can be self-supporting. The structure can be made to look quite attractive and would be a distinct improvement on the design put forward by Network Rail.

2 New car park

It was agreed that the committee would press for car-parking spaces for 15 cars.

3 Survey results

Ian Salisbury's proposed road and car park plan was outvoted by a ratio of four to one. JC to circulate the results to the TGAA membership.

The meeting ended at 1.00pm