

RE: Church Lane

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Dear Katie

Thank you for your email and feedback.

Drainage matters would fall to the landowner rather than Rights of Way and we have no record of any drainage assets in this location or of maintenance of any drainage. Rights of Way are responsible for maintenance of the surface of the path but nothing further. The land over which the path runs remains in private ownership. Unfortunately, we do not hold records of landownership.

The Parish Council may wish to make enquiries as to the owner of the land/ditch/drains and request that the maintenance takes place, or it could seek permission from the landowner for it to carry out works itself or by its appointed contractor. However, I would suggest seeking advice from Council's lead local flood authority officer first to ensure that whatever works are carried out will not simply pass on a flooding issue to adjoining or nearby land. Rights of Way are aware that the Council's lead local flood authority did approach a landowner on this path further to the south to require that ditching works take place in the past.

We would be very happy to assist by putting in place a temporary traffic regulation order free of charge if the path needs to be closed whilst drainage works are carried out.

If the Parish Council wish to reconsider a surfacing scheme (or a contribution thereto) then please let me know, although this will depend on available resource and will probably need to be part of our 25/26 capital programme (providing sufficient budget is granted and a contribution is forthcoming).

Kind regards

Darrel

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Good morning Darrel,

Northwood PC have asked me to write to you and forward the investigations below re. Church Lane in Northwood which becomes impassable after heavy rain. Jen had previously provided us with estimated costs to resurface the path which were about £8,700, however having looked at the problem further with local residents, it is thought that the solutions identified below would provide a far cheaper solution and prevent any need for resurfacing works. We would be very grateful if you could please look at these suggestions and advise whether they might be carried out by the Rights of Way Team please?

Many thanks