

MINUTES of FOOTPATHS SUB-COMMITTEE meeting of 22 October 2025 at CBTC offices, East Terrace, Euxton.

Councillors present:

Cllr A Oddy (Chair)
Cllr K Reed (Vice Chair)
Cllr E Jones
Cllr D Rigg
Cllr V Thornhill

Residents:

Mr Greenbank (SG)
Mrs Owen

Officers: D Platt

1. Apologies – Cllr I Hamer.
2. Public participation
3. Footpath strategy

Members reviewed the strategy document.

Discussed the footpath from Southport Road/Balshaw Lane FP22 and the loop from 22 round and along the river back to FP22. This was walked with Chorley Council, the farmer and Steve Greenbank joined us. One stile is to be removed and the others could be replaced with kissing gates except the one adjacent the farm and barn properties which may need a bespoke gate.

SG will pull out packages of work based on types and areas which could be done together in work packets.

From the strategy identified as 'B' Chapel Brook link to Ransnap Brook, formerly FP47 before it was deleted. This would need to be taken on as a separate large piece of work as it had went to a public inquiry appeal many years ago and the landowner won the case and it was deleted.

4. Map revisions from drafted materials, previous map and local information

Suggestion for the Map are 'edge of the map' signs to say ➤ Worden Park, Charnock, Eccleston etc.

UU was written to a long time ago about land adjacent the loop path and adjacent to FP22 – no response. Send letter again.

Euxton Hall and Chapel, currently identified as H needs the Chapel adding in.

Add in Buckshaw Village walks; path from Armetrying Reaches to the river; Ransnap Walk, check temp diversion 27; allotment site, BV church, pubs and community centres.

PROW 27 speak to farmer about permission and diversion.

PROW 14 & 17 check spelling of Dean Hall Lane or 'Dane'.

Scale to be put on map m/km

Map timescale: draft after Christmas print by March.

Cllr VT will edit the wording.

5. Arranging and setting up walking groups and review the walk criteria checklist

Walk criteria checklist – circulate. Chorley Ramblers could be hosts and Mrs Owen could find a contact to arrange.

6. Plan from the projects list which can be done this Winter then in Spring 2025
– see path summary list report
Done.

7. Budget and funding discussions for 2025/2026

Map design and print £5,000. Print run to include schools 7,500 to 10,000 print run.
Carry forward balance of budget and add £3,600 to make a budget of £10,000.

8. Any other items which need attention or research or for future agenda

9. Date for next meeting – provisionally 23 January 2025.

Chairman closed the meeting.

8.21pm