

Wendy Sweet <knowstoneparishclerk@gmail.com>
To: Bev Costerton <~~bevcosterton@knowstone.org.uk~~>

22 June 2018 at 07:54

Dear Bev

Many thanks for your email dated 18th June which has been circulated to all parish councillors and has been included on the agenda of next Tuesday's council meeting. As a member of the public you are welcome to attend next Tuesday's meeting and to speak on the matter you have raised.

regards Wendy

Wendy Sweet
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4 July 2018 at 16:38

Dear Bev

Thank you for your recent email concerning the state of Footpath # 7.

For your information, Cllr Browse and Cllr Moore walked this footpath two evenings before the last parish council meeting, and they are aware that the path is overgrown in parts and that, to date, DCC contractors have not strimmed this footpath nor, indeed, any other footpaths in our parish. Cllr Browse has also contacted Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way-Parish Paths Liaison Officer, who has replied with the following: "No date as yet when the work will be done – BUT it is on the list. All contractors flat out at the moment dealing with the onslaught of vegetation growth in recent weeks."

DCC contractors always start with the coastal paths because tourism, public footfall and demand in these areas are greater for the vegetation to be cleared with holiday season upon us. The time taken on these areas depends on the volume of vegetation. Once this work is completed, the strimming of footpaths will commence in the parishes in the county (in no specific order). Please note, there is also a tree to be dropped on footpath # 7 (as posted on the Knowstone website).

Your email was included on the agenda and discussed at last week's parish council meeting. Cllr Browse reminded councillors that Knowstone Parish Council's responsibility lies in monitoring footpaths, with DCC having responsibility for their ongoing maintenance. Your suggestion of the parish council paying for extra strimming was noted, but this was rejected by the council. This is primarily because, as there is no specific date set for our footpaths to be strimmed, the Council cannot justify spending unplanned reserves on a separate job (or multiple jobs if other paths are proven to be somewhat overgrown), using freelance contractors (if they can be found), when DCC may possibly send in their contracted team a week or so later. In addition, KPC would need to obtain DCC's permission to arrange independent contract strimming.

In addition it was suggested that you also write to DCC about the overgrowth of this footpath.

I trust this answers your query.

regards Wendy

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North Devon Council: NEW DATE FOR PARISH FORUM

2 messages

Kate Johnston <Kate.Johnston@northdevon.gov.uk>

4 July 2018 at 13:10

To: Parishes All <allparishes@northdevon.gov.uk>, Councillors <Councillors@northdevon.gov.uk>

Cc: Bev Triggs <Bev.Triggs@northdevon.gov.uk>, Aurienna Dunbrook <Aurienna.Dunbrook@northdevon.gov.uk>,

Glynne Turnbull <Glynne.Turnbull@northdevon.gov.uk>

Good afternoon

The NEW DATE for the North Devon Council Parish Forum is THURSDAY 26th July 2018.

Please find attached the agenda for the Forum to be held on **THURSDAY 26th July 2018 at 7 p.m.** in the Barum room at Brynsworthy Environment Centre. Also attached for your information are the minutes of the last Forum held in November 2017.

A report is provided in relation to item 6 "Communities Together Fund and Community Councillor Grants". There will be the opportunity to ask general questions about this report at the forum. If you have any questions about a specific project or application please email your questions direct to grants@northdevon.gov.uk.

We look forward to seeing you on the 26th July.

Regards

Kate

Mrs K. Johnston

Corporate and Community Services Officer

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Unclassified road between Moortown Cross and Blackerton Cross

2 messages

Vanessa Skelding <vanessa.skelding@devon.gov.uk>

9 July 2018 at 12:23

To: "parishclerk@knowstone.org.uk" <parishclerk@knowstone.org.uk>

Dear Mrs Sweet

Ref: ENQ181141230

Thank you for your letter regarding HGV use of the highway from A361 Moortown Cross to B3227 Blackerton Cross.

Unfortunately, restrictions to usage of the network are generally only made to prevent damage to weak roads and bridges. According to our Neighbourhood Highway Manager, the route in question is not considered to be a weak road and has no bridges recorded. Imposing weight, or size restrictions affects legitimate access needs for properties, agriculture and businesses. The removal of rights may go beyond the highway authority's duty to be reasonable and proportionate in its actions, in a rural location such as Knowstone this would also be unlikely to be enforced.

In the absence of any legal powers to restrict their access, I would suggest that your polite approach to the haulage company involved is the most positive action I could recommend.

Kind regards

*Vanessa***Vanessa Skelding**PA to Meg Booth, Chief Officer **Highways, Infrastructure Development & Waste**

Administration for Cllr Andrea Davis and Cllr Stuart Hughes

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Devon Highways - Update - ENQ181141230

3 messages

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4 July 2018 at 09:12

Devon Highways - Update - ENQ181141230



Dear Sir/Madam,

ENQ181141230

Highway Comments, Enquiry

Location: Road from Eastacott Farm to Roachill Cross, ?, Knowstone

Further to your communication received on 03-July-2018 the record was completed on the
04-July-2018.

The following information is now available;

Thank you for your letter regarding HGV use of the highway from A361 Moortown Cross to B3227
Blackerton Cross.

The Highways act places no duty upon the highway authority to warn of normal hazards of the road,
The Devon unclassified network contains many narrow and unsuitable roads as they have evolved
over time, It is never going to be practical or effective to sign every route that has a potential issue.

Restrictions of usage to the network are generally only made to prevent damage to weak roads and
bridges, the route in question is not considered to be a weak road and has no bridges recorded.
Imposing weight, or size restrictions affects legitimate access needs for properties, agriculture and
businesses and the removal of rights may go beyond the highway authority's duty to be reasonable
and proportionate in its actions , in a rural location such as Knowstone this would also be unlikely to
be enforced.

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Overgrown footpath

2 messages

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9 July 2018 at 13:27

To: Megan Poole <~~stayedmegan@knowstone.org.uk~~>

Dear Megan,

Thank you for your recent enquiry to Cllr Browse regarding the overgrown condition of footpath # 3 (Wadham Bridge to Enfield House).

To date, Devon County Council contractors have not strimmed this footpath nor, indeed, any other footpaths in our parish. Cllr Browse has contacted Ros Davies, Public Rights of Way-Parish Paths Liaison Officer, who has replied with the following:

"No date as yet when the work will be done – BUT it is on the list. All contractors flat out at the moment dealing with the onslaught of vegetation growth in recent weeks."

DCC contractors always start with the coastal paths, because tourism, public footfall and demand in these areas are greater for the vegetation to be cleared, with holiday season upon us. The time taken on these areas depends on the volume of vegetation. Once this work is completed, the strimming of the footpaths will commence in the parishes in the county (in no specific order).

At June's Knowstone Parish Council meeting, Cllr Browse reminded councillors that Knowstone Parish Council's responsibility lies in monitoring footpaths, with DCC having responsibility for their ongoing maintenance. He also reminded councillors that, as there is never a specific date set for our footpaths to be strimmed, we cannot justify spending unplanned reserves on a separate job (or multiple jobs if other paths are proven to be somewhat overgrown), using freelance contractors (if they can be found) when DCC may possibly send in their contracted team a week or so later. In addition, we would need to obtain DCC's permission to arrange independent contract strimming.

I trust this answers your query and I am sorry I'm unable to give you a more positive response. It may be worth you writing to Devon County Council,

Yours sincerely

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