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**P202 Proposed extinguishment of Bridleway 43 Marshwood UPDATE**

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Dear Miss McKay

Thank you for your further e-mail.

Incidentally, I had a meeting with Messrs Giles Nicholson and Russell Goff at Prime Farm yesterday for the purpose of discussing the Council's annual cutting of the verges along Watery Lane (*aka* Gassons Lane and Cardsmill Lane) and Mutton Street, both of which are registered SNCIs. Prime Lane and Glebeland Lane form an integral part of the 'Watery Lane' SNCI. For this reason the three of us visited the far end of Glebeland Lane where quite by chance we met REDACTED, the current owner of Prime Coppices. This was fortuitous in several counts.

Whilst I fully acknowledge that verge cutting has no direct connection with public rights of way, the four of us discussed the proposed extinction of the imaginary section of BR43 which allegedly across the river Char between the new bridge (which I understand now carries a dedicated bridleway) and the old brick bridge which leads to the sunken lane (an unclassified road or BOAT) which seemingly ends abruptly at the northern boundary of REDACTED's field, but must have continued beyond and may legally continue to do so even though it has been disused for at least the last 70 years based on my own and the late Mr Pitfield's personal knowledge.

Due to the angle of the new bridge, REDACTED is unable to extract timber from Prime Coppices (not Prime Coppice) and instead fords the river immediately downstream of the new bridge. Bizarrely, this is precisely where BR43 has always crossed the river. When I purchased Prime Farm in 1981, there was still a finger post in situ marking the route of the bridleway where it forded the river! Mr Pitfield, who had constructed the old bridge from railway sleepers, discouraged walkers and riders from using his wooden bridge and had erected a sign to that effect which directed them to the ford alongside the bridge.

As you and your colleagues are very well aware, the so-called definitive map of public rights of way still contains many errors, due partly to the fact that the last 'paper copy' hanging on the wall in County Hall had been marked up with a broad felt-tip pen. When I purchased Prime Farm in 1981, I discovered that BR43 was shown on

the definitive map as passing diagonally through Prime farmhouse! This was subsequently corrected at public expense.

I remain absolutely adamant that the section of BR43 that you wish to extinguish has never existed where it is shown on your map for the purposes of the extinguishment order. Consequently I continue to maintain that you cannot extinguish something which does not exist and moreover has never existed. All it requires is admission by the Council that the route of BR43 where it crosses the river Char as recorded on the definitive map is wrong. It is not a closure nor is it an extinguishment, it is merely a correction!

Incidentally, **REDACTED** told the three of us yesterday that he has no objection to walkers and riders continuing to use the ford immediately downstream from the new bridge. Consequently, what is all the fuss about?

This entire saga is an exercise in futility! It is bureaucratic nonsense and moreover a profligate waste of Dorset Council's resources.

Yours sincerely

Tony Farmer

**PS** Please note that I shall be writing to Mr Phil Crowther (with copies to Messrs Russell Goff and James Stagg) on: a) another matter in respect of the route of BR43, and b) the status and route of the continuation of Prime Lane (currently designated as BR42) to where it joins Mutton Street next to the entrance to Babers Farm.



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On Tue, 14 Jul 2020 at 15:40, Carol McKay <[carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:carol.mckay@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Dr Farmer

I wondered if you have had a chance to consider the attached email?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

**Carol McKay**

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**From:** Carol McKay  
**Sent:** 25 June 2020 12:45  
**To:** REDACTED  
**Subject:** P202 Proposed extinguishment of Bridleway 43 Marshwood UPDATE

Dear Dr Farmer

Further to my email dated 13 March (attached), I am writing to let you know that the above application is due to be considered by the Western and Southern Area Planning Committee on 13 August.

As a result of the current COVID-19 outbreak, Dorset Council is hosting its committee meetings virtually following changes to legislation. New regulations now enable decision making processes to continue in accordance with the Government's guidance on social distancing. Meetings are being held remotely as a Microsoft Teams Live Event and can be viewed by the public. Public speaking is not possible but members of the public are invited to make written representations provided that they are submitted to the Democratic Services Officer no later than two clear working days before the Committee meeting. These statements are read out in the meeting by an officer who is not involved with the case.

I will send you more information about sending in a written representation as well as a link to the live event nearer the time.

Applications are only considered by committee if there are outstanding objections, otherwise decisions are made under delegated powers.

As you are the sole objector to the application, I would be grateful if you would consider withdrawing your objection in light of the information provided in my earlier email to you.

Regards

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