

DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 MAY 2025

FOOTPATHS REPORT

There have been no major issues to report.

Most paths are in generally good condition although the adjoining vegetation is rapidly growing due to the warmer weather.

Suffolk County Council are due to cut a few of the main paths this month but this will still leave most untouched. These are traditionally kept passable by a group of village volunteers offering their services throughout the summer and beyond.

The council owns a few pieces of equipment but this is in a poor condition. I would suggest that a new brush cutter and hedge trimmer are currently needed. I would ask that consideration be given to the purchase these items.

I have made some initial enquiries and have listed below some suggestions. The consensus of opinion seems to favour the cordless variety but I have include some petrol versions for consideration.

There are hundreds of various makes and models on the market with some manufacturers having ten or more models. These are a sample of good quality professional use models to give an indication of cost.

Brush Cutters

Cordless

Stihl FSA 120 £439 + ap 200 battery and charger £200

Stiga BC700e £300 + e450 battery and charger £150

Petrol

Stihl FS94 £495

Stiga TR425 £300

Hedge Trimmers

Cordless

Stihl HSA100 + battery £480

Stiga HT500e + battery £310

Petrol

Stihl HS82 £550

Stiga HT725 £300

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