

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



Assets, Community and Environment Committee Meeting

FC064 To consider a proposal on naming some twittens/footpaths and agree next steps

1. Background

It has been proposed by AB that various local twittens should be named, and names have been suggested. Please see Public Rights of Way List and Map.xls

2. Findings

Some of the twittens shown on the map provided would be better described as footpaths, bearing in mind the local Sussex definition

noun SE ENGLISH (in Sussex) a narrow path or passage between two walls or hedges

When speaking to some local residents, the impression given has been that at least some of the unnamed twittens/footpaths already do have local names, although there are no signs as there are at Mytten Twitten for example.

AB has prepared the 'tewitten plan' attached, using the WSCC Public Rights of Way (PROW) website plan and drawing an overlay as part of the project on naming them – map shown under the table. Also available for reference is a Parish Online map prepared by PS.

The WSCC website link is below. You need to bring up the 'map features' in the menu on the left, and click the PROW and parish boundary and zoom into Cuckfield.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way-imap/imap/>

3. Costs

The following quotations have been received:

Details	Comments	Cost + VAT
Quote 1. 1 off 150mm x 1m aluminium sign with rails for post mounting including 2 x 50mm x 1500mm posts and clips for fitting	Please note these are very rough estimates as we don't have much to go on at the moment. Each sign would vary depending on the number of letters and therefore the size of the sign and how many signs ordered	£160+vat

1 off 150mm x 1m aluminium sign with drilled corners for fitting to a wall	As above	£95+vat
Quote 2. Aluminium Sign Blank 1000mm x 150mm - Landscape Coated to RAL 9016 Traffic White Gloss (stock colour) (both sides) No Radius Corners C/W One Run of Small Clip Extrusion Along 1000mm, plus graphics	Cost of 12 £405 + Vat	£33.75 +VAT
Aluminium post	Cost of 24 £630.00 + vat	£26.25 +VAT
Post cap	Cost of 24 = £58.00 +vat	£2.42 + VAT
	On posts per sign total	£91.09 +VAT
Stainless steel bolt nut and washer	Cost of 24 = £74.00 +vat	£3.08 + Vat
Base plate	Cost of 24 = 69.00 +vat	£2.88 + vat
	Fixing to wall per sign total	£45.67 + VAT

Note: Contractor/supplier names have been deleted to prevent bias.

4. Remarks

Hopefully this will give you an idea of the costs involved to put up signs should this venture go ahead. Once we have more information, we can obtain more accurate pricing.

I have been advised there is no standard size to signs. The best thing to do is to work out where it is going to go and then measure the space available for a sign, send the supplier a photo of the area, and they can then make one to suit.

FYI the following remark was received from an older resident talking about the land at the back of Brainsmead/Buttinghill 'I was amazed there was a seat there as well - has the Parish Council named it yet? I always said something should be named after the Miss Turner's as they own most of the fields up at Whitemans Green and THE COUNCIL NEVER TAKES ANY INTEREST of what might be suggested by the older resident'.

5. Recommendations

In view of the above findings it has been suggested that local residents could be approached through an article in Cuckfield Life magazine asking them to put forward either the current names these paths are known by and/or hold a competition to name the Twittens/footpaths. The most popular names would win, and a proposal has been made that signs could be put up accordingly.

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