

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)****DATE: 13 DECEMBER 2013****SUBJECT: MEMBER QUESTIONS****DIVISION: OXTED and CATERHAM VALLEY****1. Grants Lane Bridge – Mr Nick Skellett (Oxted)**

“Please can you provide an update on Grants Lane Bridge?”

Response:

Network Rail have provided the following information:

Reconstruction of the bridge is still planned for the financial year 2015/2016. The design is at an early stage and may be subject to change, however the current proposal is to repair/strengthen the brick abutments and piers that support the deck and to reconstruct the deck using precast concrete beams rather than strengthening the existing deck. As the works are approximately two years away, it is too early to meaningfully comment on the duration of road closures.

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2. Footpath (Nethern Court Road to Southfields Road, Woldingham) – Mrs Sally Marks (Caterham Valley)

“Please can you provide an update on this footpath?”

Response:

Alleged footpath between Nethern Court Road and Southfields Road Woldingham Ref. CP539:

This is an ongoing claim made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and has a fairly complicated history. A application was made to register a footpath from Nethern Court Road to Southfields Road, Woldingham in November 2009 as a public right of way. This was supported by evidence of use and reputation and rebutted by various evidence submitted by the landowners and other local people. It was considered by Tandridge local committee in September 2011 who agreed that a map modification order to modify the Surrey Definitive Map by the addition of a public footpath should be made. This order was made in October 2011 and advertised for 6 weeks. Nine objections were received to the Order. Where this is the case the Council cannot itself confirm the order but must refer it to the Secretary of State for determination.

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In 2011 as now there was a substantial backlog of orders waiting for referral and limited resources with which to deal with them. Significant work on this referral did not therefore begin until 2013. The submission itself is now complete but sits with the Council's Principal Highways Solicitor for approval before being sent to the Planning Inspectorate. This is expected to occur very early in the new year. If so an Inquiry to determine the matter will probably occur in the late summer or autumn 2014. The Inspector may then:

- i. Decide to confirm the order as made.
- ii. Decline to confirm the order.
- iii. Modify the order in some way (Which 'may' require re-advertisement).

Further information about the history of this order can be found in our Register of definitive map modification order applications available on the SCC Website

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