

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

FOOTPATH WARDEN REPORT FEBRUARY 2021

The footpaths around the parish continue to be well used during the current lockdown. Inspection walks were carried out in late January & early February. Most paths are passable although inevitably somewhat muddy due to the high winter rainfall.

There is a current problem with flooding/waterlogging on FP18 where it leaves The Street next to the bridge over the River Fynn. This is caused by a blocked road drain in The Street, near the entrance to Grove Farm House. The matter has been reported to SCC, they have said that the drains in The Street were due to be cleared by the end of January. To date, this work has not been carried out. Two broken footpath signs on FP18 have also been reported and have status of 'works ordered' from SCC at the time of writing.

A few other minor issues were found; broken signposts and a way marker gatepost on FPs 16 and 18, a slightly misleading direction sign on FP11 at the Martlesham boundary and a wire fence leaning into the path along FP10. These have all been logged and reported to SCC Rights of Way.

FPs 10 and 11 will require some cutting back of overhanging branches (with permission from the landowners) and clearance of surface vegetation in spring before the first scheduled cut. It is hoped the footpath volunteers group will be able to carry out this work in early spring.

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