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Sent: 16 September 2020 16:50

To: Eleanor Harries

Cc: Parish Clerk (Nuthurst) < <u>clerk@nuthurst-pc.co.uk</u>> **Subject:** RE: Church Road, Mannings Heath - Hedges

Dear Eleanor

Thank you for your email and please accept my apologies for the delay coming back to you. For many years there has been an issue with the hedges along Church Road and I recently walked along the footpath with County Councillor Nigel Jupp.

As you mention this is a rather tricky situation and the Parish Council would like to be given the opportunity to take the matter to the next Roads & Footpath Committee meeting on Wednesday 18th November 2020. Unfortunately, I received your email after the agenda for this evenings Roads & Footpath committee meeting had been published.

Please could you let me know if this would be agreeable.

Although a Parish Councillor, Tom Nelson is not the contact for roads and footpath issues, please could you update your records accordingly.

With kind regards

Sarah

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From: Eleanor Harries

Sent: 14 September 2020 14:26

To: Sarah Hall < clerk@nuthurst-pc.co.uk >

Cc: Mike Thomas

Subject: Church Road, Mannings Heath - Hedges

Hello

Please could Tom Nelson contact me. I have a tricky situation with overgrown hedges in Church Road, Mannings Heath and I wanted to discuss the matter with him.

Most of the hedges along Church Road are obstructing the footway, as residents have prioritised their hedges over keeping the footway clear. A good portion of them will not grow back if they are cut back to the back edge of the footway and the road will be left with scraggly dead hedge. This will upset most of the residents.

On the other hand I have a duty to ensure that the footway is clear and I have received complaints about the hedges/obstruction and the footway is narrowed down to about 40cm in some places. I should write to the residents insisting their hedges are cut back within 2 weeks

I would like to get some guidance on how the parish council think the matter should be approached so we can have a win/win situation.

Kind regards

Eleanor Harries

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