

PORTFOLIO REPORT - Outdoor spaces and Planning

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Comments

Outdoor spaces

There had been another act of vandalism in January, to a small timber bridge on footpath WN2/4, situated near the Persimmon building site, and I fitted new timber boards to allow safe passage over the watercourse.

I met Trevor Oats from CCTC to discuss a parishioner request for safety handrails to stop people falling into the gully, and we thought that only one side of the footpath needed a handrail + support posts. T.O. said that SLR had quoted about £360 for the work, and that the CC Clerk would send the details to our Clerk.

A meeting with SC's PROW area warden took place in mid January, where we inspected a number of stiles, gates and fingerposts that needed repair or replacement. Later, I issued a list of the items required to replace damaged stiles & gates, and then received confirmation that SC's policy was to use galvanized products, and they would all be supplied & delivered without charge, and that local Councils (APC) would be responsible for installation and to maintain them thereafter.

A fallen tree was cleared away from Maggs Lane, that had blocked footpath WN2/26, leading to Wyke Road.

Planning applications

The Backhouse application [25/03089/FUL] for 49 homes at Lovel's Farm (phase 2) is currently being assessed, especially with regard to zebra/pedestrian crossings on Ansford Hill and Station Road.

Ref. the Redcliffe development of 29 homes at Station Road, large parts of the hedge have been cleared away by contractors and fencing panels installed. DH has complained about vehicles blocking the footway, and the workmen removed them. When major works commence, APC will meet the senior site manager to make sure the footway is always kept open (and that mud must be removed throughout the day, on a daily basis).