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Notes from Byways Visit held on Thursday 8 June 2006

Present: Dr John Tough, Mr Alan Jordan (Parish Councillors), Mrs Ann Haussauer (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr B Hope, Mr N Atherden, Ms Sue Henwood, Ms Pam Kerr

Members met at the Passfield Post Office car park. Chris Webb (National Trust) and John Carter discussed the parish bridleways with members and left prior to the commencement of the walk.

Councillor Tough had included this walk in the new leaflet being produced in conjunction with Hampshire County Council.

The byways visit route was northwards along Passfield Road then turning right and following Bridleway 13. Praise was given over the surfacing and fencing of Bridleway 12 at its junction with Bridleway 13. The route continued along Bridleway 13 until its junction with Bridleway 11, where the route turned south. This section was quite muddy, but it is thought that this is as a result of underground springs rather than poor drainage. It is not known who owns this land. At the junction with Burgh Hill Road, the walkers turned right and walked a short distance along the road before joining the proposed Passfield bridleway.

Councillor Atherden had walked Bridleways 13 and 11 the previous day and had also mentioned the boggy section on Bridleway 11.

The section of the walk from Burgh Hill Road to Waterside Drive along the proposed Passfield bridleway was variable in condition, it is obviously very well used by riders. There are several areas where a length of drainage or clearing a ditch would make a substantial improvement. The section from Waterside Drive to Passfield Road had one or two slightly boggy patches but was generally in good condition and also well used.

Recommendations:

1. Continue to press the National Trust to progress request to English Nature for drainage and ditch clearance in Waterside to Burgh Hill Road section.

2. Request National Trust to clear vegetation overhanging verge where proposed Passfield Bridleway exits onto Passfield Road as this currently obscures vision.
3. Ensure Hampshire Highways install 'Horse' signs in Passfield Road as previously requested.

Ann Haussauer
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