

## Agenda Item 11

# Mountain Bike Track

The Clerk has submitted reports from both the Wildlife Trust and a licensed Bat Expert along with an eradication scheme for Japanese Knotweed to the planning officer. The Clerk is hopeful that the planning officer will accept the proposed measures and report findings and that permission to start construction will be agreed in the next 10 days. The Clerk has postponed the start date with the contractor for a fortnight with work commencing on the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

The two wildlife reports include some mitigation works including planting some native species trees, providing both bird and bat boxes and creating log piles within the site as an habitat for invertebrates and small mammals. Although these works are not costed into the project the end figure will not be excessive.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting with some of the teenagers regarding the design of the trial area and hopefully incorporate more of their ideas into the finished scheme. The Clerk has spoken to most of the organisations funding this project and feels that the funding will be carried forward and the scheme although behind schedule will be carried out.