

Alderbury Parish Council

March 2025: Agenda item 204.24 e

Relating to Oakwood Grove amenity area

Dear Parish Clerk,

Just a note for the next PC meeting. When is it planned to disperse the unsightly heap of wood chippings that lies next to our rear garden fence to around the oak tree to continue/finish its treatment. These chippings have now been there for about a year and are being somewhat dispersed into a spreading untidy pile from children playing on them and people using them to cover slippery areas from all the wet weather.

Regards,

Relating to the potential bridlepath closure

Good evening,

I am emailing to express my concerns regarding the suggestion that the whaddon rail bridge may be removed and not replaced, therefore affecting a bridleway both myself and other riders use on a regular basis.

Many bridleways have already disappeared forcing riders to use roads to access other riding areas, which pose a risk to horse and rider. I am a council tax payer and a horse owner and I really would appreciate your support with this matter. I know many other equestrians in the area share my concerns.

Kind regards

Good evening,

I am writing to address my concerns regarding the proposed change of works to the railway bridge in Whaddon and dismissing the use of it being a bridlepath. This bridlepath is used extensively by many riders in and surrounding the village. For me personally, I have a young rider (age 7) and we use this route numerous times a week. First and foremost, it would be a great safety concern if this is removed as it's our only way of avoiding the traffic which is dangerous for all riders, but particularly families with young children (of which there are many) who use this, also.

I hope a lot of consideration is taken into account for these riders considering the amount of use it gets as this would hugely impact them all.

Kind regards,

Dear Chair of the Council , I see from the latest parish council minutes that the bridge over the disused railway at Whaddon will be demolished, presumably for safety reasons, meaning the bridle way currently routed using the bridge will be cut.

As a horse-rider and cyclist with my horse stabled in Alderbury, I use this bridle way regularly as part of a circular ride around the villages and as access to other routes. It is also the only direct route through Whaddon between Alderbury and Redlynch; were it to be cut then a diversion along the roads via Tunnel Hill would be the only alternative.

This bridle way follows the route of the disused railway between Whaddon and Redlynch, an important historic route for riders of horses and bicycles around the locality. Losing this bridle way would deprive current users of a traditional route set in history.

I urge the Council to explore every possible avenue to ensure that this bridle way continues in some form after the demolition of the bridge so that residents and visitors can continue to enjoy this historic route.