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PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY REPORT

January 2024 Meeting

I recently contacted the Public Rights of Way and Access Service (PRoW) at KCC for an update on the visit to the area by their Area Officer; Denis Fogal. The previous report shows 33 reported issues. He sent me an updated list for the parish and the following shortened message:

"I have it down to 25, but some of those are new issues reported and some are works in progress. It looks like 8 issues closed; however, this is inaccurate as new ones have been added and old ones closed – very likely I closed far more than 8.

Sadly, I still have over 1000 issues within Swale to deal with, some of which will remain on file for years as their priority will get shuffled down the pack".

Reading between the lines due to KCC financial restraints, I believe that PRoW issues are <u>not</u> top priority.

I am still in the process of reviewing their inventory and reporting back to the area team if I find them resolved.

I've received one new issue, passed to me by Cllr Tony Kitchen. There is a flooding problem on path ZR651, which runs between the kissing gate behind Cadmans Meadow and Neames Forstal. It is flooding in various locations, particularly near the pedestrian gate at the Neames Forstal end.

Cllr Garry Evans
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