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**Simon Smith 11 May 2018 at 14:20**

**Chief Executive's Office**

I'm very grateful to have spoken to one of the team yesterday.

I do appreciate that whilst assurances can be given by the office, you are of course dependent on others to take the necessary action but I had hoped to have received something.

As I said yesterday the Information Commissioner advises that when statutory deadlines are missed, it is sensible to send an email and then follow up with a telephone call.

The statutory deadline for receipt of a reply was 1 May. I wrote on 3 May and spoke to the office yesterday, 10 May.

I therefore believe that the Parish Council has afforded every opportunity to the County Council to respond. I suggested that even an interim response saying that a full response would be proved by a specified date would be appreciated.

The County Council has been considering the footpath for well over a year. In December this year the County Council decided to classify the Parish Council's correspondence as a complaint and initially set a deadline for sending a reply of early January. We fully understood that this was not likely to be achieved and had hoped for a reply by the end of January. We did not meet Dan Barton until 5 February and were therefore expecting a reply to the complaint by the end of February. Despite many promptings we still have not received any reply.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. With no reply whatsoever, I would envisage that the County Council will be subject to significant criticism and the Parish Council will be agreeing next steps.

The Parish Council is more than happy for all its correspondence to be shared with any party, including the Information Commissioner and Local Government Ombudsman. As you know we have had strong support from the three Allerdale MPs and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Many thanks for your help with this.

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