

Mike Chislett – AoRs – LPC meeting 11th January 2021

Finance

Nothing to report

Flood

The Environment Agency issued flood warnings for our stretch of the Avon over the Christmas period. I understand that at least one vehicle was stationary in flood-water at Reybridge for several hours on Christmas Day, despite the presence of 'road closed' signs. Colleagues closer to the two river crossings and involved in signage may be able to comment.

Wiltshire's Flood Group met by Zoom on 15th December, I was unable to attend.

Footpaths

National Lockdown restrictions from 5th January allow folk to walk outdoors once a day as part of their daily exercise – this can be alone, with members of household or support bubble or with one other person. There should be no organised group walks. Since all non-essential travel is to be avoided, walks should begin as close to home as possible.

Our parish's public rights of way remain open and walking (and countryside access for any who cannot walk) is more important than ever for mental and physical well-being. Many of these rights of way are part of networks joining the parish to adjacent towns.

Path maintenance activities are suspended during lockdown, where they involve a work party. However, I don't believe this applies to the reinstatement of any ploughed RoW line in a field, or expedient removal of overgrowth, barbed-wire, etc.. 'My Wiltshire' reports should still be submitted where any obstructions are encountered. I cannot access other' reports on 'My Wiltshire', so it is helpful if colleagues let me know of any submitted.

Carter Jonas tell me that their tenant has not reinstated the RoW line on Bowden Hill (**LACO23**) but they believe it to be passable. Any first hand information would be appreciated – passable would be a rolled or grassed surface, not a ploughed one.

Grit Bins

I have not been able to check grit bins since the last report – there have been several frosty nights and mornings where they may have been used – any advice appreciated.

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9th January 2021