

## **Rights of Way and Tree group report**

**July 2020**

### **Meetings**

No meetings of the Advisory Group have been held. Agreed work has continued.

### **Public Rights of Way**

The Annual footpath survey has been completed and is attached for information. All actions have been recorded.

### **Annual Tree check**

This is currently being undertaken by the Tree Warden and the Chair of the Advisory group and will be presented at the September meeting. This process has highlighted concerns over our current tree monitoring process and following the case of *Witley Parish Council v Cavanagh EWCA Civ 2232*, we need to consider improving our checking and inspection regime.

We will provide a formal proposal for the next full Parish Council meeting in September.

We will need to consider

- formal tree inspections more frequently than every 5 years
- Zoning the areas where we are responsible for trees in to high, medium and low risk areas

### **Great Ouse Valley Trust**

The Chair of the Advisory Group attended a meeting of Partners of the Great Ouse Valley Trust. Attached is the draft strategic plan that they have been working on. This is likely to change over time through feedback and changes in circumstances. It was noted that CCC was awarded £30k from the A14 fund to which CCC added £10k to maintain and improve the OVW. It seems that Parish Councils can apply for funding to improve the path. The Chair will pursue this.