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ACE Committee Meeting

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ACE025.a - Proposal to rename selected twittens/footpaths

1. Introduction

Local residents were asked to submit suggested names for local twittens.

2. Approach

An article by AB appeared to this effect in the October edition of Cuckfield Life.

3. Findings

Responses received from the community to date:

- a. Further to Andy Burton's piece in Cuckfield Life about naming Twittens, I would like to say that putting nameplates up on these Twittens and footpaths is, to my mind, urbanising and spoiling these interesting little cut-throughs.

Many on his map are not true 'twittens', they are footpaths and footpaths are traditionally not named. I can see no useful purpose for naming footpaths - it would signify just another heavy stamp of modern man on the fabric of our local history. I say let them be!

- b. My family, in Ledgers Meadow since 1956, has always referred to:

Twitten D as The Horses Path
Twitten B as The Hospital Path

I hope their new names will be similar or it might get confusing!

- c. The twitten (I) running from Whitemans Green (north) to Trolls Dell was known as Tinklers Lane according to a conveyance from the 1950s. Details confirmed at the Land Registry. Hope that helps.

- d. We note you make reference to Whiteman's Green to Trolls Dell. We are in the process of purchasing the property currently known as Trolls Dell and your article raises some questions not least that we will be changing the name especially given the unfortunate connotations in this digital age.

NB: I spoke to the gentleman & his wife as requested (via loudspeaker on telephone

number provided), who feel very strongly that they do not want the footpath to be known as Trolls Dell, or for there to be any reference made to it, as it has such unpleasant connotations these days! They would like their objection to be raised before an official decision is made regarding the naming of Route I - Whiteman's Green to Trolls Dell on the diagram, as the footpath is on the long private drive leading to the property, which, as they stated, has nothing to do with the Council.

Apparently, they have been told by the current owner that walkers quite regularly walk up into their garden to see 'Trolls Dell' and wish they hope will stop happening by changing the house name! (The house was originally built and named by a Norwegian when 'trolls' were just a part of Norse mythology and referred to little ugly men who sometimes lurk under bridges; also referred to by Tolkien as inhabitants of Middle Earth (Lord of the Rings!))

At their request, I have emailed the date and time of the next ACE meeting where Twitten naming is likely to be discussed.

- e. So pleased to see the article about Twittens in Cuckfield Life and here are my ideas for some names, which I think represent some of the village history:

- A. Horsgate Twitten
- B. Workhouse or Hospital T
- C. Long acre T
- D. Polestub T
- E. Trinity T
- F. Ockenden T
- G. Dell T
- H. Whitemans T
- I. Trolls T

It will be great to see new names for all our village Twittens.

- f. With regards to Andy Burton's feature in this months Cuckfield Life, we live by Route I (Whitemans Green to Trolls Dell) and this already has a lovely name, but rarely used and not well known...it's Tinklers Lane!

I hope this is of use to you...

- g. I have very close links to both Glebe Twitten and Mytten Twitten. I was born in 2 Glebe Twitten in 1961 and this was my home for most of the next 28 years. Glebe Twitten was very different in the sixties, being longer and much more closed in by large trees and vegetation. I also remember Mytten Twitten before Mytten Close cut across it and must have walked through it hundreds of times. I now live in Mytten Close and still regularly use Mytten Twitten, which in my family is always known as simply The Twitten.

Giving names to the other Cuckfield twittens and lanes is a great initiative, and I can offer a couple of suggestions.

Route B: Whitemans Green / Ardingly Road My aunt, uncle and cousins lived in 11

Brainsmead which is next to this route. Within our family the path was always associated with Briansmead, as this was before Bylanes Close and all its offshoots were built So I would like to suggest Brainsmead Twitten

Route D: Ardingly Road / Glebe Road: This was a regular route used by my family when I was growing up, especially every Sunday as it was the quickest route from Glebe Twitten to get to Sunday Mass in the Cuckfield Hospital chapel. When using the path my family always said that we were "going through the fields" so I would like to suggest Fields Twitten.

Also I have been researching my family's Cuckfield related history. It appears from the 1939 Register that numbers 1 & 2 Glebe Twitten were originally 53 & 54 Glebe Road and I wondered if the Parish Council has any information that confirms this.

Good luck with the naming initiative and I look forward to seeing the names selected.

- h.
 - A) Horsgate
 - B) Whitemans
 - C) Longacre
 - D) Fields View
 - E) Church
 - F) Ockenden
 - G) Copse
 - H) South Green
 - I) Trolls
- i. What a great idea to name the Twittens around Cuckfield. Our suggestions to add to the mix:
 - A. Borde Twitten
 - B. Wealden Twitten
 - C. Horse Twitten
 - D. School Twitten
 - E. Trinity Twitten
 - F. Ockenden Twitten
 - G. Rec Twitten
 - H. New England Twitten
 - I. Golf TwittenOr you could always go with Twitty mcTwitface Twitten!
- j. What a lovely initiative to name all the twittens in Cuckfield! We wondered about the following names for some of the twittens:
 - B – Hidden Twitten
 - D – Jack and Jill Twitten – in honour of all the boys and girls who walk up and down the hill to Holy Trinity School and whose logo features the Jack and Jill windmill
 - H – Gideon Twitten – in honour of Gideon Mantell our local palaeontologist
 - G – Vine Twitten – next to Vine Cottages which were supposedly originally a wine shop when first constructed in the 1670s

Other possible names – Cuckoo Twitten, Nightingale Twitten (in honour of a remarkable year for the NHS) and of course who could resist Kitten Twitten?

Good luck with the new naming opportunities!

- k. Here are a couple of ideas for footpath D from Ardingly Road to Glebe Road.

As it is 95% on lane owned by the Baptist chapel what about “Baptist Byway” or “POLESTUB passage”. Interesting to see some other ideas.

- l. Rather than alliteration why not Baptist Twitten?

- m. Ideas received via FaceBook

B. Ken Gregory Twitten

B. Union twitten or Brainsmead twitten

C. Horsefield Twitten

A Pondview Walk

4. Costs:

The cost of the signs may have altered since my original report in July 2020.

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