

The construction of a footpath underneath the Oak Tree has caused a great deal of upset in the village. The structure is considered to be out of character with the village and damaging to the Oak tree. In order to find a way forward, primarily to have the current structure demolished and build a subtle pathway behind the Oak Tree, Councillors Neil Mullane and Diane Bohm have been in communication with CDC and OCC.

1. A virtual meeting has occurred on Jan 18th with Roger Evans, regarding a proposal for another footpath and Clive Tredwell, the developer of Southfield including Cllr Carmen Griffiths, Neil Mullane and Diane Bohm. Outcomes of that meeting were:
 - a. the Parish Council would contact CDC and in particular OCC and suggest an alternative path
 - b. Hayden Homes stated they would finish their project, hand it over to OCC and then whatever happens after that is not Hayden's responsibility
 - c. Discussion about lack of consultation between the developer and the Parish Council was not resolved
 - d. PC asked if the developer would pay for the removal of the current structure.

2. A virtual meeting was held on Wednesday, January 27th with Cllrs Barry Wood and David Hughes (CDC), Cllr Councillor Carmen Griffith (OCC), Nathanael Stock of CDC Planning, Roger Evans, Cllrs Neil Mullane & Diane Bohm. Roger presented the attached paper which illustrates the current situation compared to the situation of the many years.
Issues were:
 - a. Are there approved plans for this structure?
 - b. The Parish Council has not seen the designs for this structure. Who has?
 - c. Has the path been signed off by Conservation?
 - d. Has the Oak Tree been harmed? Clerk has contact the tree man at OCC.
 - e. Action: N. Stock to check approvals. Parish Council to prepare application for second pathway.

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