

FOOTPATH OFFICERS AND WORKING PARTY ORGANISER'S REPORT

I received an email from Martin Davies of Path Orders, Ramblers, regarding a footpath at Thornburgh Road, Scarborough Business Park, just beyond Morrisons.

There was a footpath which ran through the area being made into a Business Park. I led a walk through this area a few years ago. The path had been diverted here and there and was difficult to follow. I wrote to Scarborough Council and complained about it. I heard nothing from the Council. I received an email saying that the footpath in question 30.20/5 Seamer, was going going to be diverted to the pavement alongside the new road there. I wrote an objection saying the pavement was already a Right of Way (ROW) and you couldn't just transfer a ROW to another which was already there. Again no reply.

Then I received the following from Gillian Cole of North Yorkshire Council, "I wish to inform you of the Council's decision to abandon the public path diversion order 20th January as it is no longer required. The reason is that it has come to light that the footpath was stopped by a Magistrates Court Order dated 16th February 2007. We had no knowledge of the existence of that Order at the time the application to divert the said footpath was received due to the Definite Map not having been updated to reflect the Court Order. The Definite Map has now been updated"
Gillian Cole, Legal Office.

But I wasn't informed. I thought as I had objected it would go to an enquiry with an inspector. A good example of things getting confused in the Council change over.

A similar thing happened with the National Park Working Party.

We didn't get any jobs at the start of the year. I wrote and they said they were still sorting things out. It wasn't until about August we were actually given a job with a young lady named Beth. We had in the meantime done a couple of jobs for Bernie on the Coast to Coast route. Our last job was again with Bernie this month (November) and we are again with Bernie next month (December) on the Coast to Coast. Probably doing a job at Falling Foss again, we shall see.

We could do with a few fresh faces so if you can spare one day out of the month to help I would be very grateful as the present members are getting old and we need someone to take our place.

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