

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS REPORT

TO SALHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 26th April 2021

Footpaths Warden's Report as of 6th April 2021

Footpath 1 - Bears grove. Good.

Footpath 4 - West end of path marked out but extremely rutted, take care. Mid-section not marked but it was being planted at the time. Way marker fallen over. East section good.

Footpath 5 - West end: No footpath sign on Howetts Loke.
Rather claustrophobic with the new fence at Redwings. Much evidence of people walking through Hack wood damaging the bluebells. Fence there needs replacing. Otherwise good.

Millennium path. The link from Fp5 to Fp12 which we should get adopted is good except there has been footfall into the field to the west, no doubt dog walkers exercising their animals on the field. This is a major bug bite with landowners and we should do something to try to stop this practice. It is our food they are trampling on.

Footpath 7 - Good.

Footpath 8 - Across field has been marked by walkers, a bit wonky but full of character. Once again, the barbed wire fence is too close to the path and presents a hazard.

Footpath 11 - Fence at the top end of School farm taken down, vast improvement. Glad to see the oaklings at the bottom end of the field still there.

Footpath 12 - East end good. West as usual.

Footpath 14 - Footpath sign station Rd end down. Not walked the path this month.

Footpath 15 - Good. The new trod up to bears grove (Fp1) is a great improvement.

Wroxham Footpath 4 - Not walked this month.

Piggy path - Good. Very dry but there is still a muddy spot at the bottom. Glad to see the fence gone. It opens up the area nicely. Hope people do not take advantage of this by letting their animals/ children run riot.

Bridleway 3 - Good. Waymarkers around the farm still awaiting replacement. As before can do this given the discs. Notice will have to be given to Normans Farm or perhaps they could do it?

Other. Regarding my last reports nothing has been done at the lodge to tidy up their frontage. House at the corner of Lower St and Bell lane, the hedge is encroaching the footpath badly.

Nick Ball

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Howlett's Loke Footpath 12

NCC Highways Footpath Ranger investigating ongoing issues on this path.

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Highways Updates

Lower Street parking issues – ongoing monitoring of this situation. Salhouse Broad investigating car park extension.

Hall Drive – correspondence with Highways suggests clearing out of both ponds, although only one pond is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Highways can submit a design brief for a possible upgrade to the low area adjacent to the pond. Due to the high demand for drainage briefs, and limited funding, unfortunately it cannot be guaranteed which financial year this would be constructed if viable. Further feasibility studies could look at the option of utilising the current highway drainage system and connect new gullies to the chamber on the grass verge. However, there is quite a considerable level difference to take account of, and a mains sewer is running the length of the road. Future feasibility study for a new drainage scheme would have to be in the public domain.

Bell Pond - A parishioner has suggested clearing of overgrowth of reeds in the centre of the pond. Previously a conservation group has assisted with this. Repairing fence and relocating information board to be investigated.

Howlett's Loke – potholes and ditches scheduled to be repaired/cleared by Highways.

Shrubland Pond - edge repairs along the wall at Shrubland Farm have been scheduled and carried out once the flooding has subsided. The posts for the pond side are scheduled with Highway's contractor.

Railway Bridges Station Road and Stonehouse Road (inc. Muck Lane) – Highways scheduled to have complete system cleaned and flushed through at Station Road, and gullies cleared at Stonehouse Road. Further information has been sent to Network Rail – awaiting a response.

Yellow lines opposite Redell Close – Highways no longer promote (Double Yellow Lines) Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) across the county in these circumstances due to the prohibitive cost of such measures – therefore no action.

School parking issues, inc. plastic gridding for verges – no action from Highways, suggest to school to use cones at start/end of school day.

Hall Drive/Bell Lane signage – reported to Broadland District Council – awaiting response.

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To receive update on Parish Partnership Scheme 2021/22 – Update received - The Safety Camera Partnership Team who help to fund the Parish Partnership SAM2's and accessories have not had a meeting or a chance to discuss funding for 21/22 yet, therefore there will be a delay of 2-3 months before the PC receives a decision on its bid.

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To update on dog bin on Howlett's Loke – awaiting Broadland District Council to submit application to Norfolk County Council – this has been chased.

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Walking Map Boards – these have now been reinstated after cleaning and maintenance.