

2024-06-11

Oak Cottage,
The Green,
Tostock

Dear Parish Council,

We are writing to explain the position regarding the boundary between the above property and the footpath from The Green to the park and playing fields. We were told by Kathleen Fisher, Heritage Officer, during a meeting with her that we could go ahead and remove the leylandii hedges on our boundary without planning permission. We have done this and at the same time repaired the broken fencing that had fallen into disrepair, replacing like with like.

When removing the trees we discovered that the large llandi was rotten and split which could have been a danger to passing pedestrians. This tree had also lifted the phone wires to the Croft that cross our property and so we arranged for BT to come out, raise, tighten and secure these wires. We have also repaired the notice board. The new fence stops where the old fence stopped and we propose to continue from this point to the front of the property with a white picket fence to match at the front of the cottage.

We have cleared and seeded the ground on the pedestrian side of the boundary and were planning to plant a mixed heritage hedge in the newly exposed area.

We wish to do everything we can to work with the neighbourhood and Parish Council to enhance this property and to preserve its history and charm and have had many positive comments about the work we are doing.

We hope that this letter goes some way to explain our actions which were carried out with the belief that we were doing things properly. It is with hindsight however, that we feel we should perhaps have sent the letter to you first.

Yours Faithfully

Richard and Diane Grimes