


Footpath Number	Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem	Ref. No.
FP5	<p>From Ferrier's Farm to Horne's Green (a field margin path, leading to a cross-field path through some scrub and into a wood, then onto a well-kept grassed lane to the road) A waymarker remains tied up to a makeshift post with twine to keep it in place. Another is concealed by ivy and completely rotten at its base.</p> <p>The Clerk approached the Essex PROW Officer about supplying the Parish Council with some finger posts so that we can carry out our own replacement and repairs of finger posts and waymarkers. The Highways Dept. has conducted a risk assessment of the site and has confirmed that it is safe to proceed. The Clerk has received the replacement posts and has asked our Parish maintenance contractor to install them.</p> <div data-bbox="427 695 784 1173" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1162 683 1523 1166" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>FYI: I have also submitted an objection to the planning application at Ferriers Farm as PROW officer for Bures Hamlet because the application claims that the barns for renovation are not visible from the adjacent footpath (FP5) which they clearly are.</p>	<p>Ref: 2607732 Reported; 28/02/19</p>

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Byway 25	Essex Highways carried out extensive repairs on this byway last year at the Balls Road end. The damage to the Broad Oaks end of the track leading onto Colne Road has been partially repaired with some new surfacing. I will continue to monitor the untreated sections. In wet weather, these untreated sections quickly become quagmires with frequent use by horse riders, cyclists and farm traffic.	Ref: 2606371 Reported 18/02/19
FP30	From Colne Road next to Parsonage Grove crossing the railway to The Paddocks. The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the Network Rail Public Inquiry for Level Crossings Reduction in Essex regarding the fate of the above 'passive crossing'.	(Crossing E54)
FP33	<p>From Colne Road up to the Mount Bures level rail crossing.</p> <p>An oak sign, donated by Robert Chambers, has been installed at the entrance to the footpath. The Clerk has arranged for a commemorative name plaque to be engraved and mounted on the oak sign.</p> 	

When checking the Parish PROW, I have seen that some of the old road direction signs at junctions in the more rural parts of the parish are becoming quite dilapidated such as the sign below.

This fingerpost has been reported to the Essex Highways Dept. Reference No. 2615854 (05.05.19). A routine inspection is planned for August 2019



Generally, across the Parish of Bures Hamlet, most of the footpaths remain passable and fairly firm with evidence of regular use.

Jan Aries 1st May 2019