

**HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS REPORT
TO SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3rd February 2019**

Footpaths Warden's Report – as at 29th January 2020

This month due to the season I have been walking some paths at dusk and later. This presents a number of different issues with holes and muddy patches which during the day could be an issue for anyone with a visual impairment.

I have noticed that our dark skies policy is being ignored by our residents. A great deal of these lights are on all the time and PIR lights are being triggered way out into the road. In these times of climate change, I am seeing energy being wasted on a pointless exercise. These lights are very irritating and spoil the enjoyment of the night skies.

Footpath 1 - Bears grove. Good.

Footpath 4 - Path still not marked out. I have wrapped yellow and silver tape around the way markers to help with transit across the unmarked fields saving anyone straying from the true.

There is a large trough that the path crosses in the most western section of the path, 50m east of Stonehouse Rd.

Footpath 5 - Good.

Footpath 7 - Still narrower than previously, still need gate or some such at west end of path to hinder youths on motorcycles. ***It was discussed with land tenant that no gate would be installed at this time as there have not been any reports recently regarding motorcycles – ongoing monitoring, and to be readdressed if applicable.***

Footpath 8 - North section, the advancing alexanders gently nudge the walker ever closer to the BARBED WIRE FENCE. Vicarage Rd style still absent. ***This has been reported to Highways.***

Footpath 11 - Overhanging ivy causing the path to become very muddy. The fence at its north end is falling over, if we were to get an easterly it could come adrift onto the path with possible injury.

Can we get it removed under H&S?

Footpath 12 - Good, although it gets a bit claustrophobic due to the leylandii. Debatable whether to ask the landowner to deal with it after the last time with all the debris left on the path.

Footpath 14 - Middle section, branches still sticking out that may cause an issue should someone fall. The station Rd end is very muddy, and the road section is overrun with potholes. I do not know whose responsibility it is, but at night one could come a cropper!

Footpath 15 - NCC apparently went in November but the job was not completed with the taken down branch dumped to one side instead of being cut and piled up. In low light one could become injured by it.

Wroxham path Footpath 4 - Dried out now but the path width has been compromised by an overenthusiastic tractor.

Piggy path. Still got the big puddle at the bottom.

BR3 - Good.

Nick Ball

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Highway Issues (under investigation):

Wood Green industrial estate traffic – ongoing – chased Highways on several occasions.

Village Sign – Clerk seeking a quote for restoration.

Enquiries were made regarding the installation of solar lighting on the Parish bus shelters. A quote of £1650.00 plus VAT was received for the new shelter on Norwich Road, however this cannot be fitted onto the shelter near the mini roundabout as a different supplier - no quotes yet obtained for this shelter.

Parishioner complaint – Electrified fencing FP14 – this was investigated with Highways who reported that it is generally considered OK for there to be an electric fence alongside a public footpath, however the public shouldn't be exposed to receiving a shock. The fence should have additional width between the fence and the public of 1.0-1.2 metres from the edge of the path, which it appears to have. Appropriate warning signs should be displayed and repeated at intervals of 50m or less.