

# Friends of Alkincoats Park

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## Minutes of meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Colne Town Hall

### Present

Colin Bailey  
Marie Oakley  
Brenda Maylor  
David Clamp  
Janet Myers  
Jane Wright  
Lee Johnson (PBC - Neighbourhood Services)

Colette McInerney  
Audrey Broughton  
Steve Clamp  
Carol Riley  
Marie Jackson  
Jon Birchenough (Chair)

### 1. Apologies

Donald Mitchell  
Julie Hibbert  
Vicky Wright  
Marion Snowden

Liz Kayley  
Darryl Wright  
Pat Clamp

Due to illness it was agreed by the meeting that Lee Johnson would take minutes.

### 2. Minutes of Meeting Held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were accepted as a correct record.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### 9(b) Dog Bin

The dog bin that had been reported at the previous meeting had now been repaired.

### 4. Pavilion Café

The Chair read out the following press release from Julie Hibbert of PBC;

***'Press Release (Draft)***

***Pavilion Café at Alkincoats Park, Colne***

*Pendle Council would like to hear from anyone interested in running a café from the pavilion. We would expect the café to be open to members of the public at weekends plus at least two other days each week between 11:00 – 17:00 hrs from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 30 September.*

*Expressions of Interest providing details of how you would run the café should be submitted in writing to Julie Hibbert, Neighbourhood Services, Pendle Borough Council, Elliott House, 9 Market Square, Nelson, BB9 0LX by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 ([julie.hibbert@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:julie.hibbert@pendle.gov.uk) and tel:01282 661569).'*

D. Clamp thought that the terms outlined in the press release were more feasible and was supportive.

L. Johnson told the meeting that if they knew of anyone who thought would be interested that they should contact Julie.

## **5. Relocation of Picnic Tables**

The Chair gave a brief history of the issues surrounding the picnic tables to date.

D. Clamp said that he some pieces from the damaged picnic table at his house. L. Johnson to arrange collection in the near future.

After some discussion it was decided that:

- (a) One picnic table would be sited on the edge of the wildflower meadow adjacent to the walled garden woodland (see appendix 1). The ground beneath the table would be covered weed suppressant fabric and bark to prevent it getting muddy and unusable.
- (b) A stone flag would be sited adjacent to the table for the use of disposable barbecues. It was envisaged that this would prevent people from scorching the grass or the table top. This facility would not be signed or advertised.
- (c) The broken table would be replaced in its previous location after the Easter Holidays. That was to see if there were likely to be any further issues with this location.
- (d) The location of the fourth table would be deferred to the next meeting.

The Chair urged members to have a think about where they would like the fourth table siting taking in to account the use of machinery for grass cutting across the site. Members are to bring proposals to the next meeting.

## 5. Any Other Business

**(a) Tennis Courts** - Members of the group asked if the missing tennis net could be replaced on the courts in time for Easter Holidays.

**(b) Bowling Academy Update** - The Bowling Academy are planning to start using the greens again sometime around Easter depending on the weather and playing conditions. The Academy stated that they have been really please and surprised at the progress of the second green.

The Academy said that they were running some volunteer days and were looking to 'edge off' the paths that approach the bowling green. They asked if they could use the risings to fill in the hollows in the football pitch. Lee Johnson agreed to this.

The Chair asked the Bowling Academy to submit a brief report to the groups AGM.

**(c) Bollards** - The group reported that one of the wooden bollards had been removed. Lee to get re-installed.

**(d) Horses** - Janet Myers asked why horses were not allowed to use the tarmac paths within Alkincoats Park. Lee Johnson told the group that the only legal right of way for horses through the park was up Alkincoats Road and along the bridleway. All paths through Alkincoats Park are not rights of way and are concessionary to pedestrian users. The group discussed various views and options.

Lee told the group that any decision would have to be made by Councillors at the Area Committee and he felt that the Friends of Alkincoats views should be part of the decision making process and any subsequent reports. It was decided that Lee would include a report as an appendix (see appendix 2) to these minutes to allow the group to consider options ready to discuss at the next meeting.

Janet presented a poster that she had produced and sought the opinion of the group. The group thought it was a good idea providing the wording was changed to from '*Please take care when riding along the paths and through the woodland*' to '*Please take care when riding along the bridleways of the park and nature reserve.*' Lee agreed to alter the posters and put up throughout the area.

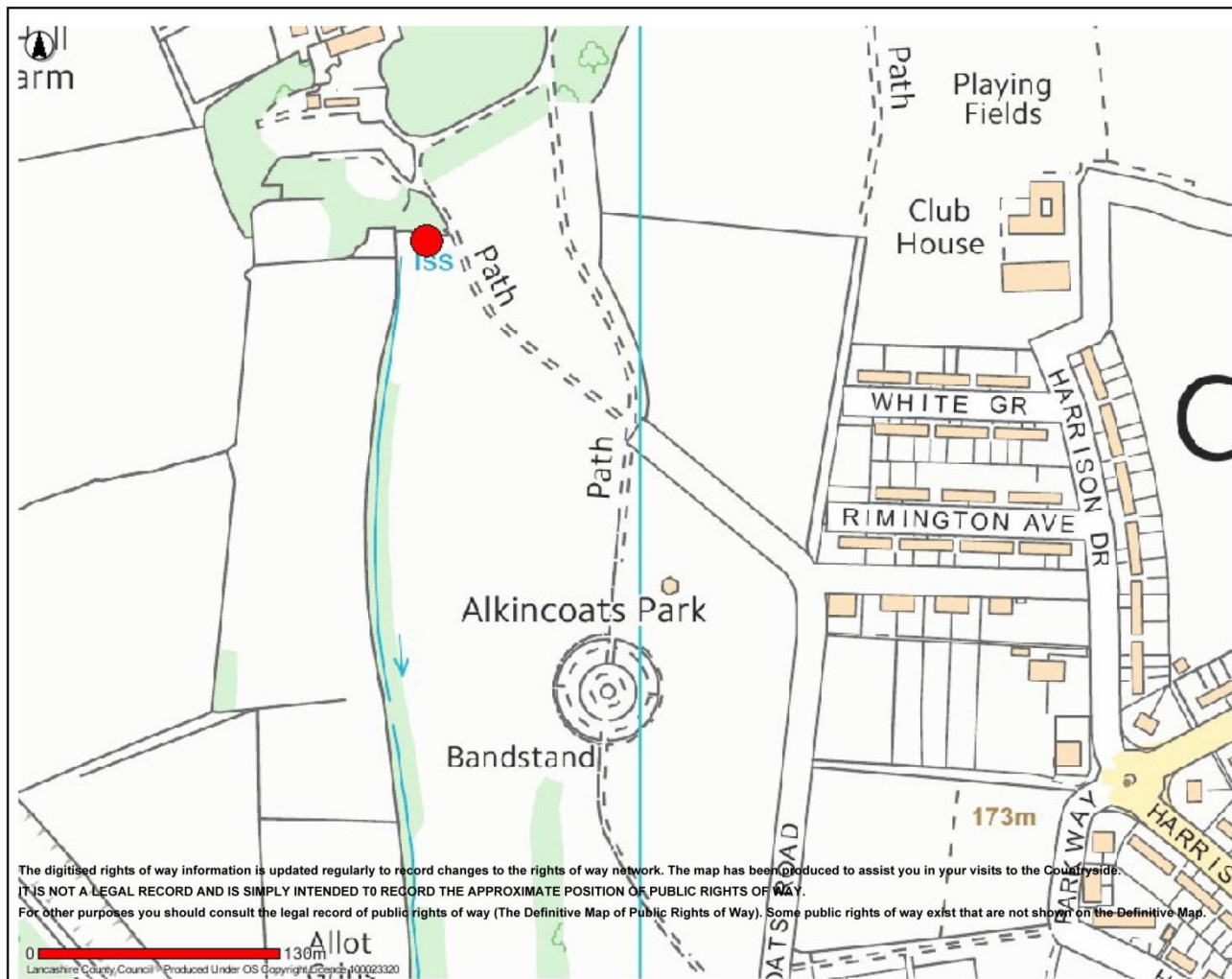
- (e) Annual General Meeting** - The Chair asked the group to consider standing for positions in the committee of the group.
- (f) Drainage** - Members of the group and bowling academy raised the issue of drainage throughout the park. The recent heavy rainfall had highlighted some issues and the group felt that something needed to be done to prevent future issues. Lee told the group that both Neighbourhoods and Environmental Services were aware of the issue. The drainage system dates from the parks original construction and is in need of modernising. The issue had already been highlighted and work was on-going to look at alternatives to draining straight in to the mains system.

## **6. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is followed by the Annual General Meeting and will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7pm, Colne Town Hall.



**Appendix 1 - Picnic  
Table**



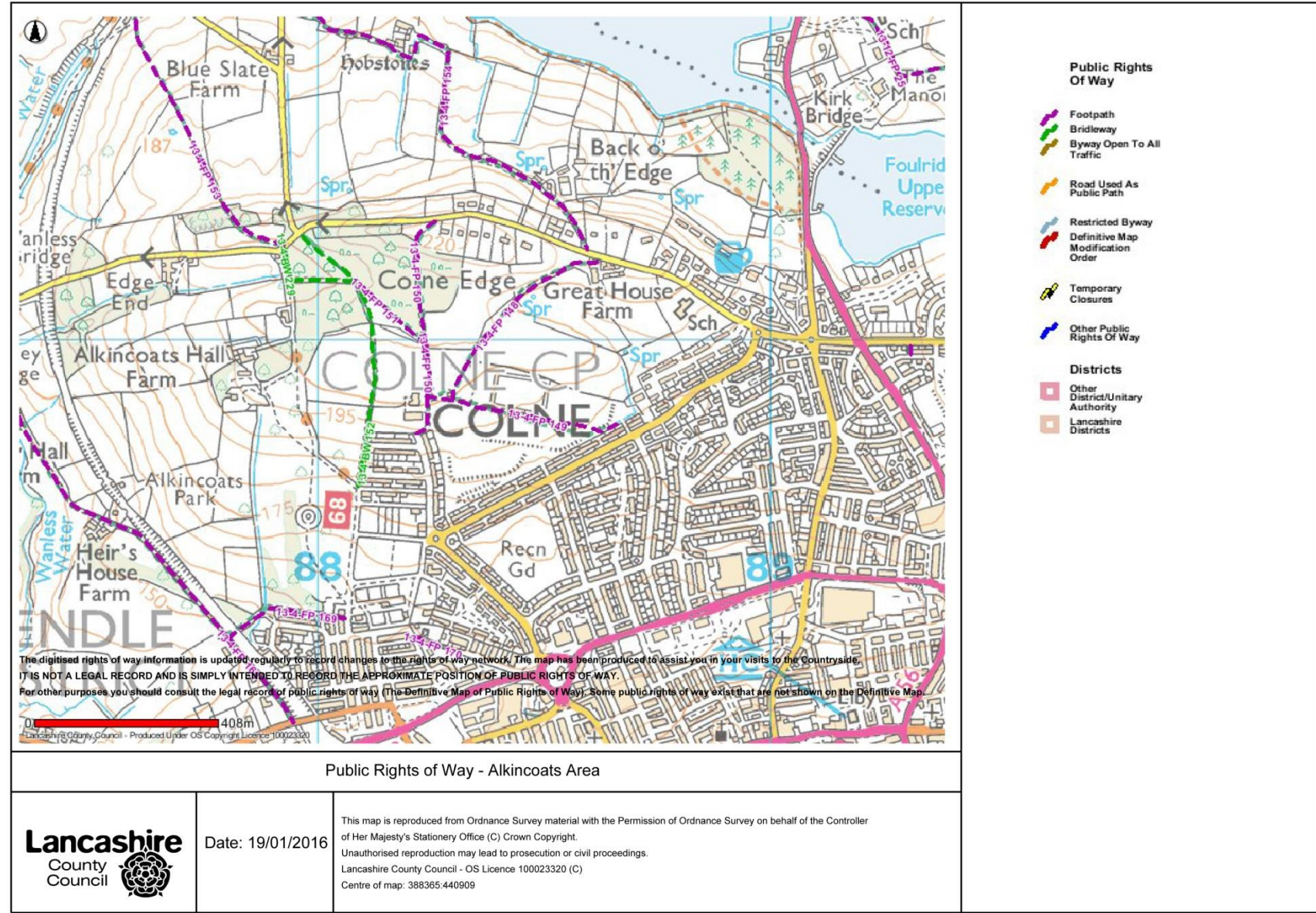
**Districts**

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- Lancashire Districts

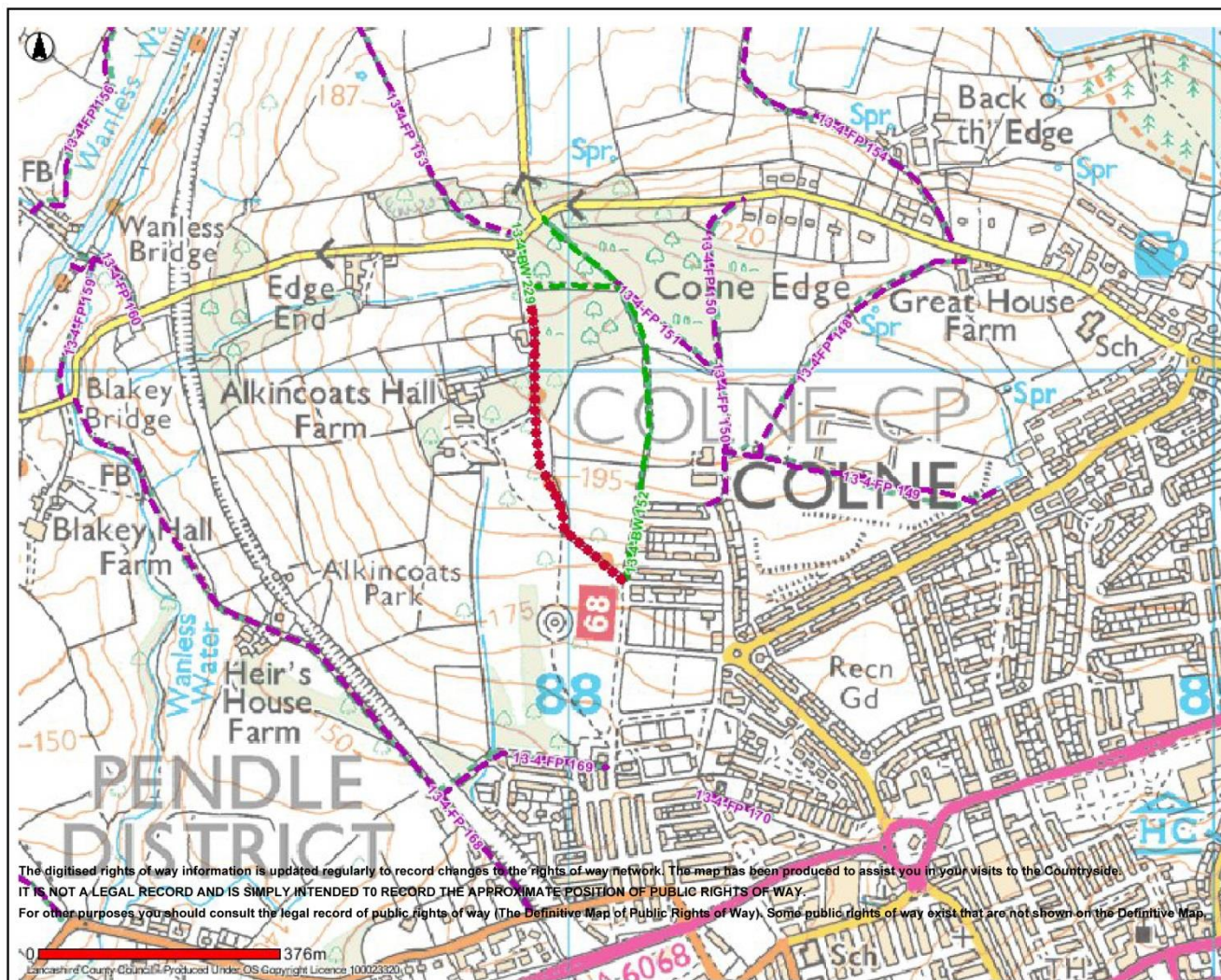
Proposed Location of Picnic Table



## Appendix 2 - Horse Riding







- Public Rights Of Way**
- Footpath
  - Bridleway
  - Byway Open To All Traffic
  - Road Used As Public Path
  - Restricted Byway
  - Definitive Map Modification Order
  - Temporary Closures
  - Other Public Rights Of Way
- Districts**
- Other District/Unitary Authority
  - Lancashire Districts

The red dotted line represents a riding route to be considered.

Alkincoats Park - Riding Route to Consider

## **Horse riding in Alkincoats - Issues to consider**

- Cost of altering barriers
- Cost of way marking route
- Human/dog/horse interactions
- Horse waste
- Liability/insurance