

Period	6 th to 27 th June 2019	
Meetings Held	<p>JS Meeting with Kevin Williams to discuss Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) services in support of PROW. HC/BBLP have recently adopted a policy that they will no longer provide maintenance and improvement services unless paid for by the Parish Council. We have been directed to follow a new process in a document called "Community Commissioning Toolkit". However it deals only with roads, not PROW and so further enquiries are being made. In summary it seems that it may be less expensive the buy equipment and services from suppliers other than BBLP</p>	6 th June 2019
	<p>JS Meeting with Robert Davies, Hopes Ash Farms to discuss maintenance of FP WP11 and the principle of replacing gates with stiles. Robert Davies shares our approach to make it easier to follow public rights of way since he has concerns about dog walkers wandering into other areas away from the paths. He cites a growing prevalence of Neospora which can pass from dog's faeces to cattle. Neospora is a parasite that infects dairy and beef cattle, causing abortion and stillbirth. Robert Davies agrees in principle to install pedestrian gates to replace stiles. Further detailed discussions to continue.</p>	20 th June 2019
	<p>JS Meeting with Kevin Williams to discuss various ongoing maintenance issues. Further clarification that the only services that BBLP will provide FOC are fingerposts, bridge replacements, repair of steps and clearing vegetation on FPs (for which they would not respond quickly). KW agreed to inspect the two sets of steps which are in very poor condition (WP1 and WP16). It now seems that PROW problems reported through the HC Website are being redirected to the PFO to deal with, before involving the Locality Steward.</p>	26 th June 2019
	<p>JS meeting with Richard Evans at Hill Farm Richard is keen to have walkers keeping to the right of way. He will consider the concept of replacing stiles with gates.</p>	28 th June 2019
	<p>JS Meeting with Lengthsman Wayne Reed and Councillor Terry Prince. Action on JS to develop a programme of work for clearing vegetation on footpaths along the edge of fields. Replacement of stile and stile/bridge on WP4 to be further discussed and resolved.</p>	

“Adopt a Footpath” Scheme.	A team of 10 residents have each now adopted section of FPs which they will inspect and report any issues developing. This covers the complete parish.
Waymarking	Some waymarkers have been obtained from BBLP and the PFO has commenced installing them (estimated 220 required in total)
Maintenance	Vegetation cleared around many stiles and fingerposts.
Concerns	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lack of funding and support services from HC and BBLP2. Need to engage a Lengthsman urgently to clear vegetation.3. Many cases of crops blocking footpaths.4. Difficulty in finding landowner contact details

PROW - Public Right of Way

HC - Herefordshire Council

PC - Parish Council

BBLP - Balfour Beatty Living Places

PFO - Parish Footpaths Officer

FP - Footpath

Councillor John Smart - Parish Footpaths Officer 29th June 2019.