

Rights of Way Briefing – 03.11.2025

CORY 7. The diversion application is still proceeding and nearly agreed with all parties.

CORY 12, 13, 14. The new gates are in the process of being put in place (some already are). The relevant 147 applications remain undetermined but Wiltshire Council officers are supportive. Nigel Linge has raised an issue about the height of the crops. He has offered to mow for free (as the gate work has been done so well). Tenant Farmer needs to be contacted to agree cutting.

CORY 36, 35. Need to look to replace stile with footpath gates as part of the 15 gate LFHIG application and the relevant 147 application be submitted by the landowners/ tenant farmers who need to be contacted to do this.

CORY 39/40 (Harpers Farm): This gate needs to be replaced with a footpath gate as part of the 15 gate LHFHIG application and the relevant 147 application be submitted by the landowners/ tenant farmer who needs to be contacted to do this. The footpath is also blocked by rubble so the landowner/ farmer will need to be contacted to clear it.

CORY 9: The route was mowed and the old broken stiles are being replaced as part of the 12 gate project. The relevant 147 application was submitted but remains undetermined but is supported by officers.

CORY 20. Following the last meeting Chris Clarke, Wiltshire Council head of Rights of Way, met with the landowner. The outcome was as follows:

The use of planings was not considered a viable option. It was agreed to use natural materials and an enhanced mowing regime and additional footpath maintenance.

Funding Initiatives

All of the gates for the 12 gate project to replace old stiles on CORY 9, 12, 13, 14 have been delivered and are being put in place. All 147 applications submitted but remain undetermined but the Parish Council have agreed there and Wiltshire officers are supportive of the locations.

147 applications need to be submitted for the 15 gate LHFHIG project. Locations 1-4 were presented at the last meeting, requests for 5 and 6 have come in in the last few days and need investigating:

1. CORY 36/ CHAP 7 (3 gates, landowner to provide 1)
2. CORY 35/ CHAP 28 (3 gates, landowner to provide 1)
3. CORY30/31 (Above) (1 gate)
4. CORY 39/40 (Harpers Farm Above) (1 gate)
5. CORY... Vanessa Calloway
6. CORY... Olly Hare's
5. Other routes agreed by WCC and CPC and subject to 147 application

Other Issues

Generally there are problems in the village with people walking wherever they want to, opening gates that clearly say 'Private no Entry' etc. There are also problems with dogs running all over fields, chasing livestock and owners not picking up poo that can cause cows to abort.

It must be remembered that a right of way is a right to pass over land (private or public) and that other rights will exist for vehicles to pass for agricultural, forestry, access purposes.