

**HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS REPORT
TO SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th September 2020**

Footpaths Warden's Report – 27th August 2020 – Nick Ball

Footpath 1 - Bears grove. Good.

Footpath 4 - Path looking good and nicely marked out . New metal crossings have been fitted at the railway line. Very stylish!!

Footpath 5 - At the east end of the path there is an irrigation pipe across the path with no warnings. Otherwise good.

Footpath 7 - Good.

Footpath 8 - North section, very narrow due to growth and once again pushing the walker ever closer to that BARBED WIRE FENCE. South section walkers are establishing their own demarcation as usual.

Footpath 11 - The top section of the field furrow that I have commented on before has fallen away reducing the path width. The bottom section of the field which at the moment is fallow has a number of oaklings growing along it. I have been discussing the possibility of saving these for prosperity.

Footpath 12 - East to west. The tree lined area is wide and clear. At the end of that section there is a black 3inch irrigation pipe across the path. There are no warning signs or markings on the pipe. At dusk this is a trip hazard. It needs adequate warning signage or burying if it is going to be there for any length of time.

At the hall the fence guard dog signs and high barbed wire fence is quite menacing. I do not think they exist as I observed a roe deer stag, doe and fawns in the grounds. Hedging has been planted in front but could do with watering as they are looking distressed.

The section by the millennium wood is delightfully wild. There are some oaklings in there which will need protecting should someone decide to cut it.

Most of the posts of the fence along the conifer hedge are defunct and I feel the whole thing is superfluous now that the hedge has established. It needs trimming as it makes the path very claustrophobic.

Footpath 14 - Situation as previous.

Footpath 15 - Quite overgrown. I have cut back the bramble runners as they can injure. Still issues with previous tree fell overhanging the path.

Wroxham Footpath 4 - Path width has been compromised by an overenthusiastic tractor. Bracken has overgrown what path there is and I was forced to walk on the field. **Piggy path** - Still got the big puddle at the bottom. Fence and gate have been removed in this section giving a more open feel.

BR3 - Covid signs are down. The drive has been dressed and is flat and hole free. The round waymarkers around the farm itself have faded and need replacing. I can do this if supplied with the goods.

Other. No1 Hall lane has a privet hedge that intrudes onto the pavement so much so that one is nearly forced into Bell lane.

I have had comments concerning the fence on Bell lane at the Lodge. It is derelict and unsightly and presents a health risk for the campers with children straying onto the busy road.

No update received regarding the footpath issues raised with NCC Footpath Officer.

FP14 missing link on definitive map – awaiting a response from correspondence sent to landowner.

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ROAD CLOSURE:

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Order affecting the C285 Salhouse Road/Norwich Road from a point 60 metres south west of its junction with the U51132 Salhouse Road for a distance of 200 metres north eastwards in the PARISH OF RACKHEATH because of junction improvement works.

The road will be temporarily closed (except for access) from 14th September 2020 to 4th October 2020 for the duration of the works, expected to be 21 days within the period.

Alternative route is via: Salhouse Road, A1270 Broadland Northway, A1151 Wroxham Road/ Norwich Road, B1140 Salhouse Road/ Bell Lane/ Mill Road, Norwich Road (Rackheath, Sprowston, Salhouse, Wroxham).

(If necessary the restriction could run for a maximum period of 18 months from the date of the Order).

Penalty: £1000 maximum fine on conviction and/or endorsement for contravention.

In the event of the start date being delayed the new start date will be displayed on site in advance.

The person dealing with enquiries at Norfolk County Council is Martin Dixon (Community and Environmental Services) Telephone 0344 800 8020.

Dated this 28th day of August 2020

