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HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

BYWAYS VISIT

THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2011

Members of the Highways, Byways and Transport Committee, together with representatives from the general public, including Ramblers and Riders, walked from Rectory Lane to Tunbridge Lane via Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) 45, and then travelled to Waterside where they walked along Bridleway 12 continuing along a short section of Bridleway 13.

PRESENT: Mr Bill Moulard (Byways Forum Chairman), Mrs Barbara Easton, Mr Rob Evans, Mr Don Jerrard, Ms Jackie Poole (Parish Councillors) Mrs Ann Haussauer (Deputy Clerk).
Mr Adrian Bird, Mr Ian Haussauer, Mrs Jenny Ilett, Mrs Brenda King, Mrs Daphne Brown (Members of the Public – Riders and Ramblers)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Michael Croucher, Mrs Isabel Atkinson

REPORT:

The group met at the top of the Byway in Rectory Lane and walked down its entire length to its junction with Tunbridge Lane. The byway is a very steep sided ancient sunken lane and has had drainage issues for many years, due to the rain runoff from Woolmer Lane and Rectory Lane. Drainage work was carried out on the upper section, but the lower section continued to be precarious, particularly for riders. Councillor Sam James has been instrumental in securing funding from Hampshire County Council to carry out a large programme of works for drainage of the lower section and a renewed storm overflow 'pit' to control the flow of water under Tunbridge Lane. The drainage work is now complete and a temporary barrier is in place. Riders suggested that it would help if the new barrier around the 'pit' could be higher. The foliage on the bank opposite the 'pit' needs cutting back as the byway is currently too narrow for horses, and the fingerpost is obscured. The riders were most complimentary about the works and said they would now be able to use the byway safely, once the overhanging branches are cut back.

The group then moved on to Waterside, where they walked from Garden Cottage along bridleway 12 to its junction with bridleway 13, and then alongside the lake towards Passfield Road. Mrs Brown asked whether a fingerpost could be installed on the bank near the estate entrance gates to clearly indicate there was a right of way and not private property. Mrs Atkinson had confirmed her agreement for this to be placed on her land.

Concerns were raised about a section of the surface of bridleway 13 as incorrect surface materials had been used. The surfacing should be crushed sandstone, but granite chips had been used and these are damaging to the feet of the horses as they are very sharp. Members were also made aware of the ideas of the landowner, who is considering requesting diversion of the bridleways on the estate.

Additional points raised by riders:

Gates have been installed by the landowner on bridleway 12 at its junction with Tunbridge Lane, and it was queried whether these required planning permission.

The condition of bridleway 6 over Holm Hills is very muddy and overgrown.

The Passfield bridleway from Waterside to Passfield Road is overgrown and the site line exiting at Passfield Road needs cutting back.

CONCLUSION: The visit concluded at approximately 8.30pm
 Confirmed at the HB&T meeting on 13 June 2011

Signed
(Chairman)