

Appendix I – Maiden Newton Trailway resolution

Discussed at Toller Porcorum Parish Council Meeting 15 May 2024, minute reference: 24/05-17 ii:

Trailway to Maiden Newton update

George Sartin is keen to see the trailway open all the way to Maiden Newton. George already owns some parts of the trailway and is prepared to buy more land parcels. Walk and talk meeting to be arranged with representatives from Dorset Council, Maiden Newton PC, George Sartin, NF and CW to discuss next steps.

ACTION: NF to arrange walk and talk.

A walk and talk took place 13 June 2024 and included Neil Farmer, Chris Wardle, George Sartin, 2 councillors from Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch Parish Council, Dorset Councillor Neil Eysenck and Stuart Semple, Senior Countryside Ranger - West Dorset & Coast, from Dorset Council.

It was agreed at the walk and talk that both Parish Councils write formally to Dorset Council asking them to consider purchasing the outstanding sections of line using Section 16 powers under the 1965 Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.

The wording below constitutes the formal resolution:

Toller Porcorum Parish Council supports the development of the old Toller Porcorum to Maiden Newton section of the old railway into a trailway for use by cyclists, walkers and horse riders east of Toller Porcorum to Maiden Newton. The Council asks Dorset Council to consider using all means at its disposal to secure the necessary land to advance this project including Section 16 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.