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	All the footpaths in the Parish have been checked. The footpaths have become quite overgrown in certain sections. The Parish Contractor has undertaken regular clearance of many of our much-used footpaths. There is a financial limit as to how frequently we can employ his services and also the contractor's overall workload has to be taken into consideration.	
Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)	<p>As previously reported, Shirley Anglin. PRoW and Localism Officer for ECC provided the Parish Council with some details about the Essex Service Level Agreement. This funds the equivalent of one cut a year of any given footpath but, having seen the rate of growth this summer, members need to understand that there will still be occasions over the year when additional cuts by the Parish contractor will be required.</p> <p>Shirley Anglin has notified the Parish Council that we can enter a Service Level Agreement in the summer 2022. The application will need to be set in motion in December 2021.</p> <p>She has also provided a link which shows the cutting schedule on an interactive PRoW map, indicating which paths are currently cut once a year by Essex Highways.</p> <p>Surprisingly, quite a number, listed below, are scheduled to be cut annually by Essex Highways but there is no indication of when this cut takes place, and it certainly is not on request.</p> <p>FP7: From just beyond 'Beautiful You' to the end of Secretaries' wall</p> <p>FP8: From Ferriers Lane by Ferriers Cottage (BR22) up to Bakers Hall on the Colne Road.</p> <p><i>Not FP12: From the Colchester Road, opposite Brook House, north-east to the gate onto the meadow.</i></p> <p>FP13: From the road north of Polstead Farm in a westerly direction passing along the northern boundary of Lamarsh Park, to the parish boundary at the north-western point of Northern Wood.</p> <p>FP16: From Butlers Farm in an easterly direction to the point where it meets a track on the right.</p> <p>FP18: From Hobbs Well to Craigs Lane</p> <p>FP23: From Hobb's Well south-west to Craigs Hill.</p>	

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	<p>BYW 25: From the junction of Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm in a south-easterly direction to just past Broad Oakes property. (It then becomes a concrete track managed by Butlers Farm)</p> <p><i>Not FP31: Including the Cambridge Brook crossing, from the brook in a south-easterly direction to Hall Road, Mount Bures.</i></p> <p><i>Not FP33: Phillips Path from Brook House off the Colchester Road up to the Mount Bures railway level crossing.</i></p> <p>The Parish Council might consider asking for the paths listed in italics to also be included and then establish what funding the Parish Council would receive per year to undertake the cuts for all these paths (to be done at a time of our choosing!).</p>	
FP5	<p>From Ferrier's Farm to Horne's Green (a field margin path, leading to a cross-field path through some scrub and into a wood, then onto a well-kept grassed lane to the road)</p> <p>The reinstatement of the Definitive Footpath remains unresolved and walkers continue to find whatever route they can to eventually get to Hornes Green. The owners of Ferriers Farmhouse report that they are frequently having to advise lost and confused ramblers of the best way to get through the woodland. The Essex Access Team will be dealing with the reinstatement at some point. To keep the issue 'live', a report has recently been submitted again on the Essex PROW reporting tool.</p>	2738223
FP8	<p>From the Colne Road opposite Bakers Hall along a field margin and over a footbridge to meet BR22 Ferriers Lane.</p> <p>According to the Essex reporting tool, the landowner has cleared his section of the path that was becoming overgrown but the Parish contractor has also had to cut back the side growth over the summer to keep this path open. .</p>	2723329
FP12	<p>From the Colchester Road by Brook House Cottage along a track to the meadow and onto the river crossing at Bures Mill.</p> <p>The Parish contractor has cleared overhanging brambles and long grass along this track.</p>	

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FP13	Footpath off Fishpits Lane opposite Polstead Farm leading along Lamarsh Park There is no fingerpost at this point or any indication that this is a PROW. The site will be assessed during future scheduled inspections.	
FP14/BWY15	Footpath from Ravensfield Farm to Polstead Farm Damaged old-style concrete fingerpost. Byway from Ravensfield Farm to Hornes Green Both PROWs originate from the same point. The Byway has no finger post. These reports have been removed from the Interactive website and are now logged as items to be assessed during future scheduled inspections.	
FP16	From Colne Road south to Butlers Farm Two additional documents have been submitted to Braintree Planning regarding the planning application 20/02131/FUL at Butlers Farm. However, there is still no resolution to the Highways objection. FP16 was, some years ago, diverted from its Definitive line without the necessary permission. No Diversion Order has been raised yet but there is no reason for the Parish Council to object to this unauthorized path diversion.	
BWY25	From Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm to Balls Road The deep rutting caused by quad bikes and horses along sections of the byway has not been levelled and it will, no doubt, again become difficult to access the byway on foot with the onset of wetter winter weather. Over the summer, the Parish contractor has tried to keep the brambles and nettles under control.	
FP30	From Colne Road next to Parsonage Grove crossing the railway to The Paddocks. The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the Network Rail Public Inquiry for Level Crossings Reduction in Essex regarding the fate of the above 'passive crossing'. In the meantime, the Parish contractor has cut back the brambles and hedge following several complaints that the path was becoming difficult to use. This path is meant to be cut once a year by Essex Highways.	

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FP33	<p>Phillips Path from Brook House to the Mount Bures level crossing.</p> <p>The hedges on both sides of the path have been cut back. The Clerk has approached Mount Bures Parish Council to offer payment towards the costs the Mount Bures PC have incurred.</p>	
FYI	<p>Quiet Lanes Suffolk.</p> <p>Bures St Mary Parish Council, having moved into Wave 3, voted on Thursday 22nd July as to which lanes to submit for the QLS initiative.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit:</p> <p>St Edmunds Lane (route U8616)</p> <p>Hollow Lane (route U8617)</p> <p>Suffolk County Council decided to remove the earlier Arger Fen proposal from the scheme following public opposition.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council's formal public notification commenced on 23rd August. Letters were delivered to all affected households and landowners The deadline for public representations to the SCC will be 13th September.</p>	
Mount Bures B1508 junction	<p>Concerns have again been raised about pedestrian safety when trying to cross the B1508 at the Mount Bures junction with Hall Road. FP33 links with FP12 at the junction as part of a possible otherwise traffic-free route to school for pupils from Mount Bures.</p> <p>Essex County Council has been awarded a grant from the new Local Authority Capability Fund for Safer, Greener, Healthier Travel in Essex. This award will promote more cycling and walking, encouraging more pupils to cycle and walk to school.</p> <p>Accidents continue to occur at this junction which is also an unmarked bus stop for students travelling to and from Colchester and Sudbury. Requests for a reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 40 mph have so far been declined.</p> <p>Mount Bures residents would like Bures Hamlet Parish Council to continue to explore possible ways forward to create safer pedestrian access to the village and all its amenities.</p>	

