

Footpath and Tree Report – 18th January, 2022

Footpaths

I was told that a new copy of the definitive map for public display could be obtained by request. Kathryn has done this but I received an email stating that apparently the map has fallen foul of an old copyright agreement. A week later I received the map and it shows that a couple of the footpaths have new ref. numbers. That means that our paperwork will now have to be updated.

I have walked all the footpaths this month and the on-line file has been updated.

After my comment at the last meeting about reporting concerns on Street Doctor only to have a reply of 'no action' and then 'closed', I forwarded the relevant details to David Howes along with a copy of the section of the Parish Path Warden information stating that no cutting of vegetation is permitted. I have subsequently had an email back re the status of the relevant Street Doctor references:

2961055 – Vegetation growth on bridle path by Appin House – Aug '21

With regard to this matter, we can confirm that some minor cutting did occur. We are also pleased to report that this area will be added to our schedule next year, 2022, and will be carried out after the nesting season, so it would be Autumn. The report was closed down with a note for us to monitor the situation and that there would be no further Highways updates, regarding this issue, on this specific report to add.

2961074 – Lack of way marker on large field beyond hovel – Aug '21

(map does not allow you to place marker in a new site so description needs to be read)

Regrettably, we have not been able to get the waymarking done to date due to resource issues. However, we are happy to report that this will be taking place once we carry out the bridge installation here, by the end of April 2022.

3029607 – Reported way markers on the ground after message from Pru – September '21

We can confirm that new way markers were sent out to the private landowner, as they wanted to carry out the work themselves and we were expecting this to have been carried out by now. Please be assured that we have followed this up and will now make a site visit, during January, to ensure that this work has been completed.

Bridge over stream marking Parish boundary never given a number as reported to Nick Wedgbrow (originally Dec '20 but no means of reporting until Feb '21)

Regarding "Damaged Bridge over stream out towards Brampton Valley Way is "dangerous""; regrettably, Due to land owner difficulties, we have not yet been able to install a new bridge. However, we are pleased to confirm better communication has now been made and we intend to have the bridge completed by the end of April 2022, along with waymarking.

3149405 – repairs of badger area at top of Griffin Road had 'sunk' leaving a trench at the side of the road – December 21

George intervened and contacted Highways direct

In order to maintain the highways, and locate any potential risks to safety; we regularly undertake routine inspections of the road, pathways and verges. This usually occurs every six months. Works had been taken to ensure that badgers were not undermining the Highway condition, which is why the report was closed with nothing further to add. Please be assured that our team will be keeping a close eye on this in future inspections.

Trees

The dead branches in the tree on the green were reported in January '21 and then again in May. Still no action. On 9th December, Pru Normand overheard 3 men (tree surgeons?) talking about the felling of this tree.

Play area – I have not heard anything about this since my report at the September meeting. Obviously, the timing of Autumn '21 for starting the staged felling and planting has been missed.

Street lights

Light north of Pub was reported at last meeting and is still not working. I have now reported the light opposite the end of Church Close.

CPRE Dark Skies Star Count

I have signed up for this again in February.