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Mr John Selgren
Executive Director of Place
Dorset Council

Via Email

8th January 2022

Dear Mr Selgren

QUARRY LANE (LONG LANE), BOTHENHAMPTON

I am writing to advise you of a serious incident occurring at the above location when an ambulance was unable to access the properties at the bottom of Quarry Lane to treat a resident with a heart problem. The resident was seriously ill and taken to hospital.

The ambulance driver was reluctant to drive the ambulance down the lane because of the overhanging foliage and damage to ambulance lights at a height and their communication systems.

Quarry Lane is a public road with six dwellings, all of whom could find themselves in a similar situation.

The Parish Council has raised the issue of ensuring Quarry Lane is clear for access in June 2021, our Clerk raised an Enquiry through the DC portal (as is the requirement), Enquiry 1171850. Dorset Council 'closed' the case without carrying out any work.

Our clerk spoke directly with your officer David Carey asking why the case had been closed and reiterating the poor state of Quarry Lane.

There are several email threads relating to the lack of response by Dorset Council to deal with the foliage problem which at that time (in August) had got so bad, vehicles were being scratched as they passed along the Lane. In the end residents got together and cut down the worst of it.

We are writing to ask that the trees and vegetation along Quarry Lane are looked at as a matter of urgency and remedial work carried out as soon as practicable to reduce the height and spread. We would be grateful if this could be given a high priority please.

Email threads appear at the end of this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



A J Basker
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Highways report - Enquiry 1171850



Tan Cox <clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com> Mon, Jun 28,
2021, 8:34 PM

to customerservices

Dear Customer Services

I made this report on the 16th January 2021 and on the 21st Jun I received a message saying that the Enquiry is closed.

the message said: This road is scheduled for 1 cut every year from mid June. the tractors and flails are going around doing the minor road cutting and they will get to this one in turn, most likely when they have finished the other roads and come back with the smaller kit for the narrow roads. This road, and others in the area, can be seen on dorset explorer layer; verge cutting - rural verge cut..

Unfortunately, the tractor seems to have missed Quarry Lane because residents are still awaiting the overhanging vegetation to be cut back. Please could you look into why an Enquiry has been 'closed' when clearly the work is still outstanding.

Please also let me know asap when the tractor will be making its journey to Quarry Lane, so that I can let residents know.

Thank you

Tan Cox
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Enquiry 1171850 - Long Lane / Quarry Lane - ID 11310/105 - CLOSED BY DC

External

Inbox



Tan Cox <clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com> Aug 4, 2021, 12:48 PM

to David, bcc: Edward

Dear Dave
Hope you are well.

I tried to ring you today to let you know that the situation at Quarry Lane has got so bad that residents have had to cut the vegetation back themselves.

When we spoke a couple of weeks ago, you said you would go down and have a look at this which you confirmed you did on the 26th (your email refers). You say you have no control over the schedule however I must let you know that this work remained outstanding.

In the end, the residents have got together and cut down the worst of it.

Is there any way that this work can be scheduled as a higher priority, it isn't right that residents have to cut the road vegetation in order to pass?

Councillors are also unhappy that the original enquiry - made on 16th June was closed by DC and this could have contributed to the reason why this work had been left for so long. Could you look into this please?

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David Carey <david.carey@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Aug 4,
2021, 1:00
PM

to Russell, me

Good Afternoon Tan,

I again visited this area this morning, I have asked our cutting team to cut this area. I will chase this up again and let you know when this work is programmed to be done.

Regards ,

Dave.

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From: Tan Cox <clerk@bothenhamptonwalditchparishcouncil.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 12:48:38 PM

To: David Carey <D.Carey@dorsetcc.gov.uk>

Subject: Enquiry 1171850 - Long Lane / Quarry Lane - ID 11310/105 - CLOSED BY DC



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Aug 4,
2021, 1:29
PM

to David

Thank you Dave, but as I've said, I think the residents got so fed up with waiting they did it themselves !

Tan

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