



Downton Bridge Project

It is with regret that Downton Parish Council have to announce that plans to build a bridge across the Avon and subsequent path across the water meadows has been put on hold. Following on from a previous press release, the Avon Bridge and Footpath Working Group asked the Longford Estate Trustees to rethink their decision to withdraw permission to allow this proposed route to cross their land. However, a letter has since been received from the Trustees stating that their view remains unchanged.

Sadly, the Longford Estate has decided, for farming and environmental reasons, that they can no longer support the project across their land at the current time. This was always an ambitious project with many issues to be overcome. Downton Parish Council accepts the Estate's decision on this matter. Much useful developmental work has been done and previous consultation has shown a majority of residents in favour of the project so it is hoped that at some time in the future the plan could be revived.

The Council would especially like to thank the members of the Bridge working group for all their hard work over the last few years in trying to get this project to a successful conclusion.

For further information or to express a view, please contact Cllr. Jane Brentor on 07979 630588 or Ian Campbell on 01725 512113