

A meeting was held at 10:30hrs on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to discuss the condition of the footpath between Whinn Green and Iburndale. Route Number 30.7/4/1

In attendance:

NYC Footpath Officer

NYC preferred contractor

Parish Councillors:

Cllr Dave Tate

Cllr Lynn Jones

Cllr Martin Warner

Cllr John Parkin

Cllr Andrew Harrison

The meeting opened with a general discussion about the importance and popularity of this route especially with regard to the current state of the path:

Very uneven and displaced flag stones causing trip hazards.

Inefficient ditches and drains.

Overgrowing hedges.

Broken / unstable fencing

Stream bank stabilisation.

The group then walked the route starting from Whinn Green - Coordinates: X486988 Y507713

Section 1 to: X487001 Y507699

Repair fencing.

Add stone to lift wet areas.

Section 2 to: X487022 Y507658

Uneven trods very difficult to realign, level up with edging and stone.

Section 3 to: X487040 Y507640

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Cut back overgrowing trees.

Section 4 to: X487072 Y507581

Very muddy in centre of section, raise path by adding stone.

Cut back hedges on both sides.

Section 5 to: X487124 Y507514

Ask landowner to west side to repair fencing which is leaning over onto the path.

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At point: X487072 Y507581 - kissing gate not closing properly – remove.

This gate is not marked on the original route and was installed in the 70's to stop horse riders using the footpath.

At point: X487090 Y507561 - stabilise the stream bank using either willow or stone blocks, access required from Birch Avenue.

Section 6 to: X487133 Y507474

Dig out ditch to improve drainage.

Section 7 to: X487152 Y507411

Cut back overgrowing hedges and briars to expose original line of path. Seek permission to use the field to the East for disposal of trimmings.

Section 7 to: X487165 Y507387

Dig out ditch to improve drainage build up path in wet area with stone.

Section 8 to: X487173 Y507299

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At point: X487173 Y507299 - kissing gate, posts rotten – remove.

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Section 9 to: X487172 Y507300

Add stone to raise path at point of field crossing.

Section 10 to: X487196 Y507218

Ok but monitor after flood events.

Section 11 to: X487220 Y507199

Satisfactory.

Actions:

Andrew Hall to obtain prices for the work and report back to the council

Parish Council to investigate addition funding sources to support the NYC expenditure

DT to contact the landowner re access for bank stabilisation and fence issues.

Post meeting note;

Both landowners have been contacted in regard to access from Birch Avenue and use of the field to dispose of trimmings. Both have agreed in principle, however should the project go ahead, further discussion would be required regarding moving any stock etc.

This information has been passed to Andrew Hall.

Note: The coordinates, referred to in this report, relate to the NYC paths map.

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