

**POLICY WITH REGARD TO ANY  
PROPOSED CLOSURE OR DIVERSION OF  
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

The Parish Council shall resist applications to permanently close or divert Public Rights of Way unless it can be proven that the PROW is not used by the public, or has ceased to have a useful function or be of benefit to the public and in particular the residents of Bodicote. In all cases the Parish Council shall ask for evidence to be submitted to support an application, and when an application or claim is made, the Parish Council shall consider the wider network of Public Rights of Way and shall consider whether it is possible that the ROW could at some time form a useful link or have a strategic purpose as a connecting route. The Parish Council shall also consider the historic importance of a route and the amenity that can be enjoyed from it before reaching a decision.

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