

Appendix 7

CPC Meeting 8th September 2025 Agenda Item 132.5

Report of the Meeting with a parishioner regarding CPC land at Mill End Pond

10:30am Wednesday 13th August 2025

At the meeting I was also accompanied by Councillor Frances Smither as agreed and arranged at a previous parish meeting. When we arrived and got greeted by the parishioner, I was surprised to learn that Councillor Ron Couchman was in her kitchen waiting for our arrival.

Councillor Smither and myself met with the parishioner in her dining room.

It was outlined to her that the meeting on our part would be convivial to hopefully bring about a mutual understanding that the land in question is owned by CPC and, access is granted by formal agreement with the parish. She clearly understood this aspect and apologised if her previous actions had caused any discomfort to the parish and other councillors. She was thanked by Frances and myself.

It was indicated to her by me that it would be appropriate, via an exchange of emails, if in future the parishioner wanted to carry out acceptable maintenance of this particular piece of parish land. The parishioner was understanding, and it was felt that she would take this type of action in future.

The parishioner also raised the point that a 5-bar gate from her land opens onto this particular piece of parish land.. It was indicated to her that permission to cross this piece of land should also be formalised with the parish. No indication was given that permission would last for her tenure or her successors. Hence it was likely that annual appraisal would be considered. She was content with this potential.

The meeting concluded circa 45 minutes later, myself and Frances considered that it ended on good terms.

For the benefit and good nature displayed of the parishioner, I decided that we would adjourn to her kitchen to provide a precis in front of Cllr Couchman, who had remained in the building.

Cllr Fabian Bullen 18th August 2025