

Report to Sandhurst Parish Council

Date **2 November 2020**

Subject **Progress report on Public Field Footpath Survey and other matters reported to the Public Footpath Officer**

Purpose **To give members an up to date report on the aim to achieve all footpaths being open and easy to follow and other allied matters.**

Report by **John Robinson**

Recommendations

Members are asked

- 1) To note report and take the action necessary indicated by initials in heavy type that has to be taken by individuals.
- 2) To make comments about any matter as soon as possible on any item of concern to RD or RE.
- 3) To approve the continuation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman taking any action necessary in these uncertain times of Covid-19 restrictions.
- 4) To agree to SB being instructed by PL to construct the 1.5m stile necessary on the permissive path to ESA 23 once a gate has been fixed to Broadboard Brook bridge by PROW.
- 5) To instruct JPR to arrange for a step to be put in place in the existing fence, and Council to pay for any necessary materials that need to be purchased up to £20, on ESA 23 at junction of JK's land and GCC land.
- 6) To note the action that has to be taken regarding the Kissing Gate to be erected on the Severn Way at the boundary of JK's land and Moat Farm Land.
- 7) To note the action that has to be taken regarding the Kissing Gate to be erected on the boundary between Giles Cottage and Moat Farm.
- 8) To note and accept the situation regarding further monies being considered by the GCC's Property Department.
- 9) Footpath Guide. Members are asked to give guidance.
- 10) To note the position regarding the Finger Post to be re-erected on the Severn Way.
- 11) To note a report that is being prepared for your next meeting to consider how to deal with footways in 21/22.

Report written on 24 October 2020

Finance 2020/21 Footpath Budget

Uncommitted Budget £235.78

Recommendation 4

ESA 23 at first hedge in from the Pound (Permissive path)

No further movement. Still awaiting the gate to be fixed to the Broadboard Brook Bridge by PROW.

Action JPR to inform PL when the gate has been installed

PL to instruct the 1.5m stile at a cost of £120

Recommendation 5

Relocation of ESA23 at the junction of Moat Farm land to JK's land *(The position of this is where ESA 23 crosses the existing hedge 50m north of the permissive path above)*

Assuming the minutes for last month's meeting are signed. I will issue an instruction to arrange construction of the step on the three rail wooden fence. No communication has been made with JM (GCC's Property Department) by HG despite many attempts.

Action JPR to arrange and Waymark

Recommendation 6

Kissing Gate ESA1A Severn Way at boundary of JK's Land and Moat Farm Land

The stile on the Severn Way ESA 1A between Moat Farm land and JK's land was reported as being unsafe last month and Members agreed to install a kissing gate, at present in store at Barrow Farm. Permission has to be obtained from JK for this work to happen. Members will recall that JK readily agreed to the kissing gate at his boundary with Ronson's earlier in the year.

Action RD or JPR to contact JK

PL to write confirmatory letter upon agreement

PL or JPR to instruct SB to erect kissing gate.

Recommendation 7

ESA 31 at rear of Giles Cottage into GCC land then Moat Farm.

A draft letter has been written to WR recording his agreement.

Action RD to sign letter If not already sent

PL or JPR to instruct SB to erect kissing gate in store at Barrow Farm

Recommendation 8

As reported in October, PROW have re-confirmed that they do not have the finance to provide any new kissing gates this year but are still trying to contact the County Council's Property Services Department for contributions. However for the present I recommend this situation is accepted.

A verbal report will be made at your meeting.

Action JPR to keep Members informed

Bridleway ESA 2

RD to report the present position regarding signage of Bridleway ESA2 needed after his meeting with Richard Downton.

ESA7 Sandhurst Lane to Wallsworth.

Two bridges need attention. No further action by PROW. Contractor appointed by PROW. HG assures me this work will be undertaken.

Recommendation 9

Footpath Guide

At last July's meeting mention was made that a plan and explanation of a good walk should be made. A good walk exists from the church car park on ESA 5 to top of Sandhurst hill, stopping at the seat erected in remembrance of Mr. Lyons to admire the view of the Cotswolds etc. visit the site of the 'beacon' fire 1911, use the seat by the Trig point admire the best view in the benefice of Wales, the Malverns, and the Severn Valley, return via ESA 2 to Brawn Farm and by lane to the church. A person should be approached to produce this document if Members wish this exercise to be carried out. I would suggest that initially EW is contacted. EW is the designer of 'Life in Lockdown'.

Action All to consider

Recommendation 10

Kissing Gate and signpost left in field connected with Rodway Lane

RD has moved the gate to Barrow Farm.

At your last meeting RD agreed to erect the signpost. I agreed to order a finger indicating Restricted Byway.

Recommendation 11

Availability of public field footpaths due to the planting of crops

A draft report has been prepared for December's meeting and handed to RO and RE for guidance.

Other matters

Stiles at r/o Ranworth Sandhurst Lane ESA 5

The stile on the boundary between Ranworth and Cuffries Fold has been removed to the satisfaction of the owner AR. It is recommended that his agreement should be noted and confirmed with thanks by the PCC.

Action PC to prepare letter of thanks for signature

Mussel End gated entrance to ESA 19

HG has been contacted. No comment as yet received.

Action JPR to pursue

Rodway Lane ESA8 Restricted Byway

I believe this matter has now been resolved.

Conclusion

Another report of many items which I hope will be reduced by my next report.

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