

## **BORDER GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PP3 Report September, 2017**

#### **BRIDGES**

Highways Authorities have set such a high specification for bridges on Rights of Way that the costs per bridge has become a serious problem given that we have limited funds for PP3. Research has shown that many footpaths have closure notices on them because of dangerous bridges. This problem is countrywide. Making contact with the County Chairman of the Ramblers Association, he, too, recognised it as an impossible situation. Not content with this, I made contact with other FPOs and it was thought that we might pool our requirements, identify a local fabricator and work out the costs. Application might, then be made for grants or European money because of the value of the RoWs to tourism. Joe Thomas, meanwhile, has sent photographs, measurements and locations of the four sites where our bridges are required to Mike Brookes.

#### **GLOBE WOOD STEPS**

Joe was making plans to undertake this major task. Mike Brookes contacted me because of the number of complaints about the steps and informed me that he has drawn up job sheets for Balfours to undertake this work and the bridges, which means that there will be no cost on our PP3 funding and it also frees Joe for other work.

#### **LINGEN PARISH RESTRICTED USE BY-WAYS APPLICATIONS MODIFICATION ORDERS**

These have been approved. Much work will be involved in changing the specification, but who will do this and when has not been identified. Joe is anxious to avoid unnecessary work on RoWs in these areas.

#### **GENERAL NOTES**

Upon inspecting some sites, it was apparent that Joe cannot get materials and tools on site; they have to be carried a considerable distance, which involves a lot of hard work.

We are, indeed, very lucky to have Joe.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

Joe and I receive numerous complaints about RoW – it is explained that we select the most important RoW requiring work, balancing our money and time available.