

## **NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – SEP 19**

This report covers activity in July and August.

The ROW officer carried out the following during Jul and Aug:

Strimmed Footpath 7 (Wisdom Lane – Trout Lane)

Side ingress cutback – Footpath 4 (Dean – Police House)

I have taken forward further liaison with the Senior HCC Access Warden, who has advised that he has arranged for three further “kissing gates” to be installed, replacing dilapidated stiles, on the footpath that runs from School Lane north to the A343. This is great news as it will make it much easier for the children to get to the bus stop. The work is likely to be carried out in the autumn. This path starts as Nether Wallop footpath, becoming an Over Wallop path at the Parish Boundary, however (to date) I am advised by HCC that he has had no contact or response from the OWPC ROW officer.

The annual HCC Contractor cut is imminent. This year they will clear RBs 35, 36, and 37 which are the Drove Roads between Hollom Down Road, the B3084 and Wallop Drove, together with FP 4 (Dean – Police House) and FP 23 (A343 north to OW boundary).

### **Lengthsman Tasks carried out in July and August**

Further weed clearance in Rill (2 hrs in Jul; 4 hrs in Aug)

Sightlines at B3084/Five Bells Lane (0.5 hr)

Sight Lines – Heathman Street/The Square (0.5hr)

Strim FP 4 (Dean – Police House) (1.0 hr)

Strim FP 19 (Splash – Ducks Lane) (1.0hr)

Strim FP 2 (north from School Lane) (1.0hr)

Total = 10.0 hrs (£190)

### **Lengthsman Tasks set for Sep**

Cut back RB 34 (near Hollom Down Road – A343) (4.0 hours)

Rill Clearance (3.0 hrs)

Sightlines: B3084/Five Bells Lane (0.5hrs)

### **Lengthsman Budget and Forward Look**

Up to and including the September tasking expenditure, and taking into account carry forward from FY 18/19, we have £544.75 left in our allocation.

Assuming the HCC contractors work is completed (it had not started at time of writing), I would see us switching the Lengthsman resource from Rights of Way to road drainage/flood alleviation from October. We have already got ahead of the game to some extent here, as the Rill has been progressively cleared through the summer, and is now pretty much done.

### **Miscellaneous – Road Drainage – Farley Street**

Councillors should recall that I submitted a series of problem notifications to HCC Highways in the summer of 2017 regarding the series of road drains on the north side of Farley Street that had become totally blocked/broken. I am pleased to report that these were all completely opened up/refurbished/repared/replaced in July (hence the temporary road closure that occurred at this time). This should make a significant improvement to the drainage along that stretch of road during the winter, alleviating much of the standing water problems that have occurred there in the past.

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