

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1 March 2018
HARBOUR WAY – PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 227

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To: Parish Clerk (Chidham and Hambrook)

Cc: Chris Body (Chris@rawsilk.co.uk)

Subject: Chidham with Hambrook Fp 227- HARBOUR WAY, CHIDHAM PROPOSED PUBLIC FOOTPATH DIVERSION

Dear Mr Archer

Further to your email of 29 January and my interim reply of 31 January I write now with the aim of clarifying and explaining the points of concern raised by the Parish Council in response to our consultation on the application for the above path diversion at Grey Thatch, Harbour Way.

I have addressed each point in turn with my comments in red. Would you kindly give these points your further consideration and let me know if your views remain the same.

I would also mention that there has been a slight change to the proposal in that due to concerns and uncertainties about the ownership of the hedge and to conservation interests that possibly may be harmed by its removal it has been agreed that the existing hedge will not be removed or reduced in height. To offset any adverse feeling of enclosure the width of the new path is to be increased to 3 metres. The consultation report has been amended accordingly – copy attached. I will let all those who submitted adverse comments know of this change – and also those in support of the diversion who include the Ramblers and Sussex Police and the District Council who advise no objection - in due course , but would appreciate hearing the Parish Council view first please.

Finally, the applicant Mr Chris Body is happy to meet you or other members of the Parish Council on site at Grey Thatch to walk and talk through the proposal. I have copied him in so that you may email him direct to make an arrangement if you wish.

Kind Regards
Judith Grimwood