

# Wanborough Parish Council

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25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Ms Sparks

**Re: Footpath 44 Wanborough Modification Order 2017**

## **Statement of Case**

Wanborough Parish Council are only objecting to section E to F on the Order Map Footpath 44 Parish of Wanborough (Appendix 1).

Wanborough Parish Council have taken a very active role in the maintenance and upkeep of the footpaths around the Parish for a very long time. Parish Council minutes show regular inspections and liaising with SBC's Rights of Way Officer. In addition to this, Parish Council are one of two Parish Councils (out of a total twenty Parish Councils in Swindon) who agreed to take on additional services from SBC for footpath maintenance from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

Parish Council are therefore extremely knowledgeable about the footpaths in the Parish and how they are walked. It is extremely disappointing that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) have not taken Wanborough Parish Council's comments into consideration and have chosen to accept the application for a path to be added to the definitive map from residents, who at the time the application was submitted (on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017), had only lived in the village for less than a year.

## Informal Consultation

Wanborough Parish Council received an informal consultation from Mr M Enright (at that time, the Rights of Way Officer (Mapping) at SBC) on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 asking for observations. Parish Council raised a concern to Mr Enright that they were surprised to see that the modification order also included an additional section from "B to Y" (Appendix 2), which he had not mentioned in any previous correspondence, including his e-mail dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Appendix 3). The only section of footpath that Mr Enright confirmed that was being considered in previous correspondence was a footpath (the "bypass" path) to cut the corner between Burycroft and The Marsh. Mr Enright left SBC shortly after and nothing further was received from him on the matter.

Since Mr Enright had left SBC, Wanborough Parish Council therefore arranged an onsite meeting with Mr Martin Fry (SBC's Rights of Way and Highway Information Manager), which was finally held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (Appendix 4). Parish Council met with Mr Martin Fry, in addition to looking at a number of footpaths around The Marsh, and discussed and raised their concerns to him in relation to the footpath 44 modification order.

SBC's Statement of Grounds item 3, conveniently doesn't mention anything about this meeting or about the concerns raised by Wanborough Parish Council. It also doesn't mention anything about a change in Officer during the consultation period and the difficulty there was in trying to get hold of anyone at SBC to discuss the footpath 44 modification order.

### The Order

Wanborough Parish Council heard nothing further on the matter until they received notification from SBC on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 confirming that they had made a Definitive Map Modification Order which included the section across Honeyfield Farm (referred to as section "B to Y" (Appendix 2) and section "E to F" (Appendix 1)).

### Objection

Wanborough Parish Council object to section "E to F" on the Footpath 44 Modification Order for the following reasons:-

- The reason why residents walk across Honeyfield Farm is because there is already a footpath across this land; footpath 25. Aerial photos of this piece of land clearly show that the route of footpath 25 was very fluid. The land was farmland with no clear marked route and residents chose the route to walk, respecting the farming activity and ground conditions at the time to reach the bridge by the pond, which is on and part of footpath 25 (Appendix 5).
- The three statements Parish Council received (Appendix 6), two from long standing residents of the village and one independent resident from Covingham, clearly show that they walked in this area over many years. Their statements clearly show that the route of the path was fluid, there were obstacles which prevented them using an exact route and clearly confirming that they were walking footpath 25 which did not have an exact route until later when the current owners moved into Honeyfield Farm and tried to control the route across their land with a double fence.
- Marjorie Adams a long serving member of the Parish Council, produced a number of hand drawn maps of all the footpaths around the village. She is mentioned in the book "Wanborough in Pictures" by Elizabeth Wilson (published in 1987). Page 58 of the book (Appendix 7) shows an example of one of her drawings and there is confirmation on page 57 of her work as an active member of the Footpaths Committee. If there was a footpath from section "E to F" then this would have been identified by Mrs Adams and included on her maps.
- SBC state that the closeness of other public right of way are not factors that can be taken into account when a definitive map modification order is determined. However in this instance it is extremely important that footpath 25 is considered as there is clearly confusion within some of the statements gained by the applicant as to what they have been asked to confirm they had walked. Very few of the statements mention the footpath going across Honeyfield Farm but those that do clearly indicate details about footpath 25. One statement even states "The children used to use the old footpath 25", another statement talks about "the stile and footbridge over the Lyden Brook" which is on footpath 25. Another talks about walking the footpath across the fields behind towards Swindon, again this is footpath 25. In addition the map that accompanied the statements (Appendix 8) doesn't show that footpath 25 is still open and can be walked, making it look as though the footpaths to the rear of Honeyfield Farm can only be reached by walking from "B to Y".
- There were many rumours, messages published on social media and informal publications circulated that provided residents with incorrect information about the footpaths. Parish Council had to publish a statement in the parish magazine ("The Lyden") confirming that they

were not closing any footpaths and that footpath 25 will remain open (Appendix 9). As indicated in the e-mail received from Mr M Enright on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Appendix 3), this was not the first time such incorrect information had been circulated. He expressed his concern about false information that was being circulated around the village in the form of a "bulletin"; this "bulletin" was produced and circulated by a resident of The Marsh.

- Annie Ellis (Martin Fry's predecessor as SBC's Rights of Way Officer) wrote to the Planning Officer regarding the development at Ducksbridge (now known as Suter's Close) in relation to footpath 25 (although she incorrectly referred to it as footpath 23). She recommended that the applicant submitted a diversion order for footpath 25 prior to the development starting. She suggested a diversion and at no point did she suggest adding a second footpath across Honeyfield Farm.
- As stated in Mr M Enright's e-mail dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Appendix 3) SBC did not follow "proper procedures" for the Ducksbridge planning application with regard to the footpaths, "hence the mess we have now".

Since the applicants, Mr and Mrs Warr, moved into Ducksbridge in 2016, residents have been deterred from using footpath 25 by a large metal mesh gate being placed across the footpath; when the gate is closed it appears that it's not possible to use the footpath (Appendix 10). In addition, signs have been removed and a resident from Suter's Lane attended a recent footpaths committee meeting and informed Parish Council that he felt intimidated by Mrs Warr who was recording him while he was trying to improve the surface of footpath 25.

To conclude, the exact route of the footpath marked "E to F" on the modification order has not been used without obstruction for a period of 20 years. Footpath 25 has been used throughout and this is the footpath which residents would have been over for this period of time; at no point have there been two footpaths across Honeyfield Farm.

Wanborough Parish Council are keen for the footpath across the Ducksbridge development (Suter's Lane) to be opened, marked "A to C" on the modification order, and if the modification order had only included this section then this would have gone through without objection. Instead we have had a long drawn out process that has been frustrating for both the Parish Council and for residents who wish to avoid the dangerous bends.

Wanborough Parish Council reserves the right to add to this Statement of Case should it be necessary and on receipt of Swindon Borough Council's Statement of Case as well as make any legal submissions in writing at the start of the inquiry.

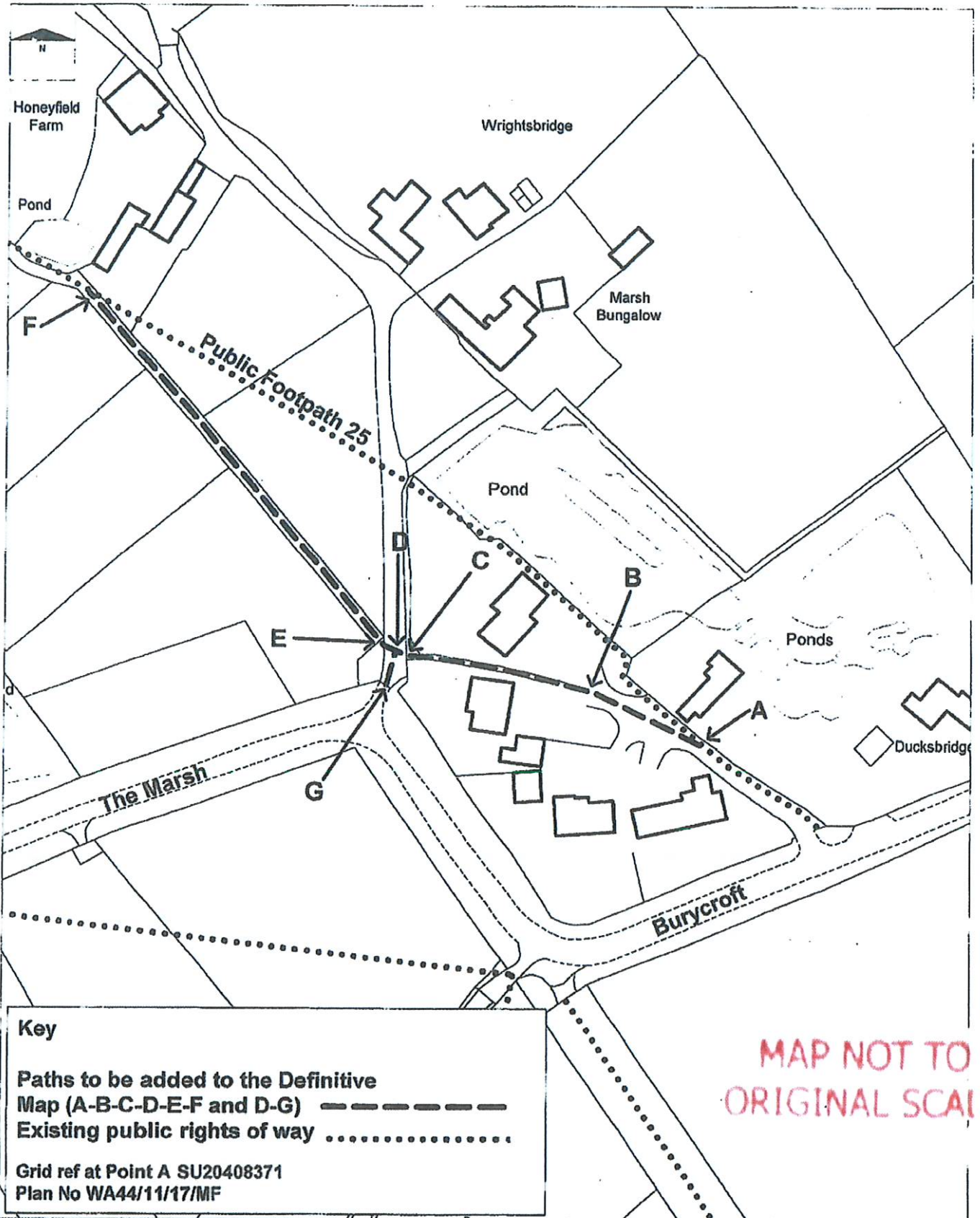
Yours Sincerely

Angela Raymond

Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

#### List of Appendices

1. Order Map Footpath 44 Parish of Wanborough;
2. E-mail from Mr M Enright (SBC Rights of Way Officer (Mapping)) 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019. In relation to Informal Consultation of the footpath;
3. E-mail correspondence with Mr M Enright, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019 plus attached "Bullitin";
4. E-mail correspondence with Mr M Fry (SBC Rights of Way Officer) 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017;
5. Aerial Photos, 1999, 2000 – 2003 and 2007;
6. 3 Statements;
7. Extract from Wanborough in Pictures book, plus map;
8. Copy of the map given to residents from the applicant;
9. Copy of Wanborough Parish Council's Lyden magazine article;
10. Photo of the mesh gate across footpath 25 and e-mail correspondence from Mr M Fry 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.




MAP NOT TO ORIGINAL SCALE

**Key**

Paths to be added to the Definitive Map (A-B-C-D-E-F and D-G)

Existing public rights of way

Grid ref at Point A SU20408371  
Plan No WA44/11/17/MF

	<p><b>Order Map</b> <b>Footpath 44</b> <b>Parish of Wanborough</b></p>	<p>Swindon Borough Council HIAM Service Delivery 4th Floor Wat Tyler House West Beckhampton Street Swindon SN1 2JH Tel: 01793 445500</p>
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Appendix 2

**PROPOSED ADDITION OF FOOTPATH TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP**

From: Michael Enright (MEnright@swindon.gov.uk)

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Date: Friday, July 7, 2017, 9:57 AM GMT+1

**To all statutory consultees**

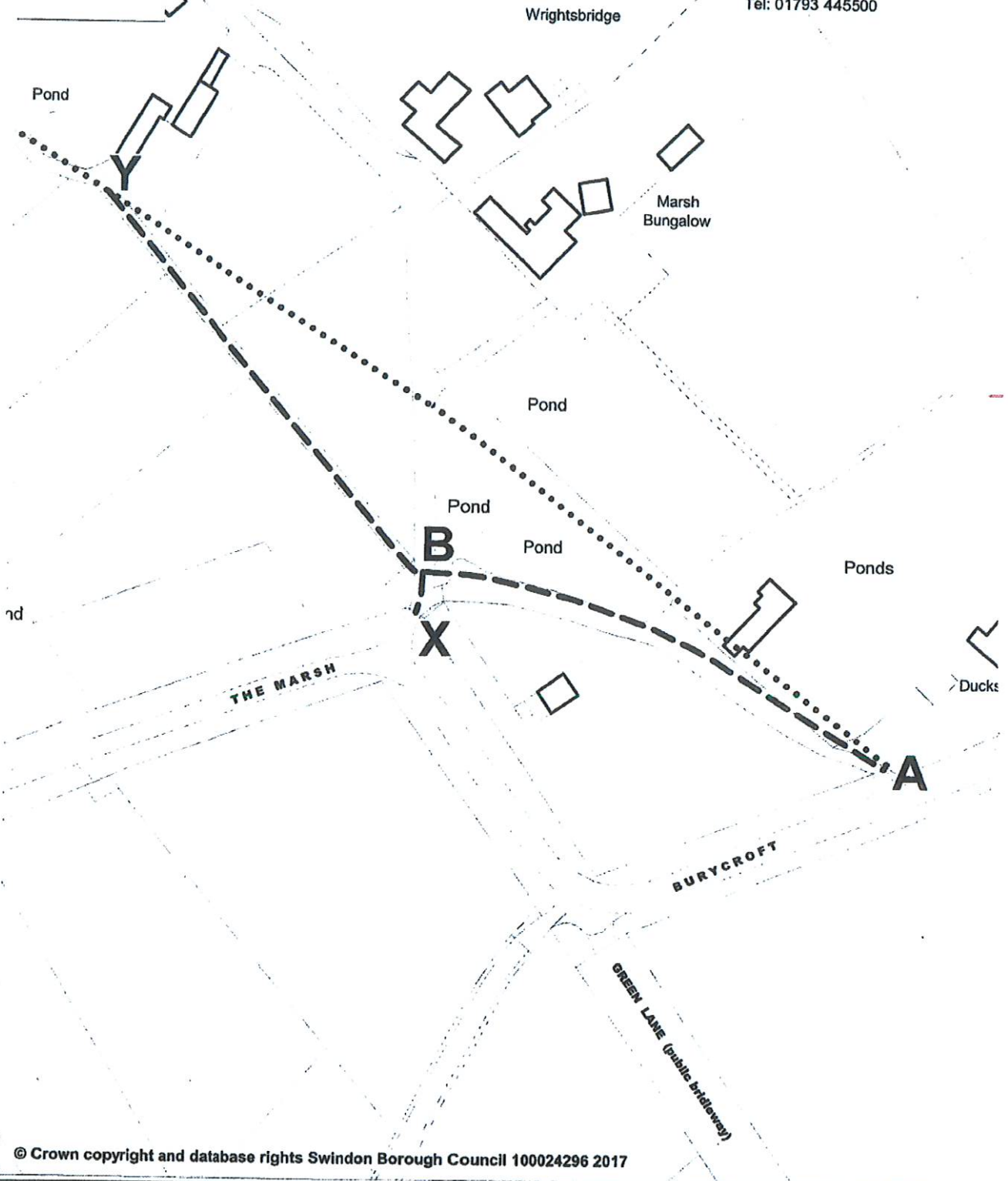
An application has been received by Swindon Borough Council to add a footpath to the Definitive Map, as shown on the attached plan, on the grounds that a public right of way exists but is not shown on the Definitive Map.

In accordance with S.53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, the right of way in the parish of Wanborough, leading from Burycroft, via Sutlers Lane, to The Marsh and to connect with existing Footpath WA25 at Honeyfield Farm, and to be known as Footpath WA44, may be added to the Definitive Map and Statement following the discovery of evidence which shows that a right of way subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates, being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public footpath.

I shall be pleased to receive any observations you may wish to make on this proposal at your earliest convenience, and not later than Friday 4 August 2017.

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**Informal consultation plan**  
**Footpath WA44**

Footpath proposed to be added to the Definitive Map (A-B-Y, B-X)



Existing footpath (FP WA25)



Scale 1:1250

Grid ref at point A: SU20448 83693

Appendix 3

## RE: Proposed diversion of Footpath 25 Wanborough

From: Michael Enright (MEnright@swindon.gov.uk)

To: wanboroughpc@btinternet.com

Date: Friday, March 24, 2017, 12:24 PM GMT

Hello Angela,

Thanks for your prompt reply. Please understand that I'm not suggesting for one second that this had anything to do with the PC. It's obvious to me that feelings are running high in the locality, but about the bypass path rather than the proposed diversion of FP 25, which no-one seems the least bit bothered about!

Of course, proper procedures weren't carried out from the very beginning, when planning permission was first submitted. What is frustrating to me regarding this is that as soon as I found out that PP had been applied for, I made it clear to Planning that the site was affected by the presence of FP 25 and that the applicant would be required as a matter of urgency to submit an application to divert under the Town & Country Planning Act. My advice to Planning was unfortunately not heeded, hence the mess we have now.

Something on the PC website about this bulletin would be very helpful indeed, as would some sort of circulation to residents from the PC.

Many thanks!

Michael J Enright

Rights of Way Officer (Mapping)

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4/24/2019

Yahoo Mail - RE: Proposed diversion of Footpath 25 Wanborough

**From:** Angela Raymond [mailto:wanboroughpc@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 24 March 2017 11:39  
**To:** Michael Enright <MEnright@swindon.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Per-Axel Warensjo <peraxel@hotmail.co.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed diversion of Footpath 25 Wanborough

Dear Mike

Just to make it clear that Parish Council have not submitted anything and the attached document has nothing to do with Parish Council. I have no idea who has sent out this information around the village and why they have done it.

I confirm that I have circulated the official footpath diversion to all Parish Councillors, who have carried out an on site meeting to look at what is being proposed and they will discuss at the next meeting on Monday 27th March. I will submit their comments to you soon afterwards.

All these problems could have been avoided if the developer had followed proper procedures and applied for a diversion of the footpath prior to building the houses. What is happening is a result of bad procedures and lack of enforcement, which is nothing to do with Parish Council.

I can try and put something on the website so that residents know that what they have received is wrong, but if this leaflet has been circulated to everyone in The Marsh, it will be difficult to do much about other than sending another letter to them with the correct information. If this is needed then I will raise at the meeting on Monday.

Regards

Angela Raymond

Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

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**From:** Michael Enright <MEnright@swindon.gov.uk>  
**To:** "Angela Raymond (wanboroughpc@btinternet.com)" <wanboroughpc@btinternet.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:19 AM  
**Subject:** Proposed diversion of Footpath 25 Wanborough

Dear Angela,

I'm rather concerned about false information which is currently spreading around the village about the diversion of FP 25. It appears that someone has taken it upon themselves to circulate a 'bulletin', a copy of which I've attached. It announces that "Martin Fry is taking the consultation from 17 March for six days". I can't say whether it was written anonymously or was signed, as the only copy I have appears to be the top half of an A4 sheet from which the bottom half has been cut off, and there is no name. Consequently, I've already received one email questioning why the consultation period is so short, and implying that the Council doesn't know what it's doing, as the consultation must be "at least a month". I'm afraid the sender of that email received a rather terse reply from me!

The information in this bulletin is wrong on a number of points, of course. As you know, it is I, not Martin, leading the consultation, which opened on Friday 17 March and closes on Friday 14 April, the 28 days required by law. This is clearly shown on the public notices which appeared in the Swindon Advertiser and at two locations on site. Mistakes such as appear on the bulletin are careless and irresponsible, and can be harmful to the Council and its officers by implication. I can only presume that whoever is responsible for issuing the bulletin hadn't actually read the public notice, but had reacted to incorrect information spread by word of mouth.

Interestingly, although the bulletin briefly mentions Footpath 25, it is not concerned with the diversion order, but rather with the closure of the longstanding but informal path which many people used to bypass the narrow double bend between Burycroft and The Marsh. What is now happening is that people are contacting me with observations or "objections" to the closure of this path, and none of the seven so far received is the least bit concerned with FP 25. This in itself is not a problem, as it may actually make it easier to prove a case for giving the "bypass" path official status as a public right of way by making a claim under S.53 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. One resident has actually started the ball rolling by submitting a S.53 claim, which I received yesterday, and I can deal with that as a separate issue.

What is obvious from the feedback raised by this bulletin is the complete indifference to the diversion of Footpath 25, as the only concern of all those who have so far commented is that the "bypass" path be reopened as soon as possible. This, as I say, will be treated as a separate issue. Indications so far are that the only relevant objection to the making of the order is likely to come from the Ramblers.

I would therefore ask, in the circumstances, that any official submission which the Parish Council may make concerning FP 25 is carefully considered so as to omit any reference to the "bypass" path, which is absolutely not relevant to the case, and cannot be considered in any formal objection the making of the diversion order. I should also be very grateful if the PC would take steps, if possible, to dispel the false information currently circulating in the village.

Kind regards,

Michael J Enright

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## Footpath at Ducksbridge - Consultation

There is to be a consultation of the footpath at Ducksbridge which we have been used to travelling for at least 50 years and which is a dotted line on the OS 1919 Map, and has helped locals to travel safely across Ducksbridge Field instead of around the very dangerous bend from The Marsh Gate/ Honeyfield Gate at the Marsh to Ducksbridge Gates at Burrycroft Road where there is already a footpath sign.

Now that we have huge lorries passing along this road, and who hasn't been trapped around the corners in their vehicles, we feel it is imperative to keep this safer path for pedestrians and make it definitive. This is **not** part of footpath 25 but lies adjacent to it at its end. It is up to you to say if you wish it to be a separate path or incorporated into footpath 25 which doesn't cut the corner but should go straight across the field.

Mr Martin Fry, the Right of Way and Highways information officer, is taking this consultation from the 17<sup>th</sup> March for six days. He would like contributors to write to him at the Rights of Way and Highways, Swindon Borough Council and would like your letters to verify that it has been used regularly as a footpath and says emails from residents who have moved abroad can still contribute too by also emailing Mr Martin Fry at [Mfry@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:Mfry@swindon.gov.uk) or write to him at the Council Offices at Beckhampton Street, Swindon SN1 2JH.

Appendix 4

RE: Onsite Meeting

From: Martin Fry (MFry@swindon.gov.uk)  
To: wanboroughpc@btinternet.com  
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017, 10:05 AM GMT+1

Angela

Thanks for the meeting date and time and paths to walk. I will see you on Friday at 2pm as per below.

Thanks

Martin

Martin Fry

Rights of Way and Highway Information Manager

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**From:** Angela Raymond [mailto:wanboroughpc@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2017 09:27  
**To:** Martin Fry <MFry@swindon.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Onsite Meeting

Hi Martin

Parish Councillors are able to meet with you at 2pm on Friday 8th September, please confirm that you are still ok for this date and time.

Can we meet at the end of Green Lane and the start of footpath 19. Parish Council want to show you footpath 19, then footpath 9, then footpath 23, if that's ok with you. Plus they would like to discuss whether there is a solution to the proposed footpath across Ducksbridge.

Many thanks

Angela

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Appendix 5



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RE FOOTPATH

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MR CHAIRMAN

I CAN CONFIRM THE FOOTPATH IN BURYCROFT  
DATES BACK TO 1800

WHEN MR SADLER BOUGHT LAND FOR DUCKS BRIDGE  
HE TOOK AWAY THE STONE STILE, (ONE OF FOUR WE HAD  
IN WANBOROUGH) FOR THE ENTRANCE TO THE CARAVAN SITE.  
I WAS BORN AT 5 KITE HILL 88 YRS AGO, MY FIRST TEN  
YEARS OF MY LIFE, WALKING DOWN GREEN LANE TO THE F.P.  
TO VISIT MY GRANDPARENTS AT FOXBRIDGE.

MY HUSBAND WAS ON W.P.C. FOR TEN YEARS ON THE  
RIGHTS AWAY COMMITTEE, WITH MRS ADAMS PUTTING IN  
SYN POST AND MARKING STILES.

MY MOTHER BOTH GRANDPARENTS GREAT GRANDPARENTS  
ALL BORN AND LIVED IN THE MARSH AREA DATING  
BACK TO 1820 - 1822.

MAY ARCHER.

The Clerk  
Wanborough Parish Council

24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Proposed Addition of Footpath to the Definitive Map**

I have been shown the Modification Order to add a new footpath 44 and wish to make the following comments:

I have been walking from Covingham to Wanborough for at least 30 years. The footpath crosses pasture land and apart from the footpath signs it was not always clear exactly where the footpath crossed the fields so to help me find the route of footpath 25 Bill Suter of Wanborough Parish Council gave me a copy of the attached map.

After crossing the A419 I followed the route of footpath 25 as shown on the map through the wood, across the land now known as Honeyfield Farm, across the track and then past Ducksbridge to a point on Burycroft marked by a stone and a fallen footpath sign.

There was no clear indication of a footpath across Honeyfield Farm as shown on the application for footpath 44, nor did I ever see anyone using that route although because it was a pasture it is possible that walkers crossed the field thinking they were using footpath 25 but not following the exact line shown on the map. At some point the path was diverted towards the end of the track because part of footpath 25 through the caravan site was overgrown.

When the alpacas arrived I followed the diverted footpath which was clear from the new fencing. I met the landowners occasionally and they confirmed the new footpath had been agreed with the Borough Council.

G Hughes  
12 Dobbin Close  
Covingham



Underdown Farm  
Wanborough

30<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The Clerk  
Wanborough Parish Council

I was born in Wanborough, have lived in Wanborough 80 years and have used the footpaths regularly from Wanborough to Foxbridge Farm. I am writing to tell you the history of the footpath across what was Ducksbridge and what is now part of Honeyfield Farm.

There is a footpath from Burycroft to Foxbridge Farm and for a long time there was a stone stile and sign at Burycroft where the footpath started. During and after the war there were huts and a vegetable garden inside the hedge between the stile and the corner opposite Green Lane and when the caravan site was set up a farm gate was put in next to the stile.

From a stile the path went through Ducksbridge and across the track and then crossed a field to meet up with another footpath that went to Moat Cottage one way and to Wanborough Road the other way. Straight on continued to Foxbridge Farm as shown on the old maps. For many years there was no fence beside the track and people could walk anywhere. In those days you could also walk down Green Lane along the road between the bends and then up the track towards Foxbridge Farm. Of course there were very few cars on the road in those days and no-one really minded where you walked across the fields.

I think it was in the 1950's Mrs Adams did a lot of work on the footpaths in the village and they were as it is shown on the new maps, which also show a path across the corner from Burycroft to The Marsh which people started to use when the traffic got busy and it could be dangerous to walk on the road round the bends. Later the path was moved when the old path was difficult to follow and when the alpacas came the new owners followed the same path with a double fence until that changed back to the original path after the new houses were built.

*D. B. Fenn*

David Fenn  
Underdown Farm  
Wanborough



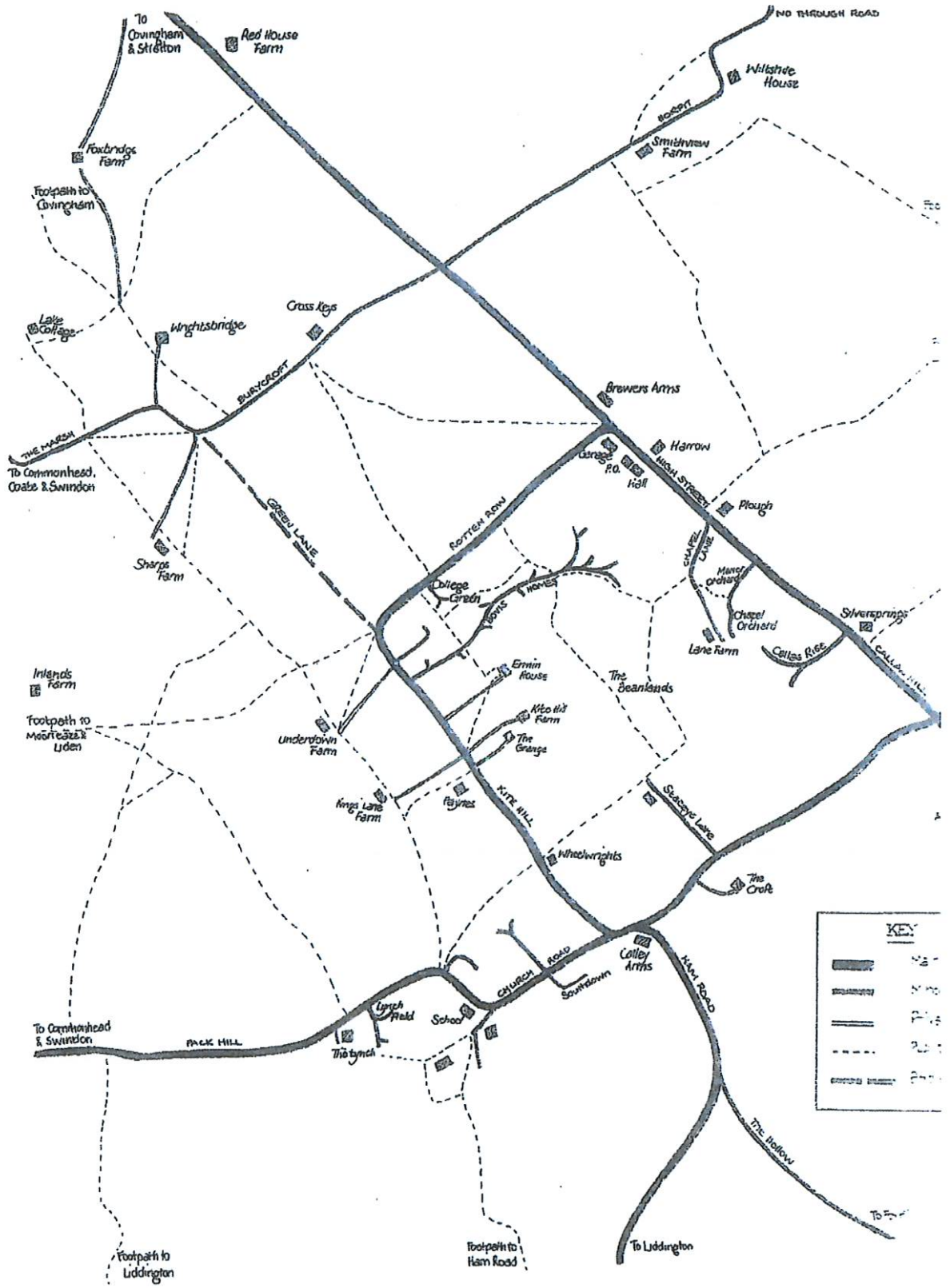
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and paths served the various parts of community leading to mills, enclosures, and beyond to the neighbouring Green Lane with hedges dating Domesday is an interesting and part of our landscape history. It from the corner of Kite Hill and Row through to Burycroft. There so the remains of a green lane from Farm, Horpit to Lotmead (this is not of way). Another important service was the old Donkey Track from the

corner of Pack Hill, through Inlands, to the old mill (this is also not a right of way). The footpath map PI 115 was drawn by Mrs Adams, not only a long-serving member of the parish council but also a very active member of the Footpaths Committee, the map shows the many tracks crossing the village. The Committee does valuable work in keeping these paths clear, maintained and well marked for all to use, see PI 114, a drawing of King's Lane Path, leading up to Church Road.



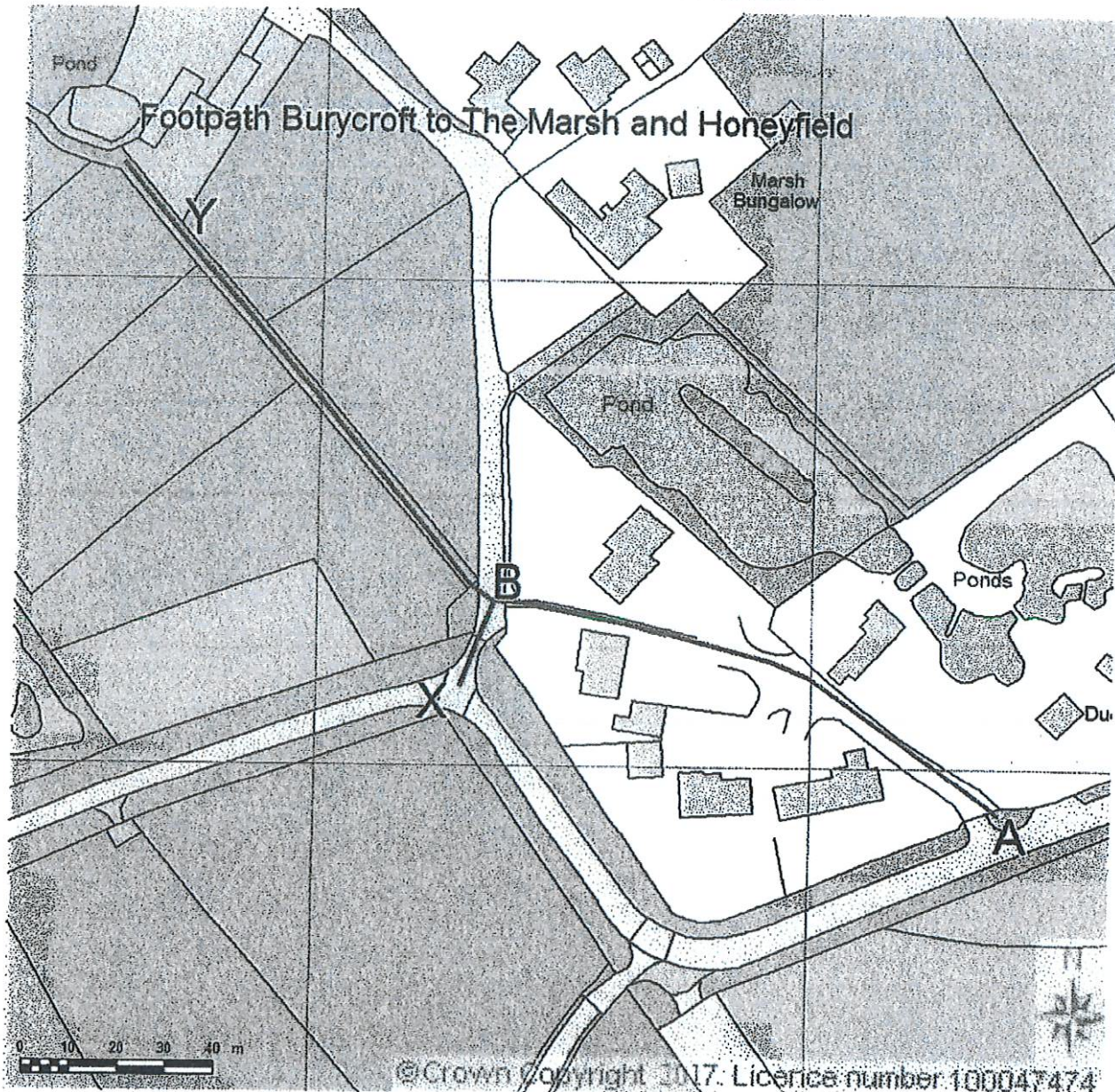
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**MAP1: Footpath connecting Burycroft to The Marsh and the Outbuildings at Honeyfield Farm via Sutors Lane previously a caravan park**

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SCALE 1:2500 on A4  
CENTRE COORDINATES: 420350, 183744



**Reference: MAP 1**

- A: Boundary between Ducksbridge and Sutors Lane Burycroft Road**
- A to B crosses Sutors Lane, previously the Caravan Park at Ducksbridge / Rathbone**
- B: Crossing point on Drive to Honeyfield Farm**
- B to X: Section of drive to Honeyfield Farm connecting The Marsh to the footpath crossing point**
- B to Y: Fenced section of paddock on honeyfield Farm**
- Y: Point at which the fenced path joins/continues along footpath 25**

## Wanborough Parish Council

### Parish Councillors

We are pleased to introduce two new Parish Councillors who were co-opted onto the Parish Council at December's meeting: James Naylor who lives in Horpit and John Emmins who lives in Manor Orchard. With the ever growing responsibilities of the Parish Council the additional help of two new Councillors will certainly be a welcome addition to the team. Parish Councillors are volunteers who give up a considerable amount of their time to help improve the village we all live in.

### VILLAGE CLEAN UP

#### SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018

This year the Village Clean Up day will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at 2pm at either Hooper's Field (by the pavilion), Lower Recreation Field (by the play area) or Church Meadow (at the Church car par). At each meeting point there will be a group of Parish Councillors keen and ready to carry out a clean-up of the area. Please come and join them and help to remove litter and other broken items from around the village. This gives you and your family the opportunity to help improve our environment, remove litter and genuinely make a local difference to the village. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like any further information please contact the Clerk on T: 791904 or e-mail at: [wanboroughpc@btinternet.com](mailto:wanboroughpc@btinternet.com).

Your help with the Clean Up would be much appreciated.

### Village Footpath Walks

Parish Council would like to start a monthly walking group with the aim of walking our local footpaths.

The first will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, meeting at Wanborough Village Hall at 1pm and finishing at Hooper's Field for refreshments.

The second will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, meeting at Hooper's Field pavilion at 1pm and finishing at Hooper's Field for refreshments.

Everyone's welcome to attend. Please wear suitable walking shoes as some of the footpaths are muddy; unfortunately the footpaths are not suitable for pushchairs.

Future walks from May onwards will be decided at a later date, having gained feedback from the first two walks. Hope to see you all there.

### Reporting village issues to Parish Council

You can now report village issues online on the Parish website [www.wanborough.info](http://www.wanborough.info): visit the website, click on the "Maintenance Report" button and there will be an online form for you to complete which, when submitted, will go directly to Parish Council. There will also be a log of all reported problems shown on the website so you can see their status and when it has been dealt with. There is a detailed list explaining which services Parish Council are responsible for and what should be reported to Parish Council. Similarly, you can see those services that Swindon Borough Council are still responsible for, with a link to SBC's website

to report those problems to them direct. Hopefully this will make it easier for residents to report an issue and to gain a better understanding as to how it is being dealt with.

#### Fly-tipping

Parish Council are working with Swindon Borough Council to try and reduce the amount of rubbish that is dumped at the top of The Hollow (near PGL). SBC provide a portable CCTV system for areas where fly-tipping is a continuous problem to try and catch the perpetrators. Parish Council have requested this for The Hollow, so hopefully this will help prevent what is currently happening up there.

Parish Council are responsible for collecting "boot-sized" fly-tipping, but anything larger or hazardous is still collected by SBC. Most of the fly-tipping up at The Hollow is large and therefore it is in SBC's interest to prevent this from happening.

#### Dog Fouling

Parish Council continue to receive complaints about the amount of dog fouling around the village, especially around public open spaces near play areas. Please can all dog owners be responsible and clear up after your dog. There are plenty of bins around the village (24 in total) to put the waste in. These are emptied on a weekly basis at a cost of £3k per annum, so please use them and don't just leave your dog's mess for someone else to stand in.

#### Footpath Modification Order – The Marsh

Parish Council met with SBC's Rights of Way Officer to discuss the proposed footpath 44 modification order, he has confirmed that SBC have received 3 objections to the proposed order, SBC do not have the "Power" to overrule any of the objections received therefore the proposed footpath order will have to go the Secretary of State for a final decision. This process is likely to take several months (possibly even over a year). Parish Council are actively engaging with all parties to find a solution.

Rest assured Parish Council are not closing any footpaths. Footpath 25 (which is registered as the definitive footpath) is open and can be walked. This footpath starts on the east side of Suters Lane (the new housing estate next to Ducksbridge, Burycroft), goes along the eastern edge of the new estate entrance road, via a small gate and then across Honeyfield Farm to the fields beyond. If you get a chance go and walk it.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Wanborough Village Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.





**RE: Footpaths**

From: Martin Fry (MFry@swindon.gov.uk)  
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Date: Friday, September 15, 2017, 6:21 PM GMT+1

Angela

Thank you for this information.

I met with Chris Hinton on Monday but before I can state when Public Footpath 23 will be available for the public to use I need to investigate the alignment of the route as it could affect the property of a number of other landowners.



Unfortunately at the moment there is a locked gate on Public Footpath 25. Therefore although the current temporary closure order could be lifted the public would not be able to use the path. I believe I know who is responsible for that padlock and when I have had it removed the footpath will be reopened.

I am not at work next week but will be continuing to resolve these matters on my return to work.

Regards

Martin

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**Sent:** 11 September 2017 10:58

**To:** Martin Fry <MFry@swindon.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Footpaths

Hi Martin

Many thanks for meeting with us last Friday. The landowner of the field next to Darron Kevern's land at Sharpes Farm as follows:-

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Wood Street,  
Clyffe Pypard,  
Swindon, Wilts  
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If you could please let me know when footpath 25 can be opened and whether you were able to sort the problem with footpath 23 at your meeting with Chris Hinton.

Many thanks

Angela Raymond

Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

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