

Attendance Note 4/6/07

T/call from PC Ian Biggs (01843 577 756). He said he has been contacted by Mr Miles who has asked him to take action over the use of a public bridleway. He said that difficulties appear to have arisen within the last 2 years as his neighbour, William Friend, has converted part of his land into light industrial units and there is now increased use of the roadway. He said that he had been passed copies of correspondence Mr Miles has recvd from me and he wanted a bit more information about the question of ownership of the road. I explnd that the road is unregistered and that there appears to be a dispute on the ground between Mr Miles and Mr Friend concerning the use of the roadway and the question of ownership. He was aware that Mr Miles has the benefit of a right of way over the road and wondered on what basis we had registered that right. I confirmed that at the time of registration of the transfer to Mr Miles a statutory declaration by William Friend's father had been lodged concerning the use of the land and that he believed it had been within his ownership and we had made a decision at that time to register the benefit of the right of way on Mr Miles' title. I said I understood that William Friend might possibly be claiming to be the documentary owner but we had yet to recv an application to register the roadway. He said in his view Mr Miles will probably have to take court action if he wants to settle matters since they (the police) are unlikely to take action where the question of ownership of the road is unclear.

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