

THE TITTLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL FOOTPATH REPORT TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021

The F2 footpath begins by going over the small bridge on Church Lane and running diagonally across the field leading up to Godwick Farm. The path was no longer visible after the crop in the field had been harvested and the ground ploughed thus obliterating it. The re-instatement of the public path direction is necessary to give walkers guidance. Again to re-cap from the previous report – the path does not continue diagonally to the field end but diverts left at the moat in mid-field and then joins the F4 footpath going up to Godwick Farm.

The permissive walk, on the right side of the field, an initiative of the landowner, is at the entrance of footpath F2 and extends to the entrance of footpath F1 which leads up to Godwick Farm. The path has been cut but still remains very uneven, but can be walked if determined,

F4 footpath starts opposite Manor Farm on the way out of the village on the Fakenham Road. The beginning of the path entrance has significant overhang of branches and the path is uneven all the way round by the sheep pen and down to where the paths of F2 and F4 join, at which point this area is overgrown and difficult to walk through.

Beyond this overgrown patch footpath F2 and footpath F4 converge and become the F1 footpath which is approached by the lapsed permissive path scheme which then leads up to the English Heritage site of the Godwick Medieval Village and the ruins of the old tower. The diagonal path across the field is tractor marked but that might be lost when the crop in the field matures and gains height.

Footpath F6 is a track located on the right of the road out of Tittleshall toward Litcham ending on the back road leading to Litcham by the solar panel field. The first part of the track is hardcore and the second part narrows and becomes a path that is bordered by an electric fence. There is no way that walkers know whether the fencing is live or not, even supposing that there are no cattle in the field - so some sign would be advantageous. The undergrowth and the untrimmed hedge and the nearness of the electric fence make walking difficult.

At the time of inspection an expanding electric wire was secured across the path entrance presumably to stop the cattle entering the path when being moved from one field to another. It also stops those who wish to walk that path.