

BIDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Green Spaces – Responsibility for, Cutting and Tidying of Footpaths and Footways

Extract from e mail from Councillors Stevens and Eames

1) PROW - Birchwood entrance from St Lawrence Avenue which is about a 300 yards stretch. In the past it has been strimmed once or twice a year and we could continue to this. However, it isn't BPC land or our responsibility.

Neighbour on the left has paid for tree to be lopped as we said it wasn't our responsibility.

2) PROW - Twitten path bottom of St Lawrence Avenue.

This has been strimmed by MDH recently and the removal of a laurel tree as agreed which was blocking the path. There is an obvious boundary for the houses and within that boundary there are hedges which the houses are responsible for. The path itself is in a poor state of repair as previously advised and is breaking up due to the water flowing down when it rains heavily. Besides doing the strimming once or twice a year BPC are not responsible for anything else.

3) PROW - Woodland Way path to the Ridge. One side is mainly fences in a good state of repair. The other side there are a mixture of bushes and trees some of which are the responsibility of the houses. Again BPC are not responsible for the path. However, a strim once or twice a year to keep them clear of nettles and brambles would be a good idea.

4) PROW - The Twitten from Woodland Way to Rectory Drive has hedges on both sides which the houses are responsible for. There doesn't seem to be much of anything else growing just a few weeds which should be treated with weed killer to keep them under control.

5) Rectory Drive pathway down to recreation ground. The hedges on both sides are the houses responsibility.

6) PROW - Brookhurst Field path from Spring Lane. This is part of the Wealden Way. The path has hedges on both sides which are the responsibility of the houses.

However, they are only cut very rarely but are not causing an issue at the moment. The path itself is in a bad state of repair caused by erosion due to water.

There is a surface water pipe and a cast iron steel sewage pipe both are exposed and could be a potential issue. However, this is down to the responsibility of the water companies to resolve. The path is not BPC responsibility.

7) PROW - Brookhurst Field top right hand side. The large fence post by the side of the metal kissing gate has rotted away. This is part of the Wealden Way. This isn't a major issue as no cattle have grazed the field for sometime so it would only become an issue if this were to change. The small coppice beyond this is owned by local farmer John Foster.

8) Summer Steps. Both Pete and I feel that BPC should not do anything to the steps or close them off. BPC do not own or lease the land. Therefore we should remove any signage which gives the impression that BPC have some kind of responsibility.