

Gayton Parish Council Meeting 2 October 2019
Notes relating to Permitted footpath, Grimston Road

I met again with Mrs Petch of Valentine Lodge today. She explained the problem and I agree that some works need to be carried out on the fence which is apparently the responsibility of Gayton Parish Council (GPC).

To clarify, the fence in question is the close board panel fence furthest from the road, not the echelon pailing fence adjacent to the road. It was erected by Norfolk County Council (NCC) but this was arranged by Lady Romney, then chair of GPC as a one-off contribution by NCC. See Picture of original works in progress by NCC, pre 2009.

As a minimum, the following works need to be carried out soon. Mrs Petch accepts that it is not ultra urgent, but needs addressing:

1 new full panel

1 new half panel

3 new top rails

6 new brace rails

Treatment with preservative required to entire fence, both inside and outside. (approx 11 panels)

The license granted by Mrs Petch and Mrs Jones of Nicarda, Grimston Rd expired in 2014.

The following action is required by GPC:

- 1) To decide if we desire/require a new license.

The issues here are:

*that the expired license is with the above named persons but NOT their successors in title.

*The footpath and fence will need to be maintained

*Should the responsibility be GPC or NCC in the future. It seems anomalous to me that such a responsibility should have been taken on by GPC in the first instance.

*Should we sign a further license with a view to using the license period to resolve with NCC.

- 2) To obtain quotes for the works required. My view is that even if we do not continue the arrangement long term, we have a responsibility to put right 10+ years of neglect to the fence.

