

RAMBLERS RUSHCLIFFE GROUP

FOOTPATH SECRETARY'S REPORT

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I am pleased to present the following report to the AGM. On rights of way, countryside and planning issues.

1. Rights of Way

West Bridgford Footpath 23

This path, which I claimed a few years, is likely to become part of a pedestrian/ cycleway between Boundary Road near Rushcliffe School and Melton Road near Edwalton Lodge Close.

Owthorpe Footpaths 13/14/15

These are diversions planned to tidy up and improve paths claimed over the last few years.

Widmerpool Footpaths 12/13/14/15

Paths claimed and to be added to the definitive map.

East Bridgford Byeway 44 and Footpath 21

The byeway is being downgraded to a Bridleway in an attempt to stop fly tipping.

Footpath 21, which runs from Holloway Close to the A46, has had a slight diversion due to building work.

The Hook Lady Bay

Following a change of landowner, a statement of Declaration has been made, which is where they state there are no rights of way on their land that are not on the definitive map. This has raised a lot of concern and 260 user evidence forms stating over 20 years of use of some paths have been filled in, not all are usable. Two letters have been sent by the Ramblers to the landowner in an attempt to discuss the matter but at this time there has been no response.

2. Planning

Asher Lane Ruddington

Permission has been sought yet again to build 175 dwellings on this site next to Rushcliffe Country Park. There has been an objection on the grounds of it being close to the park and Greenbelt issues

Main Street Willoughby on the Wolds

A proposal for a change of use for buildings at High Elm Farm has been received. Concerns have been raised about increased traffic along the access track, which is a bridleway.

Chapel Lane Bingham

The next phase of this development has been objected to as there is a footpath and bridleway across the site, which we want routed close to its original, line to link up with a proposed bridle bridge across the A46. At present, they want to take it along the edge of the site, which is not acceptable.

Gunthorpe/East Bridgford

An application has been made for a hydroelectric plant to be installed at the wire, which will mean a temporary closure of footpaths and maybe a slight diversion, no objection made

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Footpath Secretary
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