

Report Item RFC041-20/21 Nuthurst Parish Council Roads & Footpath Committee 20th January 2021

Footpath along Church Road, Mannings Heath

To; Councillors

From; Clerk

- WSCC Highways last assessed the footpath in 2013
- WSCC Highways Officer has requested for the footpath to be re-assessed in 2021, timescale un-known at present.
- When the path is re-assessed it will be allocated points, the more points the more likely the footpath will be eligible for inclusion in the 'Footway Improvement Scheme'
- Points are also allocated for access to schools, shops, doctor's surgeries, bus stops, school buses, public support etc
- If the Parish Council are involved and organize a petition, requesting for the footpath to be considered in the 'Footway Improvement Scheme', the scheme will be allocated further points
- WSCC need to make £110 million cutbacks
- Community Highway schemes have been temporarily withdrawn
- Some hedgerows presently encroach on the footpath by 30 – 40 cm, the Highway Officer has been asked by her manager to write to residents requesting for their hedgerows to be significantly cut back, possibly killing the hedgerows and spoiling the street scene.
- Highway Officer contacted the Parish Council for their view on cutting back the hedgerows
- WSCC Highways have received two complaints about the footpath in the last 12 months
- R&F Committee could consider including in the Parish Plan