

Footpath Report for Estates Meeting of 2nd July

Annual Cutting of Footpaths. At the time of writing the nominated footpaths have yet to receive their first trim but it has been promised in the very near future. I have received several complaints from residents in the Attleton Green area about the local paths being almost impassable; in fact, there is some evidence of walkers taking to the headlands because there are fewer obstructions. This is not something we wish to encourage!

BOAT 31 (Coltsfoot Green to Genesis Green) Three of the most difficult sections in winter (most muddy) have received surface dressing and in one case the ditch alongside has been dug out. Thanks go to the Clerk for her involvement in making these arrangements.



Footpath 19 (runs from the Church to Ashfield Green footpath to A143) I have no further news of the 'missing' section at the eastern end.

'Footpath' 23 which runs from the Six Acres to the Duddery. It has been suggested that the section of this popular path that runs alongside the School playing fields, which does get muddy and uneven in the wet season, would benefit from surfacing. Unfortunately the true line of the right of way runs inside the crop parallel to the school fence. Were the true line to be cleared I fear that the same muddy conditions would occur in winter. The ideal solution would be for the landowner to allow a wider strip down the edge of the field in exchange for not clearing the true path, a permissive path, and for that strip to be surfaced in some way. It may be possible to remove the remains of the original fencing posts at the same time. Would councillors be in favour of an approach being made to PROW?

Footpaths 25 (Coltsfoot Green to the corner of the Six Acres) and 26 (Six Acres to the Cemetery) used to be cut as part of the Grounds Contract. Is this no longer the case?

A few footpaths are particularly well cared for - FP 12 (which runs from the Old Mill to the Wash), FP 14 at Malting End, and FP 24 (Coltsfoot Green to Cloak Lane) but others are neglected. Is there anything more we can do to encourage the errant landowners?

Have we made any progress on the Dogs Trust Initiative?

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