

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 12TH 2021

Item 11 – To receive and note a report on Parish Footpath Inspections – Aug/Sept 2021

Path 1 (Bridleway 057/1) – Heads west from just north of Goldenhayes, off Bartley Road to the New Forest Boundary, east of Nicholas Corner on Brockishill Road

(637m long - SU3107 1185 to SU3046 1179)

From the road, this Bridleway starts as RoW Ref 166/17 within the Parish of Netley Marsh. It then becomes RoW 057/1 at a gate as it enters the Parish of Copythorne. It heads west until it reaches the New Forest boundary. Gates and signage at both ends are in good order. Path narrows at western end due to ferns and sapling growth although this does not impact on use.

(D Rigby, Clerk - 24/8/21)



Gate at east end



Gate at west end



Middle section



Vegetation at west end

Path 2 (Footpath 057/2) – Runs diagonally in a north-east direction from Wingfield Farmhouse to Roselands, at the south-eastern corner of Southampton Rd, Cadnam

(128m long - SU2937 1359 to SU2947 1365)

No issues found. Two photos attached.

(Cllr. John Goodwin - 4/8/21)



Path 3 (Footpath 057/3) – Runs west to east between Pound Lane and Barrow Hill Road

(637m – SU3110 1462 to SU3172 1472)

Weather on day of inspection: Damp underfoot after heavy rain showers. Signage: Footpath signs visible at both ends of path. Condition: Similar to last year & year before, path overgrown and partially blocked from approximately halfway from the Pound Lane end. Work recommended: Arrange for the path to be cleared by the Lengthsman and then re-inspect. (Cllr. Graham Chillcott 8/8/21)



CLERKS NOTE: Footpath has since been cleared.

Path 4 (Footpath 057/4) - Runs east from near South Brook Farm on Newbridge Road then south east through Newbridge Inclosure towards Coppithorn Hill House and on to the A31 opposite the School. (1178m - SU2985 1504 to SU3081 1487).

No obstructions, path found in good order

(Clerk – 24/8/21)

Path 5 (Footpath 057/5) - Runs from gate to left of Scout Hut entrance on Romsey Road, behind rear of St Mary's Church to Vicarage Lane junction with Pollards Moor Road (651m – SU3078 1476 to SU3050 1430)

Scout field entrance is good, the pathway behind the church has flora somewhat encroaching from the first metal kissing gate, the gate itself is ok. Stinging nettles, bracken, then overhead brambles which I did clip back. I continued to Vicarage Lane end to the metal kissing gate again this gate is ok too. The path really does need further attention although one can just about get through the Lane itself is clear as the parishioners have attended to their immediate boundary themselves.

(Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins – 20/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE: Path has since been cleared by Parish Lengthsman



Kissing gate behind church



Middle section of path



Kissing gate Vicarage Lane

Path 6 (Footpath 057/6) - Path starts at southwest corner of the Scout Hall field marked by a Right of Way post and ends just north of Brooksbank on Pound Lane (305m – SU3079 1470 to SU3107 1476)

The stile behind Copythorne school is sound and I believe has had a metal handrail added since I last viewed it. The public notice is still in place. I did not venture into the field as it is occupied with cattle.

(Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins – 20/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE: I walked this path in full in mid September 2021. No issues.



Stile behind school

Path 7 (Footpath 057/7) – Runs south-easterly from Kluang, Chingham Road, Bartley towards Bourne Road, (continues beyond parish boundary into Parish of Netley Marsh) (261m - SU3119 1283 to SU3143 1273).

Footpath users have to walk around heavily overgrown area along boundary - as in previous years. End style footboard broken at parish boundary. Three photos attached.

(Cllr John Goodwin – 25/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE: Vegetation on route and broken stile reported to HCC Countryside Service



Chingham Road end



Vegetation on route



Broken Stile at eastern end

Path 8 (Footpath 057/8) - Runs South from just west of Coach & Horses PH on Southampton Road to join Path 18

(128m - SU3000 1340 to SU2996 1327)

No issues found.

(Cllr. John Goodwin – 4/8/21)



Southampton Road end of path



Looking back towards Southampton Rd

Path 9 (Footpath 057/9) - Runs north from Romsey Road (adjacent to Uncle Tom's Cabin) to Cadnam Common, Cadnam Lane.

(1051m SU29468 14297 to SU29839 13962)

This path goes through fields, under the M27 Motorway and over the Cadnam river. Footpath signs are visible at both ends with several more signs giving directions along the way. Starting at Romsey road, an unmade road takes you to the start of the path. As you go through the initial gate, there is a fence falling down and obstructing the pathway. The path between the horse field and the motorway prior to reaching the underpass is very overgrown but just about passable. The path running along the Cadnam river just prior to the overbridge has eroded away leaving quite a narrow path with a 3 foot drop to one side but this does not appear to have worsened in the past year. After the overbridge is a field with cows and what may have been a bull. The sign says to keep to the edge of the field but I did not feel it safe to walk through.

Suggested Actions:

- Request that the broken fence be repaired. (photo 1 attached)
- Cut back vegetation on path prior to the underpass running beside M27 (photo 2 attached)

- Contact the owner of the field to discuss if they feel there is any danger to the public, with the suggestion of warning signs or a fenced walkway within their field. (photo 3 attached)

(Cllr Jackie Rhodes – 20/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE:- Broken fence reported; vegetation cleared; cattle not an issue



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Path 10 (Footpath 057/10) – Southern end start is at junction of A36 with Shelley Lane, then runs north to Parish Boundary just beyond Hammonds Farm.

(1378m – SU3203 1755 to SU3190 1882)

This path, initially a private road leads from the Salisbury Road (A36) up as far as Hammond's Farm and is in excellent order. Beyond that, it turns onto firstly a farm track and then into a woodland downhill path. The tarmac roadway is well-used as there are various businesses operating up Shelley Lane which have occasional traffic.

From the end of the tarmac roadway, the path proceeds to Hammonds farm as a gravelled track to the farmyard entrance. At Hammond's Farm, the path heads into a wood and whilst overgrown is visible. Vegetation around the finger post needs clearing. In this wooded section the path crosses a small stream to a gate at the parish boundary. This area is quite wet, even after a dry period. Logs have been put down to aid walkers but many are sinking into the ground.

(Clerk – 24/8/21)



Fingerpost hidden



Logs used to stabilise ground



Overgrown path

Path 11 (Footpath 057/11) – Eastern end of path is on Southern side of A36 about 100m west of Shelley Lane, then runs broadly south west crossing Half Moon Common ending on Blackhill Road near Swallowfield Cottage

(3085m – SU3190 1759 to SU2906 1687)

This is a long path – over 3 km long with some of the path over open forest, some on a marked track and some on a semi-established private unmade road. Path is clear throughout and in good condition.

The walk from Salisbury Road is firstly on a tarmac road, then a gravel path through the woods beyond the gate and finally on National Trust gravel path which is fenced on either side. This takes a walker roughly to the middle of the walk along what is called Coopers Lane. The path then shifts to a less well defined route on Half Moon Common (also National Trust) leading to Blackhill Road. The path then becomes open land.

Nearer to Blackhill Road (approx. 1km back from the road), the path becomes a lot clearer again and ultimately leads to one or other of the two gravel parking areas, both of which are small and on popular days, become very busy.

Clerk – 25/8/21



Brickly Lane at Home Farm



Car Park, Blackhill Road



Car park signage

Path 12 (Footpath 057/12) - Starts on north side of Romsey Road heading north west to then run west parallel with M27 until it reaches Newbridge Road (just before motorway bridge)

(178m – SU3047 1455 to SU3031 1454)

Newbridge Road sign was covered in flora so I clipped it back and bag the clippings up and brought them home with me. The stile, finger board and fencing is sound. Brambles have been cleared by someone also the entrance farm gate also has been cleared.

Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins (20/8/21)



Newbridge Road Stile

**Path 13 (Footpath 057/13) - Runs south-easterly from Petrol station on Southampton Road, Cadnam towards Old Lyndhurst Road
(102m - SU2975 1385 to SU2983 1379)**

Tarmac path that runs past the premises of M&J Mobility. The tarmac is in good condition with a drain in the middle of the path that could be a potential tripping hazard. Look at the possibility of applying yellow warning paint. The footpath sign at the Old Lyndhurst road end of the path is in good order but the footpath sign at the Romsey Road end of the path is missing.

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes 20/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE: Missing footpath sign and raised drain cover reported to HCC Countryside Service.



**Path 14 (Footpath 057/14) – Runs from tight “elbow” bend on Barrow Hill Road to Whitemoor Lane where it ends near entrance to Stonyford.
(299m – SU3187 1526 to SU3214 1540)**

Weather on day of inspection: Damp underfoot after rain showers. Signage: Footpath signs at both ends of path. Condition: Generally good. Work recommended: None (Cllr. Graham Chillcott – 9/8/21)

**Path 15 (Footpath 057/15) – Runs from tight “elbow” bend on Barrow Hill Road to Whitemoor Lane where it ends near entrance to Green Pastures Farm
(401m – SU3187 1526 to SU3207 1561)**

Weather on day of inspection: Damp underfoot after rain showers. Signage: Footpath signs visible both ends of path. Condition: Generally good, but as last year slightly overgrown at Barrow Hill Road end. Work recommended: None. (Cllr. Graham Chillcott – 9/8/21)

**Path 16 (Footpath 057/16) – Runs from tight “elbow” bend on Barrow Hill Road to Whitemoor Lane where it ends slightly north of Whitemoor Pines.
(594m – SU3187 1526 to SU3218 1531)**

Weather on day of inspection: Damp underfoot after rain showers. Signage: Footpath signs visible at both ends of path. Condition: Generally good. Work recommended: None (Cllr. Graham Chillcott – 9/8/21)

**Path 17 (Footpath 057/17) Runs from the end of Newbridge Road (just east of Newbridge Farm) initially east towards Copythorne Common and then southwest (parallel to the M27) before joining Path 4 to cross the A31
(1963m - SU3001 1558 to SU3076 1492).**

No issues found
(Clerk – 25/8/21)

Path 18 – Bridleway 057/18 Runs in a north-westerly direction from near Brookfield, Beechwood Road, Bartley to just behind Foundry House on Southampton Road, Cadnam
(989m - SU3046 1287 to SU2968 1346)

No issues found except finger "footpath" marker missing on post at Cadnam end - as reported on previous occasions. Two photos attached

(Cllr. John Goodwin – 4/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE: Broken finger post reported (again) to HCC Countryside Service



Eastern end – Beechwood Road



Broken Finger post at Cadnam end

Path 501 (Footpath 057/501) - Runs east from Furzley Road (near Crook Hill) and ends at a footbridge which crosses the Cadnam River behind Newbridge House, where it joins Bridleway 502.
(450m - SU2936 1543 to SU2979 1555)

At the end of bridleway 502 you come to bridleway 501. It starts with a footbridge that takes you to Cadnam Common. From here the path goes through a wooded area and joins a gravel track. The footpath then follows the gravel track to Crook Hill on Furzley Road where there is a low-level padlocked gate. There are no footpath signs along this path and it is not easy to follow unless you know the area.

Suggested Actions:

- Footpath sign needed on Furzley Road (photo 1 attached)
- More signage required at the point the footpath joins the gravel track (photo 2 attached)

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes – 20/8/21)

CLERK NOTES: Lack of signage reported to HCC Countryside Service



Photo 1



Photo 2

Path 502 (Bridleway 057/502) Runs from the footbridge at the eastern end of Path 501 along the northern boundaries of Newbridge House and Cranmere Cottage and joins Newbridge Road.
(125m - SU2979 1555 to SU2991 1551)

This Bridleway is clearly signposted and runs from Newbridge road to the footbridge leading to Cadnam Common, passing between Newbridge House and Cranmere Cottage. It is at this footbridge that footpath 501 begins. The bridleway is very well maintained with a secure metal gate prior to the footbridge. The footbridge is very narrow and would not be able to take a horse.

Suggested actions:

- Question if this should be called a bridleway or just a footpath (photos attached)

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes – 20/8/21)

CLERKS NOTE: The “Definitive Statement” records this RoW as a Bridleway. I will query the issue of the narrow bridge with the HCC Countryside Service



Path 503 (Restricted Byway – 057/503) Runs from the northern side of the A36 (Salisbury Road) opposite the junction with Blackhill Road in a north west direction to exit onto Whinwhistle Road (208m – SU 3043 1833 to SU3061 1842

Restricted Byway that simply “cuts the corner between Whinwhistle Road and the A36. It runs along the boundary between Copythorne and Wellow parishes. It is in very good order. There are a few overhanging branches none of which obstruct passage, surface is very clear.

(Clerk – 24/8/21)



Whinwhistle Rd end



Middle of path



View down path

Path 504a (Restricted Byway – 057/504a) Runs from the eastern end of Storms Farm Road to the junction of Cadnam Common Road & Cadnam Lane.

(695m – SU2892 1490 to 2956 1516)

One of our newest “RoW” confirmed in 2008. This Restricted Byway (for pedestrians, horse-riders, cyclists and horse-drawn carriages only) starts at Storms Farm where the tarmac road ends and heads broadly east -north-easterly on open land onto Cadnam Common. The path is not easily seen in places but there are no issues to its use. No stiles, footbridges or gates. (D Rigby, Clerk - 24/8/21)



Start at Storms Farm



End near Cadnam Common Road

Path 504b (Restricted Byway – 057/504b) Runs as a spur roughly 270 metres from the start of the above path and heads in an easterly direction ending on Cadnam Lane approx. 150m south of its junction with Cadnam Common Lane

(430m – SU2916 1499 to SU2957 1501)

Another Restricted Byway (see Path 504a above), the exact point of the split from Path 504a above is not that clear although tracks made by horse riders exist to aid wayfinding. No stiles, footbridges or gates. (D Rigby, Clerk - 24/8/21)



Start point



End point on Cadnam Lane