

Wacton Footpath Warden's Report No 29

There was no Footpath Warden's Report in December.

15th Jan

On the 20th December 2017 I emailed Jody Thurston asking for updates on outstanding reported problems. I received no reply and as I was not able to access any updates on the interactive Highways site, I emailed again on the 10th Jan but using the general Highways address.

I received the following on 11th Jan.

Dear Christine,

Thank you for contacting Norfolk County Council for updates.

Firstly, I apologise you haven't been able to track the following enquiries yourself. I will feedback that Wacton Parish council have been having issues receiving further updates.

Wacton RB17 (Haynton's Lane), I can confirm that the Highways team have updated the report with 'We have resolved the problem' along with the job notes which are as follows:
New 'RESTRICTED BYWAY' fingerpost required off of Stratton Road. Remove old rotten post. (This appears to have been carried out)

Wacton FP18 (off Haynton's Lane to Stratton Road), the Highways team have updated the report saying they have sent a letter to the landowner re width of field edges.

Wacton FP18 (off Haynton's Lane to Stratton Road), the Highways team have said they are going to resolve the problem and have put the relevant job notes regarding the attention to the bridge. As the completion date was on 26/12/2017, I have sent through a new enquiry through to the depot with the information for their attention. (There is a new enquiry number, Councillors need to be aware that enquiry numbers change with each action even if the work is one job).

The reports for FP18 on the 6th October are combined and as mentioned before, the highways team have sent the landowner a letter regarding re width of field edges and widen field edge.

Wacton FP23 (Earthenware Lane junction with RP24), the highways team have updated the report saying they are going to resolve the problem, they have also put some job notes on here which relate to the enquiry which are as follows:

Remove rotten Footpath fingerpost replace with waymarker post showing junction of Footpath & Restricted Byway. 2 footpath disc's needed and 4 Restricted Byway discs. Can drive down Restricted Byway off of Hall Lane (this I believe is a job note to tell the team they can drive down RB24 to carry out the work and hopefully not the public at large).

Wacton FP25 (behind Black's Meadow), the highways team have updated the report saying they are going to resolve the problem, the job notes are as follows:
New metal fingerpost now ordered. Once delivered will erect.

Wacton FP37 and the stile (off Sallow Lane), I have copied Jody into this email for their attention, as I don't have any information regarding this from customer services with the details you have provided regarding [owners]. (I have replied that Jody has the relevant details regarding WactonFP37 and the new stile and knows the situation).

15th Jan cont.

Wacton FP11 (links TharstonFP32 to Forncett FP16) A resident reported that two waymarkers missing at the junction of Wacton FP11/Wacton FP13 (exits on Stratton Road) and Wacton FP11/Wacton FP12 (exit on Buttles Lane).

These waymarkers are prone to damage from humans e.g. throwing posts into the ditch or animals, especially deer gnawing the wood.

I have report the problems to Highways and informed the resident of the action I have taken.

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25th Jan

Hall Lane towards Gt Moulton. At the garden end of 29 Hall Lane (aka Little Pumpkins) is standing water due I think to a blocked drain/gully on the left hand side. It was too deep for me to walk through. I have reported to highways and have an enquire number.

First response [New Status: We are investigating the problem - Defects are investigated by local teams as soon as possible and, if action is required, prioritised for repair taking into account the defect size, location and usage of the road or path in question.](#)

Hall Lane I reported the crackling in the pavement along parts of Hall Lane. Some of this has been evident for sometime but has become worse in that the cracks have widened and the part outside the village hall car park now has a definite lilt towards the stream.

The parts I have reported are outside village hall car park, outside no 19 and no 27 which is not quite as bad as the other two.

I have an enquiry number and a first response [New Status: We are investigating the problem - Defects are investigated by local teams as soon as possible and, if action is required, prioritised for repair taking into account the defect size, location and usage of the road or path in question.](#)

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26/27th Jan

Wacton RB17 (Haynton's Lane) I received notification from a resident that a tree and bush were blocking the Lane after high winds.

Calvin Goreham (Parish Councillor) and I inspected the bush and were able to clear this off the path. The tree was too large for us to manage and we did not have the correct equipment. Further the roots of the tree were on the field edge of a local farmer and we deemed it his responsibility to clear. The landowner was not available but we were able to speak to a family member, who was going to pass on the message and directions as to where the tree was.

I also asked some residents who walk their dog along the Lane, if they would let me know if the tree was not cleared within a few days.

Christine Goreham
31st January 2018