

R&AAG Report on Members meeting with Parish Footpaths Warden 26th September 2025

Attending

JH , EH and JD (footpath warden).

Purpose of the meeting JD to give background information on the state and maintenance of Public Rights of Way in the Parish.

Discussion and suggestions of how the Rights of way could be more effectively managed .

Overview of present state of Public Rights of way

- 1) Which footpaths are blocked?
- 2) Which Footpaths require remedial work?
- 3) Which footpaths should HPC prioritise?
- 4) What are HPC next steps?

HPC rely on JD to determine what needs doing, he contacts County to report any problems. County cannot state when a proactive cut will be completed often resulting in JD carrying out work to keep ROW open. County attend site a few weeks later the operatives repeat the cut, resulting in an easy job for County operatives, other ROW not maintained.

In future JD reports to Clerk and R&AAG on when work required.

HPC sets up a maintenance plan Clerk manages budget spending and instructs SF on timing of work required,

JD works in conjunction with SF and volunteers to coordinate the work.

Proactive cuts that are should be completed annually by County.

Footpath / bridle path 500 - Summerfield - Mare Colt Summerfield Lane.

Footpath/ bridle path 516/517 - Bishops Wood lane to Bumble Hill

Footpath 513 I - nn lane to Quarry Bank (as it is within the village can Lengthsman maintain)?

Footpath 514 - Quarry Bank (Pleck Lodge) to Chadwick Lane. Eroded surface suggestion 7 steps shallow steps requires. JD to investigate.

Footpath 540 - End Summerway Lane - Hoofarm - Wilden Top Road , Hedge requires cutting, regularly used by residents travelling to work.

Not included on proactive cut list.

Footpath 663/664 - Worcester Way along river Lincome Lock more regular maintenance hedge overgrown.

Footpath 569 - 566 Bells Farm Shop, Stourport road to Lincome first bit steps and handrail in very poor state of repair require replacing by County. Further along where caravans are overgrown requires work.

Footpath 549 Off Crown Lane towards Norchard first section gets overgrown

Footpath 530 - Station Road through Moors Farm then Moorlands Fisheries overgrown,

Footpath 580/579 - Bishops Wood Lane requires attention.

Blocked Footpaths.

Footpath 581 - Blocked in 2 places gates obstructed by additional fence. County do not have an enforcement officer at present therefore not able to follow up.

Footpath 561- Towards Ombersley, Stinton Pool.

Footpath 544- Pepwell End to Norchard(Not blocked accessibility consideration. due to concerns regarding security resident does not wish for styles to be replaced by kissing gates.

Footpath 515 - footpath goes across residents garden Electric gates fitted so no access,

Footpath 519 - Goldness Farm crosses railway line A442 first section overgrown.

Footpath 520 - Blocked

Suggestion HPC gain clarification from Lengthsman scheme coordinator regarding what work HPC lengthsman can carry out utilising County Lengthsman budget. i.e. the ROW inside the 30mph limit of village. ROW used as a pedestrian commuting route Summerfield area, all other ROW in Parish.

The funding donated by CCllr TM plus £325 ring fenced in the R&AAG budget if not spent in 2025/26 financial year be carried over and added to the budget for use in 2026/27.