

Bradpole's footpaths...  
more cut backs lead to less cut backs!

**“Overgrown vegetation:** Landowners are responsible for cutting back hedges, trees or shrubs overhanging a public right of way.

Surface vegetation or undergrowth on rights of way, such as nettles or brambles,  
are the responsibility of Dorset County Council

This responsibility has lain with the County Council for several years. Recent expenditure cutbacks have resulted in a reduction in the level of maintenance. Unfortunately the vegetation has no concept of financial pruning and continues to grow.



The footpath behind Willow Way July 2016

It is often left for the Parish Council to deal with the maintenance shortfall .

The Parish Council does not receive funding for this but whichever way you cut it the work has to be paid for.

Bradpole Parish Council, through membership of the Lengthsman scheme have recently been able to arrange (and pay for) many local overgrown areas to be cut back and maintained.

# Bradpole's Highway Maintenance



Dorset County Council Highways have informed us that they will no longer be routinely carrying out the following '*non-essential*' functions

Urban grass cutting;

Rural verge cutting;

Gulley emptying;

Weed killing;

Sign cleaning;

General cleaning (road sweeping);

Tree pruning;

Siding out (removal of detritus from the back of footways),

Additional winter service functions (more salt bins, more salt, salting of additional routes, etc.)

Fingerpost arm replacement or re-painting.

Village gateway signage.

Other non-essential sign replacement.

Grip clearing more frequently than bi-annually.

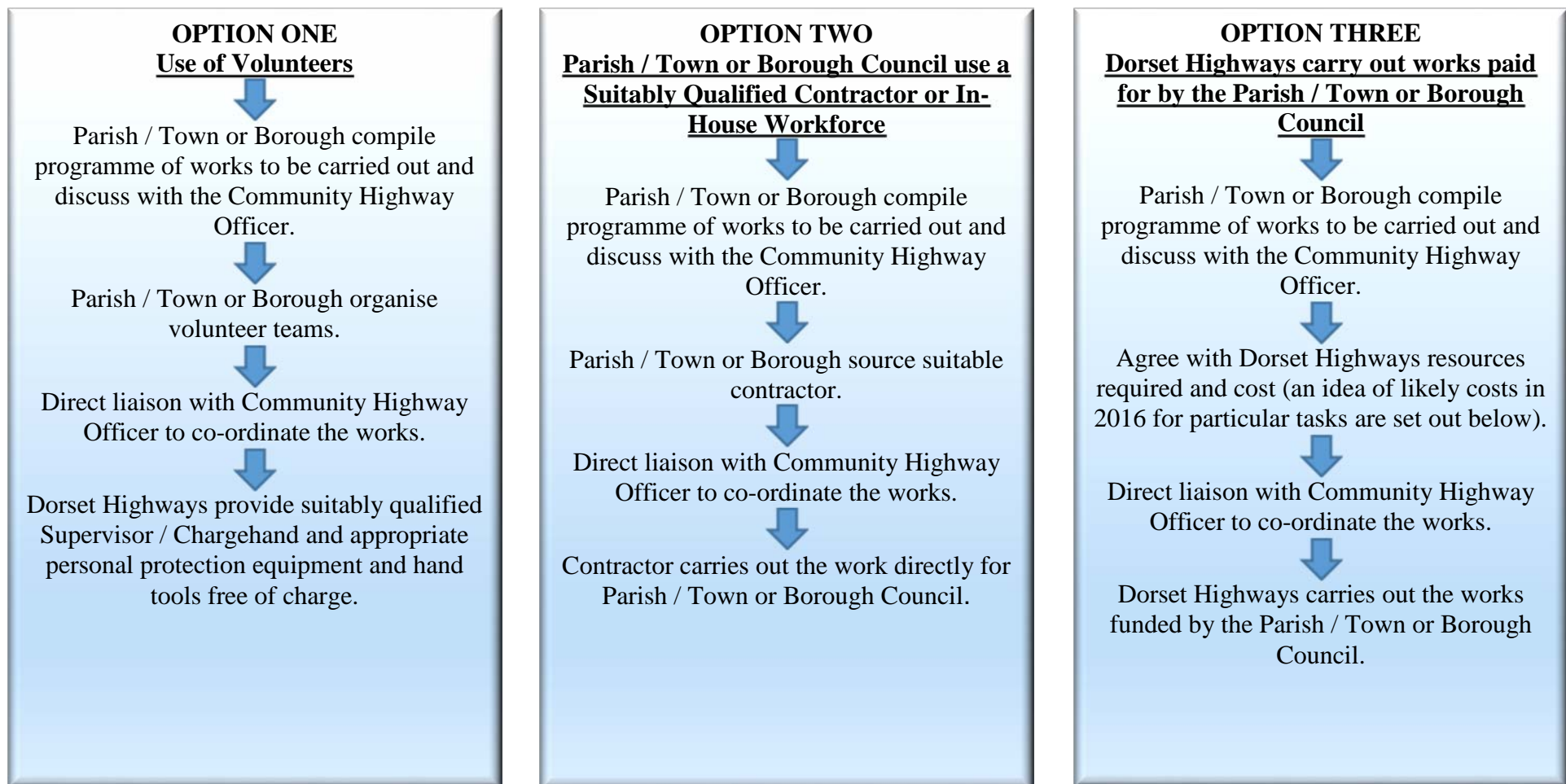
Cutting back overgrowth around surface water gullies.

Clearance of fallen leaves from gullies.

Proactive clearing of surface water systems.

Painting or treating fencing.

## DCC Highways have suggested the following options are available to the community



## DCC Highways have also supplied us with the following cost guide

Sample of Typical Costs (subject to change due to inflation or increased material costs):

● Gully Emptier with Two Operatives	£ 450.00 per day
● White Lining Team	£ 550.00 per day
● Flail Mower and Driver	£ 375.00 per day
● General M'tce Team (2 Operatives)	£ 400.00 per day
● Mechanical Side Verging Team	£1200.00 per day
● Drainage Survey and Jetting Team	£ 450.00 per day

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**If you are willing and able to form and manage a group of volunteers to carry out these tasks within Bradpole please advise the Parish Clerk**

A copy of the historic maintenance schedules for Bradpole Parish has been requested from Highways.

Once received this will enable councillors to make a properly informed decision regarding the frequency of future maintenance needed to maintain the current standard and the amounts to be added to the budget.

Bradpole residents have clearly expressed their concern and a desire for the lack of maintenance not to continue and your Parish Council is actively pursuing working together with other local Parishes to resolve these problems in the most economical way.

How ever the issues of how to properly maintain Bradpole's Right of Ways, Footpaths and Highways is resolved the future costs will fall upon local Council Tax Payers by an inevitable increase in Bradpole Parish Councils precept.

Any progress made will be advertised on the community web site [www.bradpole.org.uk](http://www.bradpole.org.uk)

and discussed during

Parish Council meetings held the

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in every month

7.30pm in the Village Hall

Public and press are welcome to attend