

## **Footpath Reports for Estates meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022**

**Review of footpath cutting schedule.** If councillors wish to review the schedule this needs to be done soon.

**Footpath 25** This footpath runs from Coltsfoot Green to the School and Village Stores. On 25<sup>th</sup> July the Clerk and I raised the possibility of extending the hard surface section (double the length) with James Pickerin, Suffolk County Council Footpaths Officer.

**Footpath 26** This footpath runs along the bottom of the playing field bank in an east-west direction. The middle sleeper on the footbridge is rotting but still safe. The bridge will be replaced in due course with a wider version and handrail.

**Footpath 42** This footpath heads south-east towards Ashfield Green from the bridleway that runs from Coltsfoot Green to Genesis Green. The collapsing bridge at the western end has now been replaced.

**Footpath 16** This footpath runs from the end of Cloak Lane to Attleton Green. The middle section is particularly awkward because it is narrow and the ground slopes towards paddocks. A meeting has taken place between the landowner and James Pickerin and it is hoped that changes will take place before the end of the year. This path forms part of one of the Discover Suffolk routes (Wickhambrook version) and has been the source of frustration because the County Council contractor has been unwilling to trim the underfoot growth.

**Footpath volunteers** A meeting has been arranged for 31<sup>st</sup> August to explore how volunteers can keep the footpath network clear and easy to follow.

**Discover Suffolk** In January, as part of this initiative, I compiled a list of all the faulty fingerposts in the Parish and gave this information to Ben Heather, project leader. As far as I am aware only two have been replaced to date.

**Quiet Lanes** I have received no updates for several months. The Clerk may have more information.

Roger Medley 19.8.22