

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 10TH 2023

Item 9 – To receive & note a report on Parish Footpath Inspections – July to Sept 2023

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)

Muddy in places following recent rain but still passable. Short “off path” diversion around muddy patch towards western end. No reportable issues.

(D Rigby, Clerk - 25/8/23)

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)

From the entrance to the foot path near Wingfield Farm the pathway is tight to the right hand side of the property, if there was a way that signage could be improved, I think this would be beneficial. The pathway beyond Wingfield Farm’s garden is quite overgrown and could benefit from being stripped. The floor of the pathway is overgrown with ivy and a potential trip hazard. At the top of the pathway by “Roseland” there is a pile of rubbish (mainly wood) – also the sign from this end is a little buried in overgrown branches and bramble

(Cllr. Richard Fowler - 28/8/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- Signage issue will be raised with HCC Countryside Access Team. Vegetation and rubbish issues will be raised with the property owners.

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

(637m – SU3110 1462 to SU3172 1472)

Condition: Similar to last year, path overgrown and partially blocked. Work recommended: Arrange for the path to be cleared by the Lengthsman and then re-inspect.

(Cllr. Graham Chillcott – 14/8/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- I will instruct Lengthsman to undertake clearance work

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)

Condition: Generally good, stile at the end of Newbridge Inclosure has loose foot boards. Work recommended: Consider getting Inclosure Stile repaired.

(Cllr. Graham Chillcott – 13/8/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- Stile issue to be reported to HCC Countryside Access Team.

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)

Overgrown with vegetation in various places. Kissing gates in good order.

Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins – 7/9/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- I will instruct Lengthsman to undertake clearance work

**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)**

Fencing, signs and notices all in good order. Pound Lane end stile weathered but sound.

Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins – 7/9/23)

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

The post from Chineham Road is broken and very overgrown. There is no clear area where the footpath continues through the hedge line from the first to second field – with the exception of a metal gate, there is a fenced line from top to bottom of the field and a section of Heras fencing blocking the area where I think the original crossing would have been. The gateway is very muddy and not crossable as the owner has put cattle in the field and naturally they congregate in the gateway.

(Cllr Richard Fowler – 28/8/23)

(CLERKS NOTE: Clerk to re-walk this path with benefit of GPS navigation device and report matters to HCC Countryside Access Team. Will also liaise with Netley Marsh PC as footpath continues into that parish.

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. Richard Fowler –28/8/23)

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)

Repair the Footpath sign on the Romsey Road.

Cut back the vegetation on the path between the M27 underpass and the Cadnam river overbridge

There is also an overhanging branch along this stretch that can only be passed by ducking down

Cut back the bramble on the path by the Cadnam river

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes – 27/8/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- Issues reported to HCC Countryside Access Team to follow up.

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

The far end has been invaded by Himalayan Balsam that urgently needs pulling before it reseeds.

(Cllr. Raquelle Atherton – 22/8/23)

CLERK'S NOTE:- Himalayan Balsam issue reported to HCC Countryside Service

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)

No issues to report

(Cllr. Raquelle Atherton – 22/8/23)

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 again I uncovered some growth Stile at Newbridge Road is need of some clearance of nettles. Finger post is in good order but the steps are enveloped with vegetation

(Cllr. Sylvia Wiggins 7/9/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- I will instruct Lengthsman to undertake clearance work

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)

Works required:-

- 1) Mark up the drain and uneven concrete warning of tripping hazards.
- 2) Replacement footpath sign needed on Romsey Road.
- 3) Repair the tarmac path running along the side of Budgens

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes 27/8/23)

CLERKS NOTE: Issues 1) and 3) to be reported to HCC Highways. Issue 2 to be 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)

No issues other than to removed SSE signs as worked detailed already completed

(Cllr. Sherri Johnstone – 27/7/23)

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)

A few overhanging gorse branches to be removed.

(Cllr. Sherri Johnstone – 27/7/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- If required works are modest, I will instruct Lengthsman to undertake. If not will report to HCC Countryside Access Team.

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)

Path not well defined in places (possible due to leaf fall). Vegetation around footbridge at northern end needs clearing

(Cllr. Sherri Johnstone – 27/7/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- I will instruct Lengthsman to undertake clearance work around footbridge

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).

Fallen tree (small) across path approximately 100 metres from A31 end (see photo). Gorse bushes partially blocking path shortly before stile at Newbridge Farm end (see photo). Otherwise generally good. Work recommended: Prune gorse bushes.

(Cllr. Graham Chillcott – 13/8/23)

CLERKS NOTE:- If required works are modest, I will instruct Lengthsman to undertake. If not will report to HCC Countryside Access Team.

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 other than connect to Path 8 was slightly obscured.

(Cllr. Richard Fowler –28/8/23)

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)

There are no footpath signs making the footpath difficult to follow unless you know the area.

Suggested actions:-

1) Footpath sign needed on Furzley Road

2) More signage required at the point the footpath joins the gravel track

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes – 27/8/23)

CLERK'S NOTE: Signage issues reported to HCC Countryside Service.)

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)

The gate exiting this bridlepath is inaccessible. A fence has been put up alongside this bridle path and is grazing a couple of Shetland Ponies. There is also a pig sty that has been erected on the right hand side of the path.. The new fence blocks the access to the gate at the side of the footbridge. This gate is not only blocked off by the new fence but is inaccessible due to being overgrown and the riverbank too steep for horses to cross.

Suggested action:- This is a bridle path but currently the exit for the path is not accessible due to the erection of a new fenced paddock as well as overgrown gateway and the river bank being too steep. Either access needs reviewing or the bridlepath needs changing to a footpath.

(Cllr. Jackie Rhodes – 27/8/23)

CLERK'S NOTE:- Access issues to be reported to HCC Countryside Access Team for investigation.

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

No issues to report.

(Cllr. Raquelle Atherton – 23/8/23)

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)

The path is not easily seen in places but there are no issues to its use. No stiles, footbridges or gates.

(D Rigby, Clerk - 25/8/23)

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)

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 – 25/8/23)

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