

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)</p> <p>In the summer the Parish Council agreed to the diversion of this footpath to avoid the difficult and often impassable section through the wood. As of 15<sup>th</sup> October, Nik Leeson from Essex Highways has said that he expects the orders to be sealed within a matter of a few weeks. Once the formal administration has been completed, it is hoped the preparation of the new route will be started.</p>	
Byway 25	<p>Track leading from Balls Road to Broad Oaks Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm</p> <p>Essex Highways carried out extensive repairs on this byway last year at the Balls Road end. The track is under water again where the ditch has significantly breached the repaired bank. An initial assessment has been carried out and Essex Highways are working to gather further information to determine what action, if any, could be taken.</p>	Ref: 2635922
FP30	<p>From Colne Road next to Parsonage Grove crossing the railway to The Paddocks.</p> <p>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'.</p>	(Crossing E54)
FP33	<p>From Colne Road up to the Mount Bures level rail crossing.</p> <p>An unveiling ceremony of the plaque for the now-named Phillips Path took place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019, kindly organized by Hildegard Hill of Mount Bures The ceremony was attended by members of the late Pauline Phillips' family and residents of Bures and Mount Bures parishes. Nigel Chapman, the chair of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project, officially unveiled the plaque. A walk then followed along the footpath across the Cambridge Brook valley returning to Bures Hamlet for refreshments at the Eight Bells P.H.</p>	

	Additional Items for Discussion	
<b>B1508</b>	A request has been received (14/10/19) from Ruth Woodman of Linden House Mount Bures to reconsider the provision of a safe pedestrian route from Mount Bures into Bures Hamlet. Ruth provided a series of photographs showing the existing roadside verges between Mount Bures and Bures Hamlet. Clearly these are not suitable for pedestrian use. A Local Highways Panel request was submitted 09/07/19 re: improvement of the Mount Bures junction, the change of the speed limit along the B1508 heading into Bures Hamlet to a 40mph buffer zone with improved pedestrian access. This is to be included as an item for discussion on the agenda for the November BHPC meeting	
<b>P3 Scheme</b>	Essex County Council currently provide the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) which is an informal agreement /partnership between the highway authority and local councils to provide skills and resources to actively look after the local PROW network. The P3 Scheme may assist the Parish Council when trying to progress issues such as the Bures Hamlet/ Mount Bures link. Members are asked to consider whether Bures Hamlet should explore the possibility of joining the scheme.	
<b>Walks Leaflet</b>	The Dedham Vale AONB and the Stour Valley Project officer, Katherine Davies, has been liaising closely with Gill Jackson on the draft for a 'Walking in Bures' leaflet. Funding for the publication has been halted during the pre-election period but 1000 copies, maybe more, should become available after 12 <sup>th</sup> December. These will be for general distribution from the tourist information office in the library and in the village. A dedication to Dennis Ambrose has been added to the leaflet following a suggestion made by Hugh Turner who has been the Bures PROW officer in the past. At the time of writing this report, Gill Jackson hopefully awaits a finalised copy of the walks leaflet for Parish Councillors to view at the BSMPC meeting. Hugh also asked if a walks board could be commissioned to be erected in memory of Dennis on the recreation field near the Community Centre car park. Funding options are being explored to develop a 'Spingold' board (by Design and Print, Nayland) in the style of the riverside information boards already in place.	

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