

CORRESPONDENCE WITH STRADBROKE SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tennis Court Land

Stradbroke Parish Council <clerk@stradbrokepc.org>

Mon 10/01/2022 21:23

To: Gillian Rennie-Dunkerley

Dear Gillian

The Parish Council is writing with an update further to your email of 3rd January 2022.

The council has contacted Suffolk County Council to ascertain if they had any further information regarding the ownership of the piped section between the health centre and the rear of the fire station. Their response is below:

"The situation with the Fire Station ditch is that we had a meeting with Vertas who carry out the maintenance for Suffolk Fire Service. We traced what we believe is a piped section of ditch that runs behind the footway from under the road to the Leisure Centre to a chamber on the other side of the Fire Service entrance. From there it appears there was another ditch that ran to the existing ditch to the side and rear of the Fire Station but had also been piped and may run under the boundary of the adjoining property.

We left it to the representative from Vertas to investigate the run of pipe/ditch across the entrance to the Fire Station and to the side/rear. I do not know if they have carried out work or not.

We have requested that our Highway Records Team ascertain the extent of Highway at this location so as to find out if the piped ditch is the responsibility of Suffolk Highways or the adjacent land owners, which may include another department within SCC, as you have previously indicated."

The council notes that there has not been an issue of flooding at the Health Centre since the last report was made to Suffolk Highways, so the council assumes that the work mentioned above may have been undertaken.

As this section of the drainage system is not part of the area of land that is under discussion with regards to land ownership (the area in question was identified in the report dated 11th October 2021), the council does not feel any potential issue should cause a delay in resolving the matter of the land ownership. If any issue is identified with this section of the drainage system, the responsibility will be with either Suffolk County Council or the adjoining property owner.

The council understands that the Trustees are concerned about taking over responsibility for the section of the tennis courts in question should this result in the Community Centre being responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the ditch. To enable the matter to be

resolved the council will write to the owners of the properties which border the tennis court ditch to verify if the deeds to these properties contain any information on the ownership of, and responsibility for, the ditch.

Regards
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CORRESPONDENCE WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

From: Stradbroke Parish Council <clerk@stradbrokepc.org>

Sent: 06 January 2022 11:16

To: Peter Sparrow

Subject: Stradbroke - drains & ditches Fire Station

Dear Peter

I wonder if you could help me.

We met in the summer in Stradbroke with Cllr Gould and had a wander around the village.

I am aware that the issue we spoke about on Queen Street is proving more complicated than originally thought and that this matter is in hand.

The area which I need an update for is the ditch/drain around the Fire Station area. I can't remember where we left that other than an email in August from a member of the team stating they were working into identifying ownership of the piped ditch (I supplied a document that showed it was Suffolk County Council). We haven't had any flooding in the Health Centre car park this year (I may be tempting fate with that statement) - so I am wondering if work has been undertaken on the whole run through to the ditch behind the fire station that the PC had cleared a couple of years ago. Do you know if work was done to clear the run or have we just been lucky?

The gully drains at the bottom of Wilby Road are blocked and I have received notification that they will be cleared within 20 working days - would it be wise for the team to clear all the roadside drains up to and including the Fire Station at the same time?

Thank you and a Happy New Year to you.

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Regards

Odile Wladon

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From: Peter Sparrow
Sent: 06 January 2022 13:47
To: Stradbroke Parish Council <clerk@stradbrokepc.org>
Subject: RE: Stradbroke - drains & ditches Fire Station

Hi Odile

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In the meantime whilst this is all under discussion we have decided that should the road flood again, we will arrange to have the whole drainage system jetted to ensure that it is clear.

Regards

Peter Sparrow
Community Liaison Engineer

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From: Stradbroke Parish Council <clerk@stradbrokepc.org>
Sent: 06 January 2022 14:51
To: Peter Sparrow
Subject: Re: Stradbroke - drains & ditches Fire Station

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

I look forward to receiving the outcome of the Vertas investigation in due course. If there is any information on the ownership question that you can share once it is available to you that would be much appreciated.

In the meantime, I will use the report it tool immediately if I am informed of any flooding in the area.

Regards
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RE: Stradbroke - drains & ditches Fire Station

Peter Sparrow

Thu 06/01/2022 14:55

To: Stradbroke Parish Council <clerk@stradbrokepc.org>

Hi Odile

Please do continue to report any issues.

We will keep you updated on our findings.

Regards
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Halesworth report ref 327698

From: noreply@suffolk.gov.uk <noreply@suffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 March 2022 14:05
To: stradbrokepc@outlook.com <stradbrokepc@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: [~126554] Halesworth report ref 327698

Dear Stradbroke PC

Thank you for contacting us regarding Halesworth reported under reference number **327698**. Please quote this reference number in any future correspondence that relates to this issue.

We can now provide you with the following update:

We have been able to further investigate the extent of Highway at this location.

As part of this investigation we found reference to piped ditch in the 1970 conveyance, it looks as if the Suffolk and Ipswich Fire Authority agreed to pipe the ditch when they purchased the land. Therefore, I presume the Fire Authority would be responsible for the piped ditch. It also looks as if the Fire Authority granted a wayleave for the Electricity company to place a cable and poles within the frontage.

Please see the attached plan which shows the extent of Highway highlighted in green, confirmed to the best of our capacity.

Therefore should there be any further issues with the drainage at doctor's surgery I would advise contacting the Fire Service directly. Obviously issued affecting the Highway should be reported to us via the online reporting tool.

Information about how Suffolk's highways are managed can be found on our website here: www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/.

If you wish to track progress of your report, please use the following link: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/?id=00277452>

If you did not report this problem online, please be aware that you can make payments, report problems and find information about Council services by visiting our website www.suffolk.gov.uk

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If you'd like to contact us then you can do so in a number of ways - full details are available on our website at the link below:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/contact-us/>

Kind regards,

Phil
Customer Service
Suffolk County Council

