

Report to Sandhurst Parish Council

Date **7 December 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 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 note the action that has been taken regarding the Kissing Gate to be erected on the Severn Way at the boundary of JK's land and Moat Farm Land.
- 6) To note the action that has been taken regarding the Kissing Gate to be erected on the boundary between Giles Cottage and Moat Farm.
- 7) To note the position regarding the Finger Post to be re-erected on the Severn Way.

Report written on 26 November 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. Members will recall that HG had expected for this work to have been completed by early October. HG is still confident that the task will be carried out this financial year but is unable to say when.

Action JPR to inform PL when the gate has been installed

PL to instruct SB to construct 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)

Necessary work completed.

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 not yet been obtained from JK for this work to happen the reason being, JK does not like Kissing gates.

Action JPR to contact JK again and report verbally to this meeting

If JK changes his mind PL to write confirmatory letter upon agreement and PL or JPR to instruct SB to erect kissing gate.

If no agreement is reached with JK members to decide what action to take.

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. No reply has been received therefore an order to SB should be issued. SB has informed me that a scan has been completed and that he does not see any extra work being necessary that he might claim for other than his fee for the erection of the kissing gate.

Action Instruction to be issued to SB to erect kissing gate in store at Barrow Farm

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 7

Kissing Gate and signpost left in field connected with Rodway Lane

RD has moved the gate to Barrow Farm.

JPR has requested a finger from HG indicating 'Restricted Byway'

Action RD or designate to erect finger post.

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 noted - PL has sent letter of thanks.

Mussel End gated entrance to ESA 19

HG has been contacted again. No comment as yet received.

Action JPR to pursue

Complaints receive since last meeting

A) The two stiles either side of the concrete carriageway were in a poor condition and difficult to use. I met RW who readily removed the top bar on each stile and strengthened the uprights. Please note RW drives cattle from Bengrove to the Dairy along the carriageway so the electric fencing is necessary.

B) The condition of Bridleways in Norton PC.

Conclusion

With the erection of the kissing gate at the rear of Giles cottage footpath ESA 31 can be walked from Sandhurst Lane to Base Lane using no stiles.

Ditto footpaths ESA 31, 27, 28 can be walked from Giles Cottage to Sandhurst Lane by the sub-station using no stiles. This includes being able to access the rear of the Recreation Ground.

This is an achievement considering three years ago both footways were impassable.

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