
Public Rights of Way Sub Committee

Date of Meeting:	5 th December 2022
Report Title:	Permissive Path Agreement in the Parish of Bradwall - Informative Report
Report of:	Jayne Traverse, Executive Director Place
Ward(s) Affected:	Brereton Rural, Sandbach Town

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is an informative report describing a new permissive path agreement in the Parish of Bradwall.
- 1.2 The work of the Public Rights of Way team contributes to the Corporate Plan priority “A thriving and sustainable place”, and the policies and objectives of the Council’s statutory Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks to inform Members about a new permissive path agreement in the Parish of Bradwall.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. That the report be noted – no decision is required.

4. Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1. To formally note that a permissive path agreement has been entered into between the Council, Bradwall Parish Council and respective landowners. The report is for information only.

5. Other Options Considered

- 5.1. Not applicable – this is a non executive matter.

6. Background

- 6.1 Bradwall Parish Council have secured the agreement of third party landowners for the creation of a permissive footpath in the parish as shown on Plan No. PPA/007.
- 6.2 The aim of the 273m long path is to form a safe and pleasant off-road link alongside a section of Bradwall Road where there is no footway, limited verges and limited sightlines. In recent years there has been an increase in the number of walkers from Sandbach using this road to form circular routes using other public footpaths in the area.
- 6.3 The Parish Council will be bearing all costs of construction, maintenance and liabilities throughout the duration of the agreement.
- 6.4 The agreement will be in place for an initial term of 3 years.
- 6.5 Cheshire East Council is a signatory to the agreement so that it is formally recorded with the Highway Authority.

7. Consultation and Engagement

- 7.1 A permissive path agreement is essentially a private agreement between the Council and the third parties concerned and therefore it is not necessary for public consultation to be carried out.
- 7.2 Cllr Wray, Ward Member for Brereton Rural Ward, and Cllr Benson, Ward Member for Sandbach Town Ward, have been informed, with both indicating their full support for the proposal. Cheshire East Highways have also been informed.

8. Implications

8.1. Legal

- 8.1.1.** There are no direct legal implications.

8.2. Finance

- 8.2.1.** There are no direct financial implications.

8.3. Policy

- 8.3.1.** There are no direct policy implications.

8.4. Equality

- 8.4.1.** There are no direct equality implications

8.5. Human Resources

- 8.5.1.** There are no direct implications for human resources.

8.6. Risk Management

8.6.1. There are no direct implications for risk management.

8.7. Rural Communities

8.7.1. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

8.8. Children and Young People/Cared for Children

8.8.1. There are no direct implications for children and young people/cared for children.

8.9. Public Health

8.9.1. There are no direct implications for public health.

8.10. Climate Change

8.10.1. The Council has committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2025 and to encourage all businesses, residents and organisations in Cheshire East to reduce their carbon footprint.

8.10.2. The work of the Public Rights of Way team encourages a reduction in carbon emissions and increased environmental sustainability by reducing energy consumption and promoting healthy lifestyles through active travel.

Access to Information	
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Appendices:	Plan No. PPA/007
Background Papers:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the Officer above.