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THE TITTLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

FOOTPATH REPORT

TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2022

The entrance to Footpath 2 begins with the crossing of a wooden bridge on Church Lane with the public footpath running diagonally across the field joining Footpath 1 which leads up to Godwick Farm. The field has a crop growing but the diagonal public path has not been re-instated by the landowner. The Parish Clerk has requested in writing that the landowner re-instate the path but has received no acknowledgment. Therefore, it was agreed that the Ramblers Association would be consulted and advice sought from the organisation. Mr. Richard May, the Chairperson of the Norfolk Area Ramblers was very helpful and gave the name of the Ramblers Footpath-Co-ordinator, Ian Mitchell, as the person to contact. He comes with an encyclopaedic knowledge of Norfolk footpaths and would be very helpful. Mr Mitchell has been emailed stating our situation and at this time I am awaiting his response. The Norfolk Ramblers, as are all the Rambler groups, run on a voluntary basis by the officers so I await a response.

Footpath 4 starts opposite Manor Farm which is on the road out of Tittleshall toward Fakenham. The path itself which leads into Footpath 1 is passable if a little uneven, and runs past the sheep pen and merges with Footpath 1 which leads up to the Godwick Farm site of the English Heritage Medieval Village ruins. The public path across the field that leads to the farm has been re-instated.

Footpath 5 which runs through the farmyard at High House Farm to Back lane is clear and passable.

Footpath 6 is located on the right side of the road leading out of Tittleshall toward Litcham, and ends on the back road leading to Litcham beside the solar panel field. The beginning of the public path is a wide hardcore track and the second part becomes a grass path that narrows and runs beside an electric fence that is live when cattle are in the field. The hedge on this part of the path has been cut back and the path is walkable. There is still some concern that the space allowed for walking is somewhat narrow between the hedge and the fencing.

Footpath 7 crosses the former cricket pitch and whilst the grass is somewhat high there is a clear path leading to Back Lane.

Footpath 8 branches off Back Lane at Cokesford Cottage and then becomes Footpath 10 which ends at the Mileham Road. Footpath 8 is a wide tractor path and is walkable but with some low overhang. Footpath 10 is clear and walkable.

Footpath 3 is off the Stanfield Road and has a clear path beside the field which leads directly to Whissonsett.

Footpath 9 is off the Stanfield Road at Wicken Farm and also has a clear path beside the field.

This report was compiled by Wendy Seale on the 1st of May 2022.

NEWS FLASH: The diagonal path across public Footpath 1 has been re-instated.